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**Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations Ambassador Kurt Volker  
U.S. Ambassador to the EU Gordon Sondland  
Visit to Kyiv  
July 24-27, 2019**

**Control Officer:**

(b)(6)

**Deputy Political Counselor****Office:** (b)(5)**Mobile**

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**Deputy Control Officer:**

(b)(6)

**Political Officer****Office:** (b)(6)**Mobile**

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**Deputy Control Officer:**

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**Political Officer****Office:** (b)(6)**Mobile**

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**U.S. Delegation:****Ambassador Kurt Volker****Ambassador Gordon Sondland****Charge d'Affaires, a.i., William Taylor****Catherine Croft, Special Advisor for Ukraine Negotiations**

(b)(6)

**U.S. Embassy to the EU****Hotel Information**

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**Ambassador Volker, Wednesday-Saturday (7/24-27)  
Confirmation #37629608**

**Ambassador Sondland, Thursday-Saturday (7/25-27)  
Confirmation #37623787**

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**Wednesday, July 24**

1315 Catherine Croft arrives KPB on Flight KLM 9623  
Transit to Hyatt via taxi

2120 Ambassador Volker departs Vienna on Flight Austrian 667

**Thursday, July 25**

0010 Ambassador Volker arrives KBP via OS 667  
VIP Hall of Delegations confirmed  
Greeted by Control Officer (b)(6) and expeditor (b)(6)

0020 Transport KBP to Hyatt via motorpool

RON Hyatt Regency

**Vehicle and Driver Info:**

<b><u>CDA Vehicle</u></b>	<b><u>Vehicle 2 (1st shift)</u></b>	<b><u>Vehicle 1 (1st shift)</u></b>
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1 Ambassador Volker	1 Catherine Croft	1 POL: Notetaker
2 CDA Taylor	2 (b)(6)	2 PAS: Photographer
3 Bodyguard	3	3 POL: Interpreter
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<b><u>Vehicle 1 (2nd shift)</u></b>	<b><u>Vehicle 2 (2nd shift)</u></b>	<b><u>Vehicle 1 (2nd shift)</u></b>
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1 Ambassador Volker	1 Ambassador Sondland	1 Catherine Croft
2 CDA Taylor	2 (b)(6)	2 (b)(6)
3 Bodyguard	3	3 POL: Interpreter
	4	4

0840 Meet at Hyatt restaurant, second floor

0845 **Breakfast meeting on improving competitiveness** (60 Minutes, Confirmed)  
Location: Hyatt (semi-private room reserved in restaurant)

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USG Participants: Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6)  
(notetaker)

External Participants: Stefan Schleuning (Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation),  
Goesta Ljungman (IMF Resident Representative), Meghan Iorianni (FTC),  
Marina Petrov (EBRD Deputy Head of Ukraine), Barber El-Hefnawy (acting  
Country Director for World Bank)

No translation required

0945 *Walk to Hyatt Sydney Room, second floor*

1000 **Meeting with Svyatoslav Vakarchuk** (25 Minutes, Confirmed)

Location: Hyatt Sydney Room (reservation confirmed)

USG Participants: Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6)  
(notetaker)

External Participants: Svyatoslav Vakarchuk

1030 **Meeting with Yuriy Boyko** (35 Minutes, Confirmed)

Location: Hyatt Sydney Room (reservation confirmed)

USG Participants: Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6)  
(notetaker), (b)(6) (interpreter, if needed)

External Participants: Yuriy Boyko

No translation required

1110 **Meeting with Yuliya Tymoshenko** (35 Minutes) (Confirmed)

Location: Hyatt Sydney Room (reservation confirmed)

USG Participants: Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6)  
(notetaker), (b)(6) (interpreter)

External Participants: Yuliya Tymoshenko, Serhiy Vlasenko, Natalia Lysova  
(press secretary)

1150 *Executive time*

1215 **Meeting with Aivaras Abromavicius** (45 Minutes, Confirmed)

Location: Hyatt Sydney Room (reservation confirmed)

USG Participants: Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6)  
(notetaker)

External Participants: Aivaras Abromavicius

No translation required

1300 *Depart Hyatt ert Chichiko restaurant via motorpool  
Police escort*

1315 **Lunch with Presidential Advisor Andriy Yermak** (60 Minutes, Confirmed)

Location: Chichiko (Yaroslaviv Val St, 23a) Reservation under "Ivanna"

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USG Participants: Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6)  
(notetaker)

External Participants: Andriy Yermak  
No translation required

1430 *Depart Chichiko ert America House via motorpool  
Police escort*

1445 **Media engagement – Press conference** (45 Minutes, Requested)

Location: America House

USG Participants: Amb Sondland, Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft,  
(b)(6)

External Participants:

1530 *Depart America House ert ES Headquarters via motorpool  
Police escort*

1600 **Meeting with Petro Poroshenko** (45 Minutes, Confirmed)

Location: European Solidarity office (Lavrska 16)

USG Participants: Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6)  
(notetaker)

External Participants:  
No translation required

1645 *Depart ES Headquarters ert CMR via motorpool  
Police escort*

1700 Executive time

1730 **Meeting with Foreign Minister Klimkin** (45 Minutes, Confirmed)

Location: CMR

USG Participants: Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6)  
(notetaker)

External Participants: Pavlo Klimkin  
No translation required

1750 Ambassador Sondland and (b)(6) arrive KBP via Flight PS 146  
*VIP Hall of Delegations confirmed*  
*Greeted by DCM Kristina Kvien, (b)(6) and expeditor (b)(6)*

1805 *Transport KBP ert CMR/Ohota Na Ovets via hotel vehicle (Audi A6)  
Police escort*

1815 Executive time

1850 *Depart CMR ert Ohota Na Ovets via motorpool*

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*Police escort*

1900      **Dinner with NSDC Secretary Oleksandr Danylyuk**      **(2 hours, Confirmed)**  
Location: Ohota Na Ovets (*reservation under "Ivanna"*)  
USG Participants: Amb Sondland, Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft,  
 (b)(6) (notetaker)  
External Participants:  
 No translation required

2100      *Depart Ohota Na Ovets ert Hyatt via motorpool*  
*Police escort*

2115      *Arrive at Hyatt*

RON      Hyatt Regency

**Friday, July 26**

0830      **Breakfast**  
Location: TBD  
USG Participants: Amb Sondland, DCM Kvien  
External Participants: TBD

1040      *Depart Hyatt ert Presidential Office via motorpool*  
*\*confirm police escort*

1100      **Meeting with President Zelenskyy**      **(60 Minutes) (TBD)**  
Location: Presidential Office (Bankova St. 11)  
USG Participants: Amb Sondland, Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft,  
 (b)(6) (notetaker), (b)(6) (interpreter)  
External Participants:

1200      *Depart Presidential Office to KBP military airfield via motorpool*  
*\*confirm police escort*

**SONDLAND PROGRAM**

TBD      *Ambassador Sondland departs KBP ert Nice via Flight PS 135*  
*Hotel transportation (Audi A6)*

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1 Ambassador Volker	1 POL: (b)(6)	1 PAS: (b)(6)	1 (b)(6)
2 CDA Taylor	2 POL: [REDACTED]	2 POL: [REDACTED]	2 [REDACTED]
3 Bodyguard	3 DAO [REDACTED]	3 PAS: [REDACTED]	3 TBD SF Medic
4 (b)(6)	4 SRUN: Catherine Croft	4 TBD (Possibly journalist)	4 (b)(6)

**Helicopter**

1 Ambassador Volker	6 DAO: (b)(6)
2 Ambassador Taylor	7 POL: [REDACTED]
3 RSO: (b)(6)	8 POL: [REDACTED]
4 POL: [REDACTED]	9 SRUN: Catherine Croft
5 PAS: [REDACTED]	10 PAS: Oleksander Kleshch

1300 UAF-AIR Fixed-Wing Flight ert Dnipro

1430 UAF-AIR Helicopter ert TBD Landing Zone

1600 Motorpool transfer ert Stanytsia-Luhanska

1630 **Meet Civilians Crossing Line of Contact** (TBC) (60 Minutes)

USG Participants: Amb Volker, Amb Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) (notetaker), (b)(6) (interpreter), (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) (Photographer), (b)(6) (Media Coordinator), (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) (RSO)

External Participants: Civilians Crossing Line of Contact1730 **Media engagement – Press conference** (TBC) (30 Minutes)

Location: UA Border Guard CHU  
 USG Participants: Amb Volker, Amb Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) (notetaker), (b)(6) (interpreter), (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) (Photographer), (b)(6) (Media Coordinator), (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) (RSO)

External Participants: TBD Press

1800 Motorpool transfer ert TBD Landing Zone

1900 UAF-AIR Helicopter ert Dnipro

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2030      *UAF-AIR Fixed-Wing Flight ert KBP Military Airfield*

2130      *Motorpool transfer ert Hyatt*

RON      *Hyatt Regency Hotel*

### Saturday, July 27

0600      *Catherine Croft departs KBP ert Paris via Flight Delta Airlines 8519*

**0900      Breakfast with Rinat Akhmetov      (60 Minutes, Confirmed)**

Location: CMR

USG Participants: Amb Sondland, Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft,

(b)(6) (notetaker), (b)(6) (interpreter)

External Participants: Rinat Akhmetov

**1100      Deep dive media interview with Ambassador Volker      (60 minutes) (TBD)**

*\*IF Volker departs on a later flight\**

Location: TBD (Hyatt boardroom?)

USG Participants: Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, PAS

External Participants:

1200      *Ambassador Volker departs for KBP*

1245      *Arrive KBP*

1405      *Ambassador Volker departs KBP ert FRA via UA 9097*

1710      *Ambassador Volker departs FRA ert IAD via UA 933*

### \*IF TIME PERMITS\*

**Meeting with Humanitarian Organizations (if no meeting in the east)      (60 Minutes) (TBD)**

Location: Hyatt (TBC)

USG Participants: Amb Sondland, Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft,

(b)(6)

External Participants:

**Meeting with OSCE SMM Leadership (if no meeting in the east)      (45 Minutes) (TBD)**

Location: TBD

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USG Participants: Amb Sondland, Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft,

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POL (notetaker)

External Participants:

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(b)(6)

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(b)(6) Political Officer  
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CDA:

Charge d'Affaires, a.i., William Taylor  
(b)(6)

DCM:

Kristina Kvien  
(b)(6)

ECON Counselor:

(b)(6)

Political Counselor:

(b)(6)

Public Affairs Counselor:

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Management Counselor:

(b)(6)

Embassy Press Officer:

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General Services Officer:

(b)(6)

Travel Assistants:

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(b)(6)

Regional Security Officer:

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POL: [Redacted]

Cleared: POL: (b)(6)  
DCM [Redacted]

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<b>From:</b>	"Taylor, William B"	(b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)	
<b>CC:</b>	Kent, George P	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: Official Informal (OI) for EUR/EE, July 24, 2019	
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 24 Jul 2019 20:10:52 +0300	

Got it – not a pain at all – most welcome input, (b)(6) Thanks

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 24, 2019 8:07 PM  
**To:** Taylor, William B  
**Cc:** Kent, George P  
**Subject:** FW: Official Informal (OI) for EUR/EE, July 24, 2019

Bill: Great work all around, but please encourage your folks to consistently use standard Ukrainian transliteration rules. To wit:

- Danylov (vice the Russian Danilov)
- Dobroslavskyy (vice the Russian Dobroslavskiy)
- Yuliya (vice the non-existent Yulia)
- Yanukovych (vice the Russian Yanukovich)
- Borys (vice the Russian Boris)
- Dmytro (vice the Russian Dmitriy)

Also, there is no such title as “Deputy of the National Security and Defense Council.” It’s “Deputy Secretary.”

Not trying to be a pain.

Thanks and best,

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 24, 2019 9:59 AM  
**To:** Kyiv, Official Informal  
**Subject:** Official Informal (OI) for EUR/EE, July 24, 2019

**Official Informal (OI) for EUR/EE**  
July 24, 2019

#### OI Items

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#### Cable(s) of the Day

No cables today.

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Department of State

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<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6)	(b)(6)
	Kent, George P	(b)(6)

<b>From:</b>	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>CC:</b>	(b)(6) Kyiv, EXEC AMs <KyivEXECAMs@state.sgov.gov>
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: Country Team Notes - Tuesday, July 23
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 24 Jul 2019 04:26:38 -0400

Oops! Looping in KYIV EXEC! I'm sure Paris enjoyed our notes, anyway ☺

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**From:** Kvien, Kristina A  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 24, 2019 10:59 AM  
**To:** Aleksandrova, Ilona  
**Cc:** Kincaid, W. Bryce; Paris Executive Office  
**Subject:** RE: Country Team Notes - Tuesday, July 23

(b)(6) excellent notes, I made a few small edits in blue below.

(b)(6) will coordinate getting these to CT collectives.

It seems we have not been sending these around to the Country Team after DCM review. We have set up a protocol to do this from now on.

(b)(6) can you please let FAST coordinators (as organizers of notetaking) know that we will start sharing these, and that when they are sent to me they should also be sent to the Paris Executive Office distro, and should say on the note: FOR DCM CLEARANCE.

Thank you! - Kristina

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 23, 2019 4:59 PM

**To:** Kvien, Kristina A

**Cc:** (b)(6)

**Subject:** Country Team Notes - Tuesday, July 23

**(SBU) EXEC – DCM Kristina Kvien**

- Thank you for everyone's hard work during the elections.
- When sending cables on the high side, CDA/DCM are already included in the Kyiv Exec distribution list. When sending cables on the low side, need to include CDA and/or DCM on the "to:" line because they are not included in the Kyiv Exec distribution list.

**(SBU) USAID – Susan Kotor**

- USAID attending press conference regarding election monitoring today.
- Will have a meeting with IFIS regarding local elections.
- Will have an informal meeting with EU representatives about Russian disinformation.
- Will have a donor coordination meeting on security next Monday. People from other sections are welcome to attend.

**(SBU) PAS – Mike Reinert**

- Looking for people to sign up to serve on the review committee for the prestigious Humphrey Program. Look for email from Michael Hackett.

**(C) PAS – (b)(6)**

- Retweeted G7 yesterday on elections, and retweeted Kurt Volker today.
- If anyone receives inquiries regarding press, please notify PAS.

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by Senior Reviewer  
David Noble,  
11/18/2021

**(SBU) POL – (b)(6)**

- Thank you for all the support from other sections during the elections; election wrap up cable was sent out yesterday.
- Servant of the People party will have a majority and is therefore unlikely to form a coalition.
- Poroshenko and Tymoshenko's parties came in with about the same percentage of support.
- Servant of the People swept the single mandate constituencies and displaced many "bad guys."
- It may be several days before results are certified. Within 30 days of the certification, the Rada will be seated. The PM will be selected, he or she will propose a plan, the Rada will then vote on that plan. This may take 4-8 weeks.
- There are reports that the SBU has been doing raids on Hungarians.
- Kurt Volker arriving late Wednesday and departing sometime on Saturday, TBD.

**(SBU) MGT – Acting, (b)(6)**

- There is a mandatory fire extinguisher training this week for those who live in a building with 7+ floors.
- There is a first time bidders brown bag this Thursday.
- DPO services may be impacted due to the U.S. pulling out of an international postal service union starting October.

- July 30-August 1: ClassNet and OpenNet will both be down from 7pm for mandatory upgrades each evening.

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~~(C)~~ ECON – (b)(6)

- G7 meeting with Zelenskyy is tomorrow, CDA attending.
- Naftogaz paid off its debt to the government; been dropping price of industrial gas to reflect market rates, which is good.
- Anti-raiding decree: this is to do with illegal document raiding because people create fake documents that give you ownership of businesses.

~~(SBU)~~ RSO – (b)(6)

- RSO is short staffed this week.
- Continue to take bomb threats seriously.

~~(SBU)~~ CONS – (b)(6)

- Visa wait times are about 3-4 weeks long, so have contacts apply as early as possible.
- Consular officer is attending the hearing of an Israeli-American whose case they have been following closely.

~~(SBU)~~ DAO – (b)(6)

- Trident Defense representative wants to meet with the CDA next Tuesday.
- Working on a possible outreach program with NLO.

~~(SBU)~~ ODC – (b)(6)

- Doing an equipment donation in Zhytomyr this week; coordinating with PAS.

~~(C)~~ RSO – (b)(6)

- Sea Breeze had 4 incidents; press was avoided.
- Imposed 12am curfew.
- Patrol police bribing incidents occurred twice.

(U) FCS – (b)(6)

- N/A

(U) MODA – (b)(6)

- STAFFDEL moving forward.

(U) CLO – (b)(6)

- Kim and Kerry are out this week.

- There's an EFM coffee this week.

**(U) Peace Corps** – (b)(6)

- Nothing for the group.

**(U) CDC** – (b)(6)

- Nothing for the group.

**(U) EXEC** – (b)(6)

- Nothing for the group.

**(U) EXEC** – (b)(6)

- Nothing for the group

(b)(6) is duty officer.

(b)(6) is note taker.

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<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>CC:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: 20190724 Scenesetter on Motor Sich for APDNSA Kupperman _Kyiv
<b>Date:</b>	Thu, 25 Jul 2019 07:31:49 -0400

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 25, 2019 1:44 PM  
**To:** Kvien, Kristina A  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** 20190724 Scenesetter on Motor Sich for APDNSA Kupperman \_Kyiv

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(b)(6)

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Approved: EUR: Michael J. Murphy, SBO []

Drafted: EUR/EE - (b)(6) work: 7-4331 and cell: (b)(6)

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EUR/FO: GKent ()  
EUR/FO: TBrace ()  
EUR/FO: GFishel ()  
(b)(6) (ok)  
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<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>CC:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	FW: very broad agenda for Ukraine PCC, Tuesday, July 23, 0900-1010
<b>Date:</b>	Tue, 23 Jul 2019 04:53:08 -0400

AMB says we can back bench. Assume we should invite Quin and Tim as well. Can you do?

(b)(6) please add to my schedule.

- KK

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 23, 2019 12:33 AM  
**To:** Taylor, William B; Kvien, Kristina A; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** very broad agenda for Ukraine PCC, Tuesday, July 23, 0900-1010

So much for this PCC being just about security assistance. I never thought that concept would hold. Now a scramble post COB to get the PM A/S and EUR SBO up to speed on a whole host of (other) issues.

See you on screen. Tyler and I will be the additional EUR backbenchers.

Ukraine PCC Discussion Paper

DATE: July 23, 2019

LOCATION: WHSR EXEC

Time: 0900 a.m. to 1020 a.m.

(U) AGENDA

- I. Parliamentary Election Update .....USEMB Kyiv and IC
- II. Ukraine Action Plan
  - a. Energy LOE.....DOE and State
  - b. Economic LOE .....State and Treasury
  - c. Security Cooperation LOE.....DOD and State
- III. Security Cooperation Policy Review .....All
- IV. PRC Inroads into Ukraine Mil-Ind Complex ....DOD and State
- V. AOB .....All

(U//FOUO) Purpose: Obtain views on parliamentary elections and the current and near-term security environment; receive an update on energy, economic, and security cooperation efforts nested under the Ukraine Action Plan and reaffirm the action plan; and review standing security cooperation policy.

(U) Key Tasks:

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Reasons: Derived Per DSCG.

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<b>Sent:</b> Monday, July 22, 2019 4:07 PM	
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
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Volker, Kurt D; (b)(6)

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Taylor,

William B; Kvien, Kristina A;

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(b)(6) Volker, Kurt D (b)(6)  
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Assistant Secretaries,

Attached, please find the read ahead for tomorrow's Ukraine PCC.

V/R,

Alex Vindman

Director for Eastern Europe and Russia

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**From:** Vindman, Alexander S.

**Sent:** Thursday, July 18, 2019 7:05 PM

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

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**Cc:** (b)(6)

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Ladies/Gentlemen,

Please hold **Tuesday, July 23, 2019 from 0900-1010** for a Ukraine PCC on Security Cooperation. The PCC will convene in WHSR EXEC and Assistant Secretaries are requested to attend in person. A SVTC connections has been requested for USEMB Kyiv.

Please have your staffs contact me on NIPR for White House access.

This PCC is a prelude to a notional Ukraine Security Cooperation DC later in the week. More to follow.

V/R,  
Alexander S. Vindman  
Director for Eastern Europe and Russia  
National Security Council

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<b>From:</b>	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	FW: UKRAINE: Zelenskyy Responsibly Manages Tanker Incident amid Increased Russian Pressure in Black Sea
<b>Date:</b>	Tue, 30 Jul 2019 03:18:32 -0400

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**Classification:** ~~SECRET//NOFORN~~**Classified By:** William Taylor, Charge d'Affaires, a.i., Embassy Kyiv, Department of State**Derived From:** 19 KYIV 421 dated Jul 26, 2019, Subject: UKRAINE: Zelenskyy Responsibly Manages Tanker Incident amid Increased Russian Pressure in Black Sea**Declassify On:** 2044/07/30**From:** (b)(6)**Sent:** Friday, July 26, 2019 7:49 PM**To:** (b)(6) Volker, Kurt D;

(b)(6) Kent, George P; (b)(6)

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(b)(6) Taylor, William B; Kvien, Kristina A; (b)(6)

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(b)(6) Vindman, Alexander S.

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**Subject:** FW: UKRAINE: Zelenskyy Responsibly Manages Tanker Incident amid Increased Russian Pressure in Black Sea**Official - Sensitive**~~SECRET//NOFORN~~

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Reasons: OCA: 1.4 a, b, d

**From:** SMART Core**Sent:** Friday, July 26, 2019 7:43 PM**To:** (b)(6)**Subject:** UKRAINE: Zelenskyy Responsibly Manages Tanker Incident amid Increased Russian Pressure in Black Sea

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**Info Office:** POL\_INFO, AID, DAO\_INFO

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**MRN:** 19 KYIV 421  
**Date/DTG:** Jul 26, 2019 / 261642Z JUL 19  
**From:** AMEMBASSY KYIV  
**Action:** WASHDC, SECSTATE *ROUTINE*  
**E.O.:** 13526  
**TAGS:** PREL, PGOV, MARR, UA, RU  
**Captions:** NOFORN, SENSITIVE  
**Pass Line:** AMEMBASSY VILNIUS PASS TO AMEMBASSY MINSK  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL VLADIVOSTOK  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL YEKATERINBURG

**Subject:** UKRAINE: Zelenskyy Responsibly Manages Tanker Incident amid Increased Russian Pressure in Black Sea

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3. (SBU) The crew was briefly detained before reportedly being released to Russian consular authorities in Odesa and transported to Moldova; they flew from Chisinau to Moscow by the morning of July 26. Prior to the sailors' release, Ukrainian officials interviewed the crew of ten, whom media sources noted only began working on the *Nika Spirit* immediately before its departure to Izmail. The SBU publicly stated July 25 the crew had neither violated the UN Convention of the Law of the Sea nor Ukrainian law, and therefore should not be arrested.

#### **U.S. Embassy Expresses Support of Ukrainian Operation**

4. (SBU) Ukrainian media widely covered the *Nika Spirit* search and seizure and the U.S. Embassy's reaction published July 26 via Twitter. "Ukraine's handling of yesterday's ship incident suggests the new administration is focused on protecting the country's interests not only firmly, but also in accordance with international norms and humanely. This sets a good precedent for the peaceful resolution of disputes," read the tweet. *Ukrainska Pravda*, *ATR*, and *TSN* all ran positive coverage of the Embassy's social media post.

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End Comment.

10. (SBU) Embassy Moscow has cleared on this cable.

**Signature:** TAYLOR

**Classified By:** Name: William Taylor, Title: Charge d'Affaires, a.i.  
Office: Embassy Kyiv  
Agency: Department of State

**Reason:** 1.4 (a), (b), (d)

**Declassify On:** 2044/07/26

**Drafted By:** KYIV: (b)(6)

**Cleared By:** POL (b)(6) (Moscow)

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**Approved By:** KYIV\POL (b)(6)

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**Action Post:** NONE

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<b>Recipient:</b>	Holmes, David A <HolmesDA@state.sgov.gov>; Nguyen, Thu M <NguyenTM2@state.sgov.gov>

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Andrii Kyumenko

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ЯК ВИЗБУВАЄТЬСЯ ДЕ-ФАКТО  
АНЕКСІЯ ЧОРНОГО МОРЯ  
Це складна повна окупація Чорного моря  
маємо нагоду упевнитись, що проп  
антисемітської історії братній народ не  
тягне до турецького Босфору (Кон  
та на Балкани.  
Що це? - це перекриття району Чо  
Чорноморським флотом за останні  
набрані зі стрільбами. Це правий  
окупації та милітаризації Криму.

Wlad Wasyluk, Людмила Щижук, Mari  
and 164 others like this.

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Dmytro Shalga Від Констанції  
Бурласа? Вони так зробили?

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Людмила Кратченко Валері

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<b>From:</b>	"Taylor, William B" (b)(6)
	Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	FW: Official Informal (OI) for EUR/EE, July 24, 2019
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 24 Jul 2019 13:12:07 -0400

See advice from (b)(6) on spelling and titles

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 24, 2019 8:07 PM  
**To:** Taylor, William B  
**Cc:** Kent, George P  
**Subject:** FW: Official Informal (OI) for EUR/EE, July 24, 2019

Bill: Great work all around, but please encourage your folks to consistently use standard Ukrainian transliteration rules. To wit:

- Danylov (vice the Russian Danilov)
- Dobroslavskyy (vice the Russian Dobroslavskiy)
- Yuliya (vice the non-existent Yulia)
- Yanukovych (vice the Russian Yanukovich)
- Borys (vice the Russian Boris)
- Dmytro (vice the Russian Dmitriy)

Also, there is no such title as “Deputy of the National Security and Defense Council.” It’s “Deputy Secretary.”

Not trying to be a pain.

Thanks and best,

(b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 24, 2019 9:59 AM  
**To:** Kyiv, Official Informal  
**Subject:** Official Informal (OI) for EUR/EE, July 24, 2019

**Official Informal (OI) for EUR/EE**  
July 24, 2019

**OI Items**

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**Cable(s) of the Day**

No cables today.

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	Kvien, Kristina A	(b)(6)
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6)	

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<b>From:</b>	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>CC:</b>	Kyiv, EXEC AMs <KyivEXECAMs@state.sgov.gov>
<b>Subject:</b>	FW: FOR CLEARANCE/APPROVAL: Cable on
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 24 Jul 2019 12:03:35 -0400

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**Declassify On:** 2044/07/24

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 24, 2019 2:55 PM  
**To:** Taylor, William B  
**Cc:** Kvien, Kristina A  
**Subject:** FOR CLEARANCE/APPROVAL: Cable on

Sir, Attached is a cable drafted by (b)(6) detailing your election day engagements.

I've cc'd the DCM if she wants to clear as the cable is based on her notes of the meeting with Rashkovan.

Best regards, (b)(6)

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### **Vakarchuk Open to Coalition, But Waiting for Zelenskyy to Make First Move**

7. (SBU) During a walkthrough of Holos' party headquarters on election day, Slava Vakarchuk told CDA Taylor he was not sure if Zelenskyy was interested in a coalition with his party, but he would be open to the idea. He appeared optimistic but acknowledged he was on the cusp of the five percent threshold to enter the Rada.

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### **Zelenskyy on Election Eve: Bohdan is Also an Economist**

9. (SBU) At the Servant of the People election headquarters on election day, Zelenskyy celebrated anticipated election results with his close friends and colleagues. Assistant to the President Andriy Yermak greeted CDA Taylor and escorted him to a large balcony overlooking the Dnipro to meet with administration officials including Zelenskyy, NSDC Secretary Oleksandr Danylyuk, Bohdan, Yuriy Kostyuk, Serhiy Trofimov, and Ihor Novikov. Zelenskyy inquired about the possible phone call with the White House and potential visit to Washington, D.C. Earlier in the day, Zelenskyy stated he would select a professional economist as Prime Minister, and Bohdan lightheartedly affirmed he was an economist (he has an economics degree). Bohdan relished showing U.S. counterparts exit-polling results on his cell phone

demonstrating the party's strong performance in SMD races, particularly over Poroshenko's notoriously corrupt MP Ihor Kononenko. Zelenskyy lauded the vital importance of U.S. support for Ukraine, concluding with the humorous remark: "We don't have money, but we have you."

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Cleared:

(b)(5); (b)(6)

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<b>From:</b>	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	Paris Executive Office <ParisExec@state.sgov.gov>
<b>Subject:</b>	FW: Country Team Notes - Tuesday, July 23
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 24 Jul 2019 04:24:32 -0400

Oops!! Sorry. Old habits die hard ☺

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**From:** Kvien, Kristina A  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 24, 2019 10:59 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) Paris Executive Office  
**Subject:** RE: Country Team Notes - Tuesday, July 23

(b)(6) excellent notes, I made a few small edits in blue below.

(b)(6) will coordinate getting these to CT collectives.

It seems we have not been sending these around to the Country Team after DCM review. We have set up a protocol to do this from now on.

(b)(6) can you please let FAST coordinators (as organizers of notetaking) know that we will start sharing these, and that when they are sent to me they should also be sent to the Paris Executive Office distro, and should say on the note: FOR DCM CLEARANCE.

Thank you! - Kristina

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 23, 2019 4:59 PM  
**To:** Kvien, Kristina A  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Country Team Notes - Tuesday, July 23

**(SBU) EXEC – DCM Kristina Kvien**

- Thank you for everyone's hard work during the elections.
- When sending cables on the high side, CDA/DCM are already included in the Kyiv Exec distribution list. When sending cables on the low side, need to include CDA and/or DCM on the "to:" line because they are not included in the Kyiv Exec distribution list.

**(SBU) USAID – Susan Kotor**

- USAID attending press conference regarding election monitoring today.
- Will have a meeting with IFIS regarding local elections.
- Will have an informal meeting with EU representatives about Russian disinformation.
- Will have a donor coordination meeting on security next Monday. People from other sections are welcome to attend.

**(SBU) PAS – Mike Reinert**

- Looking for people to sign up to serve on the review committee for the prestigious Humphrey Program. Look for email from Michael Hackett.

**~~(C)~~ PAS – (b)(6)**

- Retweeted G7 yesterday on elections, and retweeted Kurt Volker today.
- If anyone receives inquiries regarding press, please notify PAS.

**(SBU) POL – (b)(6)**

- Thank you for all the support from other sections during the elections; election wrap up cable was sent out yesterday.
- Servant of the People party will have a majority and is therefore unlikely to form a coalition.
- Poroshenko and Tymoshenko's parties came in with about the same percentage of support.
- Servant of the People swept the single mandate constituencies and displaced many "bad guys."
- It may be several days before results are certified. Within 30 days of the certification, the Rada will be seated. The PM will be selected, he or she will propose a plan, the Rada will then vote on that plan. This may take 4-8 weeks.
- There are reports that the SBU has been doing raids on Hungarians.
- Kurt Volker arriving late Wednesday and departing sometime on Saturday, TBD.

**(SBU) MGT – Acting, (b)(6)**

- There is a mandatory fire extinguisher training this week for those who live in a building with 7+ floors.
- There is a first time bidders brown bag this Thursday.
- DPO services may be impacted due to the U.S. pulling out of an international postal service union starting October.
- July 30-August 1: ClassNet and OpenNet will both be down from 7pm for mandatory upgrades each evening.

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~~(C)~~ **ECON** - (b)(6)

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DAVID NOBLE  
ON 11/18/2021

- G7 meeting with Zelenskyy is tomorrow, CDA attending.
- Naftogaz paid off its debt to the government; been dropping price of industrial gas to reflect market rates, which is good.
- Anti-raiding decree: this is to do with illegal document raiding because people create fake documents that give you ownership of businesses.

**(SBU) RSO** - (b)(6)

- RSO is short staffed this week.
- Continue to take bomb threats seriously.

**(SBU) CONS** - (b)(6)

- Visa wait times are about 3-4 weeks long, so have contacts apply as early as possible.
- Consular officer is attending the hearing of an Israeli-American whose case they have been following closely.

**(SBU) DAO** - (b)(6)

- Trident Defense representative wants to meet with the CDA next Tuesday.
- Working on a possible outreach program with NLO.

**(SBU) ODC** - (b)(6)

- Doing an equipment donation in Zhytomyr this week; coordinating with PAS.

~~(C)~~ **RSO** - (b)(6)

- Sea Breeze had 4 incidents; press was avoided.
- Imposed 12am curfew.
- Patrol police bribing incidents occurred twice.

**(U) FCS** - (b)(6)

- N/A

**(U) MODA** - (b)(6)

- STAFFDEL moving forward.

**(U) CLO** - (b)(6)

- Kim and Kerry are out this week.
- There's an EFM coffee this week.

**(U) Peace Corps** - (b)(6)

- Nothing for the group.

**(U) CDC** - (b)(6)

- Nothing for the group.

**(U) EXEC** - (b)(6)

- Nothing for the group.

**(U) EXEC** - (b)(6)

- Nothing for the group.

(b)(6) is duty officer.

(b)(6) is note taker.

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<b>Recipient:</b>	Paris Executive Office <ParisExec@state.sgov.gov>

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<b>From:</b>	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	FW: Quick summary of Ukraine reforms?
<b>Date:</b>	Thu, 15 Aug 2019 07:31:05 +0000

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2019 10:15 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Quick summary of Ukraine reforms?

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To: (b)(6)  
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Sent: Thursday, August 15, 7:30 AM  
Subject: Re: Quick summary of Ukraine reforms?  
To: (b)(6)

Kent, George P (b)(6)

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Cc: Kvien, Kristina A, (b)(6)

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Sent: Thursday, August 15, 12:45 AM  
Subject: RE: Quick summary of Ukraine reforms?  
To: (b)(6) Taylor, William B (Kyiv), Kent, George P  
Cc: Kvien, Kristina A, (b)(6)

Colleagues:

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All the best (b)(6)

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George P (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Quick summary of Ukraine reforms?

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**From:** Vindman, Alexander S. EOP/NSC (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2019 5:23 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6) Kent,  
George P (b)(6) Cooper, Laura (Skopje Items) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6) (b)(6)  
(b)(6) Cipoletti, Thomas J (mail.mil)  
(b)(6) Erath, John F. EOP/NSC  
(b)(6) Wilde Gavin (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Quick summary of Ukraine reforms?

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**From:** (b)(6)  
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J (mail.mil) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Quick summary of Ukraine reforms?

Gentlemen,

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V/R,  
Alexander S. Vindman  
Director for Eastern Europe and Russia  
National Security Council  
Desk: (b)(6)

**From:** Wilde, Gavin B. EOP/NSC (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2019 2:44 PM  
**To:** Glazer, Josh S. EOP/OMB (b)(6)  
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 OMB National Security Division

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<b>To:</b>	Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	FW: Trident
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 31 Jul 2019 16:07:17 +0000

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 31, 2019 6:56 PM  
**To:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Trident

Kristina, (b)(6)  
 Just a quick update. (b)(5)

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(b)(5) Will let you know if we hear more.

Best,

(b)(6)

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Minister-Counselor for Economic Affairs  
 United States Mission to the European Union

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<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Trident Acquisitions Wins Tender for Dolphin Block in Ukrainian Sector of Black Sea
<b>Date:</b>	Sun, 28 Jul 2019 11:40:11 +0000

Thanks for clarity!

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**Sent:** Sunday, July 28, 2019 12:40:23 PM  
**To:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6) Phillips,  
Charles <Charles.phillips@trade.gov>; Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** Re: Trident Acquisitions Wins Tender for Dolphin Block in Ukrainian Sector of Black Sea

They are separate.

Trident Defence looking at Motor Sich is run by a Ukrainian, Max Polyakov, who emigrated to the U.S. and made his fortune in IT businesses called Noosphere Ventures with offices in 16 countries (including Ukraine) and 5,500 employees per their website.

They expanded into aerospace in 2017 with Firefly, an Austin-based business that manufactures in Ukraine small and medium-sized launch vehicles for commercial launches to orbit. The two persons doing many meetings locally for the company

Trident Acquisitions, or Trident Black Sea, which was awarded the PSA on Friday for the "Dolphin" field is, according to their filing on [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), a blank check company formed on March 17, 2016 to seek strategic acquisitions/business combinations (sic) with an oil and gas or other natural resource company in Eastern Europe. There does not appear to be any actual production or other activities on the company's website other than their IPO in 2018. Their website lists Edward Verona, Gennadii Butkevych, and Thomas John Gallagher as the board of directors and Ilya Ponomarev and Vadim Komissarov as CEO and President respectively.

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Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)

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**Subject:** Re: Trident Acquisitions Wins Tender for Dolphin Block in Ukrainian Sector of Black Sea

Is this Trident related at all to the Trident that is looking into Motorsich? Or is it two companies with the same name?

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**Cc:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: Trident Acquisitions Wins Tender for Dolphin Block in Ukrainian Sector of Black Sea

Dear Sir and colleagues,

(b)(5)

Today Groysman posted on Facebook that offshore tender failed to meet expectations in terms of entering the major players into Ukraine (Shell and Exxon). He has proposed considering the possibility of announcing a new competition for the Dolphin block. We will continue to seek more information.

Regards,

(b)(6)

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On July 27, 2019 at 7:31:52 AM GMT+3, Charles Phillips <Charles.Phillips@trade.gov> wrote:

Sir

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 27, 2019 6:38 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) Charles Phillips; (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Cc:** Kvien, Kristina A  
**Subject:** Re: Trident Acquisitions Wins Tender for Dolphin Block in Ukrainian Sector of Black Sea

Thanks. Standing by for recommendations

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<Charles.phillips@trade.gov> (b)(6)  
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**Cc:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Trident Acquisitions Wins Tender for Dolphin Block in Ukrainian Sector of Black Sea

Sir - adding our team within Econ that have been tracking these PSAs and the competitors closely for their more detailed input.

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(b)(6) we can provide you all we know on the overarching tender process issues and our contacts' thinking on this.

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**To:** (b)(6) Phillips, Charles; (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Cc:** Kvien, Kristina A  
**Subject:** Fwd: Trident Acquisitions Wins Tender for Dolphin Block in Ukrainian Sector of Black Sea

Thoughts?

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**From:** Edward Verona (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 26, 2019 11:33:38 PM  
**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Trident Acquisitions Wins Tender for Dolphin Block in Ukrainian Sector of Black Sea

Dear Ambassador Taylor,

I am following up on my message of June 24, introducing you to Trident Acquisitions Corporation, a U.S.-registered and Nasdaq-listed special acquisitions company. I am very pleased to inform you that today (Friday) the Ukrainian government announced the results of the tender for the Dolphin Block in the Ukrainian sector of the Black Sea. Trident Black Sea, a subsidiary of Trident Acquisitions, was the successful bidder.

We are still awaiting the signature of the future Prime Minister to make the results official.

Assuming the Ukrainian government awards the contract to us, this would be an important step for U.S. participation in the Ukrainian energy sector. It would also hold the promise of significantly increasing Ukraine's supply of domestically produced natural gas and reinforce Ukrainian sovereignty in its territorial waters and offshore exclusive economic zone.

Below you will find a press release from June describing the Dolphin Block and announcing our partnerships in the bid consortium. We plan to issue a formal press release on the latest developments when the Ukrainian government signs off on the award.

**We would very much welcome a statement of support from the U.S. government.** We are in the process of completing the Department of Commerce's advocacy application but want to make sure that you are well armed with relevant information in case the subject arises in your meetings with government officials.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards, Edward S. Verona  
Chairman  
Trident Acquisitions Corporation

**TRIDENT ACQUISITIONS CORP ANNOUNCES DOLPHIN BLOCK PSA  
BID IN UKRAINE TOGETHER WITH SAN LEON ENERGY, GSP  
OFFSHORE AND LAMOR CORP**

New York, June 13, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) --- Trident Acquisitions Corp. (NASDAQ: TDAC), a US Nasdaq listed company focused on energy investments, is pleased to announce that it has retained San Leon Energy (LSE: SLE) as a technology expertise provider in its bid for the right to negotiate a production sharing agreement (PSA) with the Ukrainian government for the promising offshore Dolphin block in the northwestern part of the Black Sea. Trident Black Sea, a subsidiary of Trident Acquisitions Corp, is the bidder of record and would be the operator of the project in the event of a winning bid.

San Leon Energy has received a 10% minority interest in Trident Black Sea and will provide non-operating technical assistance for the project, applying its experience gained from SLE's fast growing OML 18 project in Nigeria, which is currently producing more than 50,000 boepd. The Nigerian operations will remain San Leon's current priority for future investments.

Trident Acquisitions, in turn would be responsible for arranging the necessary financing for the exploration, development and operations of the Dolphin block. "The Black Sea shelf is one of the most promising areas for production in continental Europe", says Ilya Ponomarev, Trident's CEO. "Putting these well-studied prospective resources into production would signify a new future for the

regional economy and the security of energy supplies for EU countries”, he added.

Also joining Trident as strategic partners will be GSP Offshore, a leading Romanian offshore oil and gas service provider, who will work with Trident Black Sea as the preferred supplier of drilling and engineering services and Lamor AB, a top worldwide environmental solutions company, as the provider of environmental protection services.

The Dolphin block covers 9,496 sq km of the northwestern part of the Black Sea’s continental shelf. It is a relatively well-studied area with quality 3D seismic data. Within Dolphin block there are seven prospective fields, including Zonalna (23.1 mtoe prospective resources), Myrna (12.8 mtoe), and Charivna (12.5 mtoe). The overall potential of the Dolphin block, as currently estimated by the Ukraine State Geological Committee, is 286 mtoe.

Trident Acquisitions, established in 2016, is a blank check company formed for the purpose of entering into a merger, share exchange, asset acquisition, stock purchase, recapitalization, reorganization or other similar business combination with one or more businesses or entities. Trident's efforts to identify a prospective target business will not be limited to a particular industry or geographic region although we intend to focus our search for target businesses on oil and gas or other natural resources companies in Eastern Europe or that are interested in expanding into Eastern Europe. A registration statement on Form S-1 (333-223655) relating to Trident's securities was declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 29, 2018. The registration statement and a copy of the final prospectus relating to the initial public offering may also be accessed via the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at

<http://www.sec.gov>.

San Leon Energy, established in 1995, is the LSE AIM listed company with a balanced portfolio of conventional and shale assets across Europe and North Africa. Today the company has significant assets on the OML 18 block, in the delta of the Niger River, Nigeria, producing more than 50,000 boepd.

Additionally it has conventional and shale assets in Poland (onshore), Albania (offshore), Spain (onshore), Ireland (offshore). It has offices in Ireland, Poland, Albania, and Spain. Current portfolio includes 11,079 km<sup>2</sup> acreage, 8 onshore and 9 offshore licenses.

Grup Servicii Petroliere (GSP) was established in May 2004. It is an integrated service provider to the Oil & Gas Industry, covering Fabrication, Jack-Up Drilling Rigs, Subsea Construction & Installation Vessels, Transportation & Trenching. The company is a member of the International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC). The GSP QHSE Management system has been successfully audited and certified as complying with standards and requirements of the International Safety Management Code. The company operates a fleet of six (chartered) offshore drilling rigs, six supply and personnel transportation vessels as well as a floating 100 tons crane. GSP is known in the Black Sea region for its technological expertise in Offshore drilling, well Intervention services and naval supply.

Lamor Corporation is a family-owned environmental solutions company founded in 1982 and headquartered in Porvoo, Finland. During 35 years of its existence, Lamor has grown into one of the world's largest manufacturers of OSR equipment, with a global market share of approximately 40% and a presence in 104 countries. It has also developed an OSR services line, including preventative and operational planning, response operations, and waste treatment. The 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster in the Gulf of Mexico was a watershed in Lamor's history. Lamor worked closely with the U.S. Coast Guard to plan, coordinate, and implement a massive response operation for the largest oil spill in history. Lamor was responsible for approximately 70 percent of all OSR equipment deliveries into the U.S. Gulf Coast during this unprecedentedly large containment and cleanup operation. Lamor has extensive experience in cooperation with governmental agencies worldwide, e.g. European Union environmental administrations, European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), North American authorities and representative agencies, Chinese governmental and maritime departments and Middle Eastern environmental and representative agencies in several countries. Lamor is ISO 9001:2008, ISO 14001:2004 and OHSAS 18001:2007 compliant and the company has efficiently established, implemented and maintained and operated the Quality, Health, Safety and Environment Management System (QHSE).

For inquiries:

Vadim Komissarov, President & CFO Trident Acquisitions Corp. +1-646-229-7549

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<b>Subject:</b>	RE: For DCM Clearance: Response to request for info on Ukrainian TV and Donbas
<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 29 Jul 2019 14:38:02 +0000

Looks good, I clear

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**Subject:** For DCM Clearance: Response to request for info on Ukrainian TV and Donbas

Hi Kristina,

As mentioned in huddle – the Global Engagement Center (GEC) at Main State is looking for Post feedback on various questions about (b)(5)

(b)(5) Ukrainian TV. Below is our proposed response (b)(5)

(b)(5) In addition to the new summary below, we'd also share the attached paper sent to (b)(5)

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Thanks,

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On July 26, 2019 at 4:26:15 PM GMT+2, (b)(6) wrote:

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The questions are these:

(b)(5)

Thanks very much for whatever assistance you can provide. It would be great if I could hear back from you within a couple of business days. Glad to speak by phone as well, although I figured it would be easier for you to gather info if I wrote these questions out. Best regards,

(b)(6)

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USEUCOM J39 Liaison & Interagency Coordination Advisor,  
 Russia Team  
 (Booz Allen Hamilton Contractor)  
 Global Engagement Center  
 U.S. Department of State  
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<b>Subject:</b>	RE: Quick summary of Ukraine reforms?
<b>Date:</b>	Thu, 15 Aug 2019 07:30:18 +0000

Ambassador, spoke with (b)(6) (b)(5)

**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2019 10:15 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Quick summary of Ukraine reforms?

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Subject: RE: Quick summary of Ukraine reforms?  
To: (b)(6) Taylor, William B (Kyiv), Kent, George P  
Cc: Kvien, Kristina A, (b)(6)

Colleagues:

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All the best – (b)(6)

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**To:** (b)(6) Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6) Kent,  
George P (b)(6)  
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V/R,  
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**Cc:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
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J (mail.mil) (b)(6)  
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Gentlemen,

(b)(5)

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<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Remarks by President Trump Before Marine One Departure re: Ukraine
<b>Date:</b>	Sun, 11 Aug 2019 15:12:23 +0000

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Director

Office of Eastern European Affairs

U.S. Department of State

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

**Date:** August 10, 2019 at 5:56:15 AM EDT

**To:** Kyiv Senior Staff <KyivSeniorStaff@state.gov>, Kyiv POL Core  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Remarks by President Trump Before Marine One Departure re: Ukraine

President Trump's remarks on August 9 on the south lawn include answering a question about a potential meeting with President Zelensky. Thanks to David Hatch for his keen eye on finding this.

I have copied the relevant section just below. Cheers, (b)(6)

Q Mr. President, do you plan invite your Ukrainian counterpart, Volodymyr Zelensky to the White House? And what would be your advice for him —

THE PRESIDENT: Who are you talking about?

Q The President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky.

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah.

Q Do you plan to invite him to the White House? And what would be your advice for him on how to communicate with Vladimir Putin to stop the conflict in Eastern Ukraine?

THE PRESIDENT: I think he's going to make a deal with President Putin, and he will be invited to the White House. And we look forward to seeing him. He's already been invited to the White House, and he wants to come. And I think he will. He's a very reasonable guy. He wants to see peace in Ukraine. And I think he will be coming very soon, actually.

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**Date:** August 10, 2019 at 7:24:57 AM GMT+3

**Subject:** Remarks by President Trump Before Marine One Departure re: Ukraine

**To:** Kutor, Susan (KYIV/DIR) (b)(6)

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Woronowycz, Roman (KYIV/PCS)

(b)(6)

Warm greetings. In case you hadn't seen. Note question and response re: Trump re: Ze. Highlighted in yellow.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/remarks-president-trump-marine-one-departure-59/>

South Lawn

9:49 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: So, we're doing very well with China. We're talking to China. We're not ready to make a deal, but we'll see what happens. But, you know, we've been hurt by China for 25, 30 years. Nobody has done anything about it. And we have no choice but to do what we're doing.

It's working out very well, as you know. We called them on manipulation and they brought their numbers back, and they brought them back rapidly. And they were able to do that because they manipulate. But that's — so it's called "monetary manipulation." Not good.

But what happened and what's happening with China now — we have an open dialogue. We'll see whether or not we keep our meeting in September. If we do, that's fine. If we don't, that's fine. But it's time that somebody does what we're doing.

And I said, the American taxpayer is not paying for it. We had a big day in stock market yesterday, but the American taxpayer is not paying for it.

What China is doing is, by depressing their currency and by pouring tremendous amounts of money into their system, they're paying for it. The prices have not gone up. So when

the Amer- — in fact, in some cases, they've gone down because the devaluation, plus the money supply — the amount of money that they pour in, which is a form of manipulation — has more than compensated for an increase in price.

So, as I said — and everybody questioned it — in the case of China, the tariffs have been amazing. We're taking in billions and billions of dollars. Now, China has had their worst year in 35 years now. It was in 26 years, but now it's in 35 years. I want them to do well. But as of this moment, they're having the worst year that they've had in many, many years — in decades. And really, we're just bringing the system back into order.

We have all the cards. We're doing well. Our country is doing fantastically well. You look at Europe; they've got problems. In fact, the biggest problem we have is the fact that a lot of other — continents, frankly — but a lot of other countries are not doing well. But we're doing great, and we continue to do great. Our companies are poised. They have a lot of cash. Our system is beautiful.

Q Mr. President, the NRA has been a strong supporter and ally of yours, going all the way back to the campaign. Can you take a position at odds with the NRA on background checks?

THE PRESIDENT: I think I could, but I don't think I'll be there. I have a great relationship with the NRA. They supported me very early, and that's been a great decision they made. We have Justice Kavanaugh. We have Justice Gorsuch. And they feel very strongly about the Second Amendment.

The NRA has made a great decision in supporting me, and nobody else would have won, aside from everything else. I have a very good relationship. I'll change it: I have a great relationship with the NRA. I have a lot of respect for the

people at the NRA. And I have already spoken to them on numerous occasions. Numerous occasions.

And, frankly, we need intelligent background checks, okay? This isn't a question of NRA, Republican, or Democrat. I will tell you, I spoke to Mitch McConnell yesterday. He's totally onboard. He said, "I've been waiting for your call." He is totally onboard. I spoke to senators that, in some cases, people — friends of mine — but pretty hardline senators. Hardline. And when I say that, I say that in a positive way. Hardline on the Second Amendment. And they understand.

We don't want insane people, mentally ill people, bad people, dangerous people — we don't want guns in the hands of the wrong people. I think that the Republicans are going to be great and lead the charge along with the Democrats.

I spoke yesterday to Nancy Pelosi. We had a great talk. I spoke to Chuck Schumer. We had a great talk. And Chuck Schumer, in particular, loves my China policy, as you probably know. I said, "I can't believe it. You actually like something that I'm doing." He said, "Not 'like.' Love."

So Chuck Schumer is — he's great on the China situation, which we are winning and winning big. And China wants to do something, but I'm not ready to do anything yet. Twenty-five years of abuse. I'm not ready so fast. So we'll see how that works out.

But on the background checks — on background checks, we have tremendous support for really commonsense, sensible, important background checks.

Q Mr. President, you expressed support for background checks after Parkland. Why is now different?

THE PRESIDENT: Time goes by. I don't think I'm different, but I think the Senate is different. I think other people in the House are different. I think that people that maybe had their arm up a couple of years ago, maybe they feel differently. I don't think I feel any differently.

I think with a lot of success that we have, I think I have a greater influence now over the Senate and over the House.

Q Can it get done now? Can it get done now?

THE PRESIDENT: I think we can get something really good done. I think we can have some really meaningful background checks. We don't want people that are mentally ill, people that are sick — we don't want them having guns. Who does?

Q Mr. President, but if the NRA does not support that effort, will you fight them on it?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, we'll see where the NRA will be. But we have to have meaningful background checks. You know, in the case of — in both cases, it's possible they wouldn't have been caught.

But in the one case, we also have to talk about age, because he did things that were very, very bad in Ohio, in Dayton. He did some things that were really bad. His school knew about it. When he turned 18, everything was expunged. We're going to have to get rid of that because you can't have that barrier. If they would have had that barrier, they would have been able to see. But because he was a minor, it was expunged. We're going to have to get rid of that barrier.

I think this: I think a lot of really meaningful things on background checks will take place, including red flags, including a lot of other very, very important items. And the Republicans are looking at it very seriously. And I really

believe that the NRA — I've spoken to them numerous times — they're really good people. They're great patriots. They love our country. They love our country so much. And, frankly, I really think they're going to get there also.

Q Mr. President, when you talked to Wayne LaPierre — you talked to him several times — did he warn you that background checks could cost you, politically? And did you say to him, "Forget politics, we have to do something now"?

THE PRESIDENT: No. No. I had a good talk with Wayne. And I like Wayne. And, you know — as you know, they supported me very early — far earlier than anybody thought possible, especially me not being a politician. And that support has paid off. We now have two Supreme Court justices that are phenomenal — Kavanaugh and Gorsuch. And, I mean, they're phenomenal people, and they're big believers in the Second Amendment, which Wayne is also and which I am.

I mean, there's been — there's been no President that feels more strongly about the Second Amendment than I do. However, we need meaningful background checks so that sick people don't get guns.

Q Will he support you? Will Wayne support you?

THE PRESIDENT: I think, in the end — I think, in the end, Wayne and the NRA will either be there or maybe will be a little bit more neutral, and that would be okay, too.

Look — look, the NRA has, over the years, taken a very, very tough stance on everything, and I understand it. You know, it's a slippery slope. They think you'll prove one thing, and that leads to a lot of bad things. I don't agree with that.

I think we can do meaningful — very meaningful background checks. I want to see it happen.

So I've got a lot of support. And I also have the support of other people on the other side. And I think the Democrats and Republicans have a chance to really come together.

Q On Mississippi, why wasn't there a better plan in place to deal with the migrant children in Mississippi? Why was there family separation?

THE PRESIDENT: The reason is because you have to go in; you can't let anybody know. Otherwise, when you get there, nobody will be there. But a big factor is to let people outside of the country that want to come in legally — illegally into our country, where they come in in caravans where they surge the border — which, by the way, we have the numbers way down right now, if you see, because Mexico has done a fantastic job.

Mexico has 26,000 soldiers, right now, on the border. They have been fantastic — because of tariffs. But I don't care what it is, because Mexico — in fact, I'll be calling the President at a certain point. I just hope they keep it up. Because if the Democrats will change the laws — which I was thinking about putting together, as you know, with the gun situation. So we have immigration and we have, let's say, some of the things we're talking about right now — you have them together.

But I want people to know that if they come into the United States illegally, they're getting out; they're going to be brought out. And this serves as a very good deterrent. If people come into our country illegally, they're going out. They're not coming in illegally and staying. We have bad laws. They may get in — although we're being very tough — but they may get in, but it doesn't matter because they're going out. And when people see what they saw yesterday, and like they will see for a long time, they know that they're not staying here.

Q (Inaudible) black Americans give you another chance in 2020?

THE PRESIDENT: Oh, I think they really like — you know, it's really amazing because African American unemployment just came out very recently — the lowest in history. It's the best — the best numbers in history. African American employment — and Hispanic and Asian, too — have more people working today than ever worked in the history of our country.

Plus, I did criminal justice reform, which President Obama could not get approved — which the media never talks about. If President Obama got criminal justice reform done, it would be front-page stories all over the place. I got it done. I think that African Americans appreciate it.

So I got that. I have the best unemployment numbers. I have the best employment numbers for a lot of people. But for African Americans: number one that we've ever had.

One other thing we did, aside from criminal justice reform: Opportunity Zones. And they are doing unbelievably well. And you'll see that, and you've already seen it. But Opportunity Zones. And the biggest beneficiary there is African Americans.

Q (Inaudible.)

THE PRESIDENT: I think so. Yeah. I do.

Q Mr. President, do you plan invite your Ukrainian counterpart, Volodymyr Zelensky to the White House? And what would be your advice for him —

THE PRESIDENT: Who are you talking about?

Q The President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky.

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah.

Q Do you plan to invite him to the White House? And what would be your advice for him on how to communicate with Vladimir Putin to stop the conflict in Eastern Ukraine?

THE PRESIDENT: I think he's going to make a deal with President Putin, and he will be invited to the White House. And we look forward to seeing him. He's already been invited to the White House, and he wants to come. And I think he will. He's a very reasonable guy. He wants to see peace in Ukraine. And I think he will be coming very soon, actually.

Q Did you watch Mr. Biden's comments overnight? And does it make you want to change your own rhetoric?

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah, he comments — look. Look, Joe is not playing with a full deck. He made that comment. I said, "Whoa." I saw it because I was on — something; I had a television. I saw his comment. Joe Biden is not playing with a full deck. This is not somebody you can have as your President. But if he got the nomination, I'd be thrilled.

Q What are you going to do, Mr. President, to keep conservatives from being banned on Twitter?

THE PRESIDENT: We're looking at that right now. We have a lot of these companies coming in a little while, as you know.

Q What are you going to say to them?

THE PRESIDENT: We're going to be very tough with them. They're treating conservatives very unfairly.

Hollywood — I don't call them the "elites"; I think the elites are people they go after, in many cases. But Hollywood is

really terrible. You talk about racist — Hollywood is racist. What they're doing, with the kind of movies they're putting out — it's actually very dangerous for our country. What Hollywood is doing is a tremendous disturbance to our country.

We have now, in a little while, all of the heads of the biggest companies coming in, and we're going to talk to them. They treat conservatives and Republicans totally different than they treat others. And they can't do that.

Q Will the Trump administration devalue the U.S. dollar?

THE PRESIDENT: No. We don't have to. We have such a strong dollar. The problem is, our dollar is at a level that it makes it hard. But the advantage to doing what we have is money is pouring in because we have the safest currency in the world. We have the standard of the world.

But because it's so strong — it's gotten so strong because other countries have problems — it makes it harder for our manufacturers.

So if we lowered the interest rate by the Federal Reserve, that would automatically bring down the dollar a little bit, and it would make it easier for Caterpillar and these companies.

But we have the greatest currency in the world. No, I wouldn't do that.

Q Are you thinking of cancelling the trade talk next month with China?

THE PRESIDENT: So, China wants to settle this deal. They've had the worst year that they've had in many, many decades. And it's getting only worse. Thousands of companies are leaving China. They would like to make a deal. I'm not ready to make a deal.

Q But are you willing to cancel the talks next month?

THE PRESIDENT: Maybe. We'll see what happens. Right now — right now the talks are scheduled in September. Whether or not we're talking about China, whether or not they're cancelled, we'll see.

Look, as I said, our people are not paying for these billions and billions of dollars that came in, \$16 billion of which I gave to the farmers because they were targeted by China. And that's just a small fraction of what we've taken in.

So they are not — because what China has been doing — they're a currency manipulator — they've manipulated the value of their currency, and that's where the money comes. And also, they put tremendous money into the system.

So if you look, prices have not risen. Our people have not paid. So all of these guys that say, "Oh, Trump, Trump, Trump..." — they don't know what they're talking about.

Now, China is unique. That doesn't mean it happens with other countries. It probably doesn't. But the prices have not gone up. In fact, we have virtually no inflation in our country. If the Federal Reserve would bring down interest rates over a period of time —

Q How much?

THE PRESIDENT: I would love to see a point or even a little bit more than that. If they would stop quantitative tightening, we have a rocket ship.

I mean, we're doing well without it, but we're being handcuffed by the Federal Reserve. If they would stop that, it would be incredible.

Q Mr. President, do you want to expand South Korea and Japan Military Information Agreement? Will you support them?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I hope that South Korea and I hope that Japan start getting along with each other. You know, they're supposed to be allies. And it puts us in a very difficult position. South Korea and Japan are fighting all the time. They've got to get along because it puts us in a very bad position.

With that being said, I got a very beautiful letter from Kim Jong Un yesterday. It was delivered — hand-delivered from —

Q What did it say?

THE PRESIDENT: It was a very positive letter.

Q What did it say?

THE PRESIDENT: I'd love to give it to you. I really would. Maybe — maybe sometime I will.

Q Kim Jong Un mention of a next meeting and a summit talk?

THE PRESIDENT: I think we'll have another meeting. He really wrote a beautiful, three-page — I mean, right from top to bottom — a really beautiful letter. And maybe I'll release the results of the letter, but it was a very positive letter.

Q Any decision on Huawei?

THE PRESIDENT: We're not going to do business with Huawei. We're not doing business with them. And I really made the decision. It's much simpler not to do any business with Huawei. So we're not doing business with

Huawei. That doesn't mean we won't agree to something if and when we make a trade deal, but we're not going to be doing business with Huawei.

Q When will you nominate someone to replace Coats? Are you looking at Maguire, Hoekstra?

THE PRESIDENT: Maguire is excellent. Admiral. Highly respected. A great leader. He's Acting right now. Sue did a great job. I like Sue Gordon very much.

I think that, over a period of time — I'm in no rush because we have a great Acting.

Q Have you interviewed Hoekstra?

THE PRESIDENT: I like Hoekstra a lot. I spoke to Senator Burr about different people. He's head of intelligence. And we're — I'm working together with Senator Burr and the whole committee. I want to get somebody that everybody can really come together with. I like Pete Hoekstra a lot. He's great. He's doing a fantastic job in the Netherlands right now.

Q You had mentioned it was down to three. Is it more than two?

THE PRESIDENT: No, I will tell you: That's a job that everybody wants. DNI. Everybody. But I'm dealing — I'm dealing with the committee. I'm dealing with, really, Senator Burr a lot. And we'll come up with somebody that's great. We have a lot of choice. A lot of people want the job.

Q Tension between Japan and South Korea, are you concerned?

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah, I'm concerned that they're not getting along with each other. They have to get along with

each other. If they don't get along, what are we doing? They have to get along with each other. It's very important.

South Korea and Japan have to sit down and get along with each other. Otherwise, what are we all doing?

Q Are you considering moving troops from Germany to Poland?

THE PRESIDENT: So, Poland has been a great, great friend of ours. They've offered to build a military base at the cost of many billions of dollars. No money put up by the United States whatsoever. They've offered to fund our troops and lots of other things — the way it should be. Not the stupid deals that we made with all these other countries that take advantage of us.

So, Poland has been terrific. And we're going to be going to Poland very soon. I'm sure you're going to be going with us. I had a great experience in Poland the last time I went. In fact, some of you actually said the speech was one of the best ever made in Europe by an American President. Hard to believe that you actually said that. When you said that, I was, like, in a state of shock.

Q On the fundraiser tonight, did Stephen Ross say anything about potentially cancelling, given the controversy?

THE PRESIDENT: No. Stephen Ross is a great friend of mine. He's a very successful guy. We were competitors but friends in real estate, in New York, in the old days. He's a great guy. He is — by the way, I think he's probably more inclined to be a liberal, if you want to know the truth. But he likes me, he respects me. We're doing a fundraiser there. We're doing another fundraiser with another friend of mine. And I understand the fundraiser was totally sold out, and it's very successful.

Q Your reaction to the controversy, people boycotting?

THE PRESIDENT: I don't think — I think it makes Steve much hotter. I explained — I didn't speak to him yet; I'll see him in a little while. The controversy makes Steve Ross hotter. He'll figure that out in about a week. But he's very happy. He's got a very successful — a lot of people are going.

We have two fundraisers. One is Steve; one is another gentleman. And I guess they're going to raise 11 or 12 billion — million dollars. Not billion. Million.

I'm getting used to saying "billion." We're talking about a lot of money.

Q When you talked about age restrictions to buy guns, 18 months ago you supported buying long guns at the age of 25, raising the age. Are you considering bringing that back now?

THE PRESIDENT: We're not talking about anything specific. I can tell you there's tremendous goodwill for meaningful — I'm talking about "meaningful"; add that word — meaningful background checks so that sick and demented people don't carry around guns.

You have to remember — and I've said it — it's a big mental illness problem. And the gun doesn't pull a trigger. A mind — a sick mind pulls a trigger. So we want to take that out of the equation.

Q Do you support the Toomey-Manchin bill or the House bill? Will you lift your veto threat?

THE PRESIDENT: We're looking at Toomey-Manchin. Actually, if you look, there are many bills that have been put in over a period of four, five years. They went nowhere. But there's never been a President like President Trump.

Q Mr. President, will you call Congress back into session to pass (inaudible)?

THE PRESIDENT: I don't think we'll need to. I may. Leadership is dealing along with me right now. By the time you call them back, they're going to be back anyway. I don't think we'll need to call them back. I think we'll have a very good package by the time they come back and they can start debating and voting on it then. So I really don't think, for the extra little time, it matters.

Leadership is doing a really good job — Mitch McConnell, Kevin, Nancy. I spoke with Nancy Pelosi yesterday. I spoke with Chuck Schumer yesterday. There's a lot of goodwill about this issue.

Q And do you think that — I mean, do you need to give a speech to do something to marshal support for this?

THE PRESIDENT: I don't think so. No. No.

Q Will you lead the charge?

THE PRESIDENT: I think we have a lot of support. I mean, I'm very fortunate. In the Republican Party, I'm at 94 percent approval rating, so that helps. But I have a great relationship with the Republican senators. And I really think they're looking for me to make — give them a signal. And we're going to have great support, and I think we'll have the support from the Democrats also.

Q Mr. President, you also said this after Parkland. Why should Americans believe you now?

THE PRESIDENT: No, no. I never said what I'm saying now.

Q (Inaudible) background checks after Parkland.

THE PRESIDENT: What I'm saying — what I said, though: You have tremendous opposition from many people on both sides. I see a better feeling right now towards getting something meaningful done. Meaningful. And we did do things after Parkland, but it wasn't to the same level that I'm talking about now.

You know, we did do the Fix NICS and various other things. So we did do a lot of work after Parkland. But I think we have now a chance to do something, really, much more meaningful —

Q Support among Republicans or —

THE PRESIDENT: — having to do — having to do, as you know, with background checks.

Q Mr. President, it's almost back-to-school season. What is your message to young children and teenagers who are anxious or nervous about going back to school after these mass shootings?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, my message to young children going back to school is: Go and really study hard, and someday you'll grow up and maybe be President of the United States or do something else that's fantastic.

They have nothing to fear. They have nothing to worry about. In addition, we're in constant contact with states, with state governments. And they are really doing a great job. We have this so much better than it was two and a half years ago. Two and a half years ago, when I came in, it was really not a good situation. I think we have a very, very good system right now. That doesn't mean that there's not going to be some crazy person, but that's what we want to do. We want to take the guns out of the hands of crazy, demented, sick people.

Q (Inaudible) assault weapons ban — will you be telling the NRA to stand down?

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah, we're not looking at that right now. We're really looking at very meaningful background checks. I think it's going to happen. There's great, great support. But we're looking at very, very meaningful background checks.

Q What is the advantage to having Maguire as the head of DNI versus Gordon?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, Admiral — as you know, Maguire — Admiral Maguire is a very talented man. He's a great leader. As an Admiral, was always a great leader. He is a man who is respected by everybody, and he's going to be there for a period of time. Who knows? Maybe he gets the job. But he'll be there for a period of time — maybe a longer period of time than we think. We'll see.

We're dealing with Senator Burr. We're dealing with the committee. We're dealing with probably 9 or 10 people that want the job very much. You know the name of almost every one of them. They're truly outstanding. Everybody wants DNI. Everybody wants it.

And I will say that the Admiral is such a great choice from the standpoint of now. And maybe he goes further. We'll see what happens. But we're dealing with the committee and Senator Burr. We have people, all of whom you know — highly respected people. We'll be making a decision in the not-too-distant future.

Q Thank you, Mr. President. Are you still committed to naming Eugene Scalia Secretary of Labor? And when will you send a nomination to the Senate?

THE PRESIDENT: So, Eugene Scalia is a highly respected lawyer in Washington. His father, as you know, was the

great, great, great Supreme Court Justice. Even the people with not his views would say he was a great gentleman, a great man.

Eugene Scalia — Gene Scalia — has had a fantastic career. As you know, he's our appointment for Labor Secretary. I think — so far, it's been received very well. He is a very — he's one of the finest minds and lawyers in Washington. And I will say, so far, that's been received very well.

Q On North Korea, this letter to you, did Kim Jong Un make any promises about stopping the ballistic missile testing that he's been carrying out?

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah, he gave me a great letter. I would love to give you, but, I don't know, I don't think it would be appropriate. But it was a very personal letter.

Q Talked about missile testing?

THE PRESIDENT: It was a great letter. He talked about what he's doing. He's not happy with the testing. It's a very small testing that we did. But he wasn't happy with the testing; he put that in the letter. But he also sees a great future for North Korea. And so we'll see how it all works out.

In the meantime, I say it again: There have been no nuclear tests. The missile tests have all been short-range. No ballistic missile tests. No long-range missiles. We got back, and we're getting back — as we speak, we're getting back a lot of our fallen heroes. You know that. They're coming back into and through Hawaii. And we got back our hostages.

So I thought the letter — I just got it yesterday. It was hand-delivered and it wasn't touched by anybody. They literally take it from North Korea to my office. We have a system.

It's the old-fashioned system. You don't have to worry about leaks. Something nice about that system.

Q Mr. President, what do you mean that he wasn't happy with the missile tests? He carried them out. He ordered them.

THE PRESIDENT: No, he wasn't. He wasn't happy with the tests — the war games. The war games on the other side, with the United States. And as you know, I've never liked it either. I've never liked it. I've never been a fan. You know why? I don't like paying for it. We should be reimbursed for it, and I've told that to South Korea. But I don't like it either. But I said, "Do this," because this was a big test. This was a turnover of various areas to South Korea. I like that because that's what should happen.

Q Several countries issued travel warnings to United States. And Japan specifically said gunfire is potentially everywhere in the U.S. What is your reaction to that?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I can't imagine that. But if they did that, we'd just reciprocate. We are a very reciprocal nation, with me as the head. When somebody does something negative to us in terms of a country, we do it to them.

Look, our country has been taken advantage of by foreign countries, even allies — including allies, and in many cases, more than anybody else. We've been taken advantage of for many, many years, and it stops. It stopped.

Q In your view, Mr. President, should Colin Kaepernick get an opportunity to play in the NFL?

THE PRESIDENT: Only if he's good enough. Yeah, if he's good enough. Why would he play? If he's good enough. And I think if he was good enough — I know the owners. I know Bob Kraft. I know so many of the owners. If he's good enough, they'd sign him. So, if he's good enough — I

know these people — they would sign him in a heartbeat. They will do anything they can to win games.

So I'd like to see it. Frankly, I'd love to see Kaepernick come in if he's good enough. But I don't want to see him come in because somebody thinks it's a good PR move. If he's good enough, he will be in.

Q Are you worried about global markets pulling back at all?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, the global markets are not as good as our market. Our market has been really good.

Q Are you worried about the effect — the (inaudible) effect to the U.S.?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, it always — it's never positive. Although, you could say it puts us in an even better position. I view it differently. I mean, most people would say that's a bad thing. I would say the fact that other countries aren't doing really well — China, in particular. China is doing horribly. Horribly. First time that anyone can remember. They are having a year like they never had. Almost — you know, go back, 30, 40 years. They're having one of the worst years ever. The numbers are phony. They're not doing 6.2; they're doing a totally different number.

Q What do you think they're doing?

THE PRESIDENT: Maybe neutral. Maybe even —

Q Does Democrats calling you and your supporters a white nationalist, a white supremacist, help you?

THE PRESIDENT: I don't think it helps. First of all, I don't like it when they do it because I am not any of those things.

I think it's a disgrace. And I think it shows how desperate the Democrats are. Look, right now, I'm working with the Democrats on meaningful background checks. That's a big thing. Hopefully, we can do something. But — so I don't want to focus too much on that.

I will say this: For them to throw out the race word again — “racist, racist, racist.” That's all they use — to anybody. They called Nancy Pelosi a racist. She's not a racist. They call anybody a “racist” when they run out of cards.

I'm winning in the polls. They're desperate. They've got lousy candidates. They've got bad candidates. I mean, I watched the debates. I mean, I look —

Q (Inaudible.)

THE PRESIDENT: I look — well, I mean, Joe Biden can't answer a simple question. Something is going wrong with him. I mean, the only — the only thing is — I mean, a lot of people think that he was the one that wanted Bob Mueller to testify because it made Joe look intelligent. Okay?

Q Is your base supporting background checks?

THE PRESIDENT: I think my base relies very much on common sense and they rely on me, in terms of telling them what's happening. I think meaningful background checks — I don't just say “background checks.” Because we passed background checks a number of times, meaning the Democr- — but everybody knew they weren't that strong.

Q Do you want to expand the law?

THE PRESIDENT: I think meaningful background checks are a real positive. Politically, I can't tell you. You know, I don't know — good, bad, or indifferent. I don't care, politically. I don't want to have crazy people having guns.

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Warm greetings. In case you hadn't seen. Note question and response re: Trump re: Ze. Highlighted in yellow.

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South Lawn

9:49 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: So, we're doing very well with China. We're talking to China. We're not ready to make a deal, but we'll see what happens. But, you know, we've been hurt by China for 25, 30 years. Nobody has done anything about it. And we have no choice but to do what we're doing.

It's working out very well, as you know. We called them on manipulation and they brought their numbers back, and they brought them back rapidly. And they were able to do that because they manipulate. But that's — so it's called "monetary manipulation." Not good.

But what happened and what's happening with China now — we have an open dialogue. We'll see whether or not we keep our meeting in September. If we do, that's fine. If we don't, that's fine. But it's time that somebody does what we're doing.

And I said, the American taxpayer is not paying for it. We had a big day in stock market yesterday, but the American taxpayer is not paying for it.

What China is doing is, by depressing their currency and by pouring tremendous amounts of money into their system, they're paying for it. The prices have not gone up. So when

the Amer- — in fact, in some cases, they've gone down because the devaluation, plus the money supply — the amount of money that they pour in, which is a form of manipulation — has more than compensated for an increase in price.

So, as I said — and everybody questioned it — in the case of China, the tariffs have been amazing. We're taking in billions and billions of dollars. Now, China has had their worst year in 35 years now. It was in 26 years, but now it's in 35 years. I want them to do well. But as of this moment, they're having the worst year that they've had in many, many years — in decades. And really, we're just bringing the system back into order.

We have all the cards. We're doing well. Our country is doing fantastically well. You look at Europe; they've got problems. In fact, the biggest problem we have is the fact that a lot of other — continents, frankly — but a lot of other countries are not doing well. But we're doing great, and we continue to do great. Our companies are poised. They have a lot of cash. Our system is beautiful.

Q Mr. President, the NRA has been a strong supporter and ally of yours, going all the way back to the campaign. Can you take a position at odds with the NRA on background checks?

THE PRESIDENT: I think I could, but I don't think I'll be there. I have a great relationship with the NRA. They supported me very early, and that's been a great decision they made. We have Justice Kavanaugh. We have Justice Gorsuch. And they feel very strongly about the Second Amendment.

The NRA has made a great decision in supporting me, and nobody else would have won, aside from everything else. I have a very good relationship. I'll change it: I have a great relationship with the NRA. I have a lot of respect for the

people at the NRA. And I have already spoken to them on numerous occasions. Numerous occasions.

And, frankly, we need intelligent background checks, okay? This isn't a question of NRA, Republican, or Democrat. I will tell you, I spoke to Mitch McConnell yesterday. He's totally onboard. He said, "I've been waiting for your call." He is totally onboard. I spoke to senators that, in some cases, people — friends of mine — but pretty hardline senators. Hardline. And when I say that, I say that in a positive way. Hardline on the Second Amendment. And they understand.

We don't want insane people, mentally ill people, bad people, dangerous people — we don't want guns in the hands of the wrong people. I think that the Republicans are going to be great and lead the charge along with the Democrats.

I spoke yesterday to Nancy Pelosi. We had a great talk. I spoke to Chuck Schumer. We had a great talk. And Chuck Schumer, in particular, loves my China policy, as you probably know. I said, "I can't believe it. You actually like something that I'm doing." He said, "Not 'like.' Love."

So Chuck Schumer is — he's great on the China situation, which we are winning and winning big. And China wants to do something, but I'm not ready to do anything yet. Twenty-five years of abuse. I'm not ready so fast. So we'll see how that works out.

But on the background checks — on background checks, we have tremendous support for really commonsense, sensible, important background checks.

Q Mr. President, you expressed support for background checks after Parkland. Why is now different?

THE PRESIDENT: Time goes by. I don't think I'm different, but I think the Senate is different. I think other people in the House are different. I think that people that maybe had their arm up a couple of years ago, maybe they feel differently. I don't think I feel any differently.

I think with a lot of success that we have, I think I have a greater influence now over the Senate and over the House.

Q Can it get done now? Can it get done now?

THE PRESIDENT: I think we can get something really good done. I think we can have some really meaningful background checks. We don't want people that are mentally ill, people that are sick — we don't want them having guns. Who does?

Q Mr. President, but if the NRA does not support that effort, will you fight them on it?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, we'll see where the NRA will be. But we have to have meaningful background checks. You know, in the case of — in both cases, it's possible they wouldn't have been caught.

But in the one case, we also have to talk about age, because he did things that were very, very bad in Ohio, in Dayton. He did some things that were really bad. His school knew about it. When he turned 18, everything was expunged. We're going to have to get rid of that because you can't have that barrier. If they would have had that barrier, they would have been able to see. But because he was a minor, it was expunged. We're going to have to get rid of that barrier.

I think this: I think a lot of really meaningful things on background checks will take place, including red flags, including a lot of other very, very important items. And the Republicans are looking at it very seriously. And I really

believe that the NRA — I've spoken to them numerous times — they're really good people. They're great patriots. They love our country. They love our country so much. And, frankly, I really think they're going to get there also.

Q Mr. President, when you talked to Wayne LaPierre — you talked to him several times — did he warn you that background checks could cost you, politically? And did you say to him, "Forget politics, we have to do something now"?

THE PRESIDENT: No. No. I had a good talk with Wayne. And I like Wayne. And, you know — as you know, they supported me very early — far earlier than anybody thought possible, especially me not being a politician. And that support has paid off. We now have two Supreme Court justices that are phenomenal — Kavanaugh and Gorsuch. And, I mean, they're phenomenal people, and they're big believers in the Second Amendment, which Wayne is also and which I am.

I mean, there's been — there's been no President that feels more strongly about the Second Amendment than I do. However, we need meaningful background checks so that sick people don't get guns.

Q Will he support you? Will Wayne support you?

THE PRESIDENT: I think, in the end — I think, in the end, Wayne and the NRA will either be there or maybe will be a little bit more neutral, and that would be okay, too.

Look — look, the NRA has, over the years, taken a very, very tough stance on everything, and I understand it. You know, it's a slippery slope. They think you'll prove one thing, and that leads to a lot of bad things. I don't agree with that.

I think we can do meaningful — very meaningful background checks. I want to see it happen.

So I've got a lot of support. And I also have the support of other people on the other side. And I think the Democrats and Republicans have a chance to really come together.

Q On Mississippi, why wasn't there a better plan in place to deal with the migrant children in Mississippi? Why was there family separation?

THE PRESIDENT: The reason is because you have to go in; you can't let anybody know. Otherwise, when you get there, nobody will be there. But a big factor is to let people outside of the country that want to come in legally — illegally into our country, where they come in in caravans where they surge the border — which, by the way, we have the numbers way down right now, if you see, because Mexico has done a fantastic job.

Mexico has 26,000 soldiers, right now, on the border. They have been fantastic — because of tariffs. But I don't care what it is, because Mexico — in fact, I'll be calling the President at a certain point. I just hope they keep it up. Because if the Democrats will change the laws — which I was thinking about putting together, as you know, with the gun situation. So we have immigration and we have, let's say, some of the things we're talking about right now — you have them together.

But I want people to know that if they come into the United States illegally, they're getting out; they're going to be brought out. And this serves as a very good deterrent. If people come into our country illegally, they're going out. They're not coming in illegally and staying. We have bad laws. They may get in — although we're being very tough — but they may get in, but it doesn't matter because they're going out. And when people see what they saw yesterday, and like they will see for a long time, they know that they're not staying here.

Q (Inaudible) black Americans give you another chance in 2020?

THE PRESIDENT: Oh, I think they really like — you know, it's really amazing because African American unemployment just came out very recently. — the lowest in history. It's the best — the best numbers in history. African American employment — and Hispanic and Asian, too — have more people working today than ever worked in the history of our country.

Plus, I did criminal justice reform, which President Obama could not get approved — which the media never talks about. If President Obama got criminal justice reform done, it would be front-page stories all over the place. I got it done. I think that African Americans appreciate it.

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**Q Did you watch Mr. Biden's comments overnight? And does it make you want to change your own rhetoric?**

**THE PRESIDENT: Yeah, he comments — look. Look, Joe is not playing with a full deck. He made that comment. I said, "Whoa." I saw it because I was on — something; I had a television. I saw his comment. Joe Biden is not playing with a full deck. This is not somebody you can have as your President. But if he got the nomination, I'd be thrilled.**

**Q What are you going to do, Mr. President, to keep conservatives from being banned on Twitter?**

**THE PRESIDENT: We're looking at that right now. We have a lot of these companies coming in a little while, as you know.**

**Q What are you going to say to them?**

**THE PRESIDENT: We're going to be very tough with them. They're treating conservatives very unfairly.**

**Hollywood — I don't call them the "elites"; I think the elites are people they go after, in many cases. But Hollywood is**

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We have now, in a little while, all of the heads of the biggest companies coming in, and we're going to talk to them. They treat conservatives and Republicans totally different than they treat others. And they can't do that.

Q Will the Trump administration devalue the U.S. dollar?

THE PRESIDENT: No. We don't have to. We have such a strong dollar. The problem is, our dollar is at a level that it makes it hard. But the advantage to doing what we have is money is pouring in because we have the safest currency in the world. We have the standard of the world.

But because it's so strong — it's gotten so strong because other countries have problems — it makes it harder for our manufacturers.

So if we lowered the interest rate by the Federal Reserve, that would automatically bring down the dollar a little bit, and it would make it easier for Caterpillar and these companies.

But we have the greatest currency in the world. No, I wouldn't do that.

Q Are you thinking of cancelling the trade talk next month with China?

THE PRESIDENT: So, China wants to settle this deal. They've had the worst year that they've had in many, many decades. And it's getting only worse. Thousands of companies are leaving China. They would like to make a deal. I'm not ready to make a deal.

**Q** But are you willing to cancel the talks next month?

**THE PRESIDENT:** Maybe. We'll see what happens. Right now — right now the talks are scheduled in September. Whether or not we're talking about China, whether or not they're cancelled, we'll see.

Look, as I said, our people are not paying for these billions and billions of dollars that came in, \$16 billion of which I gave to the farmers because they were targeted by China. And that's just a small fraction of what we've taken in.

So they are not — because what China has been doing — they're a currency manipulator — they've manipulated the value of their currency, and that's where the money comes. And also, they put tremendous money into the system.

So if you look, prices have not risen. Our people have not paid. So all of these guys that say, "Oh, Trump, Trump, Trump..." — they don't know what they're talking about.

Now, China is unique. That doesn't mean it happens with other countries. It probably doesn't. But the prices have not gone up. In fact, we have virtually no inflation in our country. If the Federal Reserve would bring down interest rates over a period of time —

**Q** How much?

**THE PRESIDENT:** I would love to see a point or even a little bit more than that. If they would stop quantitative tightening, we have a rocket ship.

I mean, we're doing well without it, but we're being handcuffed by the Federal Reserve. If they would stop that, it would be incredible.

**Q** Mr. President, do you want to expand South Korea and Japan Military Information Agreement? Will you support them?

**THE PRESIDENT:** Well, I hope that South Korea and I hope that Japan start getting along with each other. You know, they're supposed to be allies. And it puts us in a very difficult position. South Korea and Japan are fighting all the time. They've got to get along because it puts us in a very bad position.

With that being said, I got a very beautiful letter from Kim Jong Un yesterday. It was delivered — hand-delivered from —

**Q** What did it say?

**THE PRESIDENT:** It was a very positive letter.

**Q** What did it say?

**THE PRESIDENT:** I'd love to give it to you. I really would. Maybe — maybe sometime I will.

**Q** Kim Jong Un mention of a next meeting and a summit talk?

**THE PRESIDENT:** I think we'll have another meeting. He really wrote a beautiful, three-page — I mean, right from top to bottom — a really beautiful letter. And maybe I'll release the results of the letter, but it was a very positive letter.

**Q** Any decision on Huawei?

**THE PRESIDENT:** We're not going to do business with Huawei. We're not doing business with them. And I really made the decision. It's much simpler not to do any business with Huawei. So we're not doing business with

Huawei. That doesn't mean we won't agree to something if and when we make a trade deal, but we're not going to be doing business with Huawei.

Q When will you nominate someone to replace Coats? Are you looking at Maguire, Hoekstra?

THE PRESIDENT: Maguire is excellent. Admiral. Highly respected. A great leader. He's Acting right now. Sue did a great job. I like Sue Gordon very much.

I think that, over a period of time — I'm in no rush because we have a great Acting.

Q Have you interviewed Hoekstra?

THE PRESIDENT: I like Hoekstra a lot. I spoke to Senator Burr about different people. He's head of intelligence. And we're — I'm working together with Senator Burr and the whole committee. I want to get somebody that everybody can really come together with. I like Pete Hoekstra a lot. He's great. He's doing a fantastic job in the Netherlands right now.

Q You had mentioned it was down to three. Is it more than two?

THE PRESIDENT: No, I will tell you: That's a job that everybody wants. DNI. Everybody. But I'm dealing — I'm dealing with the committee. I'm dealing with, really, Senator Burr a lot. And we'll come up with somebody that's great. We have a lot of choice. A lot of people want the job.

Q Tension between Japan and South Korea, are you concerned?

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah, I'm concerned that they're not getting along with each other. They have to get along with

each other. If they don't get along, what are we doing? They have to get along with each other. It's very important.

South Korea and Japan have to sit down and get along with each other. Otherwise, what are we all doing?

Q Are you considering moving troops from Germany to Poland?

THE PRESIDENT: So, Poland has been a great, great friend of ours. They've offered to build a military base at the cost of many billions of dollars. No money put up by the United States whatsoever. They've offered to fund our troops and lots of other things — the way it should be. Not the stupid deals that we made with all these other countries that take advantage of us.

So, Poland has been terrific. And we're going to be going to Poland very soon. I'm sure you're going to be going with us. I had a great experience in Poland the last time I went. In fact, some of you actually said the speech was one of the best ever made in Europe by an American President. Hard to believe that you actually said that. When you said that, I was, like, in a state of shock.

Q On the fundraiser tonight, did Stephen Ross say anything about potentially cancelling, given the controversy?

THE PRESIDENT: No. Stephen Ross is a great friend of mine. He's a very successful guy. We were competitors but friends in real estate, in New York, in the old days. He's a great guy. He is — by the way, I think he's probably more inclined to be a liberal, if you want to know the truth. But he likes me, he respects me. We're doing a fundraiser there. We're doing another fundraiser with another friend of mine. And I understand the fundraiser was totally sold out, and it's very successful.

Q Your reaction to the controversy, people boycotting?

THE PRESIDENT: I don't think — I think it makes Steve much hotter. I explained — I didn't speak to him yet; I'll see him in a little while. The controversy makes Steve Ross hotter. He'll figure that out in about a week. But he's very happy. He's got a very successful — a lot of people are going.

We have two fundraisers. One is Steve; one is another gentleman. And I guess they're going to raise 11 or 12 billion — million dollars. Not billion. Million.

I'm getting used to saying "billion." We're talking about a lot of money.

Q When you talked about age restrictions to buy guns, 18 months ago you supported buying long guns at the age of 25, raising the age. Are you considering bringing that back now?

THE PRESIDENT: We're not talking about anything specific. I can tell you there's tremendous goodwill for meaningful — I'm talking about "meaningful"; add that word — meaningful background checks so that sick and demented people don't carry around guns.

You have to remember — and I've said it — it's a big mental illness problem. And the gun doesn't pull a trigger. A mind — a sick mind pulls a trigger. So we want to take that out of the equation.

Q Do you support the Toomey-Manchin bill or the House bill? Will you lift your veto threat?

THE PRESIDENT: We're looking at Toomey-Manchin. Actually, if you look, there are many bills that have been put in over a period of four, five years. They went nowhere. But there's never been a President like President Trump.

Q Mr. President, will you call Congress back into session to pass (inaudible)?

THE PRESIDENT: I don't think we'll need to. I may. Leadership is dealing along with me right now. By the time you call them back, they're going to be back anyway. I don't think we'll need to call them back. I think we'll have a very good package by the time they come back and they can start debating and voting on it then. So I really don't think, for the extra little time, it matters.

Leadership is doing a really good job — Mitch McConnell, Kevin, Nancy. I spoke with Nancy Pelosi yesterday. I spoke with Chuck Schumer yesterday. There's a lot of goodwill about this issue.

Q And do you think that — I mean, do you need to give a speech to do something to marshal support for this?

THE PRESIDENT: I don't think so. No. No.

Q Will you lead the charge?

THE PRESIDENT: I think we have a lot of support. I mean, I'm very fortunate. In the Republican Party, I'm at 94 percent approval rating, so that helps. But I have a great relationship with the Republican senators. And I really think they're looking for me to make — give them a signal. And we're going to have great support, and I think we'll have the support from the Democrats also.

Q Mr. President, you also said this after Parkland. Why should Americans believe you now?

THE PRESIDENT: No, no. I never said what I'm saying now.

Q (Inaudible) background checks after Parkland.

THE PRESIDENT: What I'm saying — what I said, though: You have tremendous opposition from many people on both sides. I see a better feeling right now towards getting something meaningful done. Meaningful. And we did do things after Parkland, but it wasn't to the same level that I'm talking about now.

You know, we did do the Fix NICS and various other things. So we did do a lot of work after Parkland. But I think we have now a chance to do something, really, much more meaningful —

Q Support among Republicans or —

THE PRESIDENT: — having to do — having to do, as you know, with background checks.

Q Mr. President, it's almost back-to-school season. What is your message to young children and teenagers who are anxious or nervous about going back to school after these mass shootings?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, my message to young children going back to school is: Go and really study hard, and someday you'll grow up and maybe be President of the United States or do something else that's fantastic.

They have nothing to fear. They have nothing to worry about. In addition, we're in constant contact with states, with state governments. And they are really doing a great job. We have this so much better than it was two and a half years ago. Two and a half years ago, when I came in, it was really not a good situation. I think we have a very, very good system right now. That doesn't mean that there's not going to be some crazy person, but that's what we want to do. We want to take the guns out of the hands of crazy, demented, sick people.

Q (Inaudible) assault weapons ban — will you be telling the NRA to stand down?

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah, we're not looking at that right now. We're really looking at very meaningful background checks. I think it's going to happen. There's great, great support. But we're looking at very, very meaningful background checks.

Q What is the advantage to having Maguire as the head of DNI versus Gordon?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, Admiral — as you know, Maguire — Admiral Maguire is a very talented man. He's a great leader. As an Admiral, was always a great leader. He is a man who is respected by everybody, and he's going to be there for a period of time. Who knows? Maybe he gets the job. But he'll be there for a period of time — maybe a longer period of time than we think. We'll see.

We're dealing with Senator Burr. We're dealing with the committee. We're dealing with probably 9 or 10 people that want the job very much. You know the name of almost every one of them. They're truly outstanding. Everybody wants DNI. Everybody wants it.

And I will say that the Admiral is such a great choice from the standpoint of now. And maybe he goes further. We'll see what happens. But we're dealing with the committee and Senator Burr. We have people, all of whom you know — highly respected people. We'll be making a decision in the not-too-distant future.

Q Thank you, Mr. President. Are you still committed to naming Eugene Scalia Secretary of Labor? And when will you send a nomination to the Senate?

THE PRESIDENT: So, Eugene Scalia is a highly respected lawyer in Washington. His father, as you know, was the

great, great, great Supreme Court Justice. Even the people with not his views would say he was a great gentleman, a great man.

Eugene Scalia — Gene Scalia — has had a fantastic career. As you know, he's our appointment for Labor Secretary. I think — so far, it's been received very well. He is a very — he's one of the finest minds and lawyers in Washington. And I will say, so far, that's been received very well.

Q On North Korea, this letter to you, did Kim Jong Un make any promises about stopping the ballistic missile testing that he's been carrying out?

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah, he gave me a great letter. I would love to give you, but, I don't know, I don't think it would be appropriate. But it was a very personal letter.

Q Talked about missile testing?

THE PRESIDENT: It was a great letter. He talked about what he's doing. He's not happy with the testing. It's a very small testing that we did. But he wasn't happy with the testing; he put that in the letter. But he also sees a great future for North Korea. And so we'll see how it all works out.

In the meantime, I say it again: There have been no nuclear tests. The missile tests have all been short-range. No ballistic missile tests. No long-range missiles. We got back, and we're getting back — as we speak, we're getting back a lot of our fallen heroes. You know that. They're coming back into and through Hawaii. And we got back our hostages.

So I thought the letter — I just got it yesterday. It was hand-delivered and it wasn't touched by anybody. They literally take it from North Korea to my office. We have a system.

It's the old-fashioned system. You don't have to worry about leaks. Something nice about that system.

Q Mr. President, what do you mean that he wasn't happy with the missile tests? He carried them out. He ordered them.

THE PRESIDENT: No, he wasn't. He wasn't happy with the tests — the war games. The war games on the other side, with the United States. And as you know, I've never liked it either. I've never liked it. I've never been a fan. You know why? I don't like paying for it. We should be reimbursed for it, and I've told that to South Korea. But I don't like it either. But I said, "Do this," because this was a big test. This was a turnover of various areas to South Korea. I like that because that's what should happen.

Q Several countries issued travel warnings to United States. And Japan specifically said gunfire is potentially everywhere in the U.S. What is your reaction to that?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I can't imagine that. But if they did that, we'd just reciprocate. We are a very reciprocal nation, with me as the head. When somebody does something negative to us in terms of a country, we do it to them.

Look, our country has been taken advantage of by foreign countries, even allies — including allies, and in many cases, more than anybody else. We've been taken advantage of for many, many years, and it stops. It stopped.

Q In your view, Mr. President, should Colin Kaepernick get an opportunity to play in the NFL?

THE PRESIDENT: Only if he's good enough. Yeah, if he's good enough. Why would he play? If he's good enough. And I think if he was good enough — I know the owners. I know Bob Kraft. I know so many of the owners. If he's good enough, they'd sign him. So, if he's good enough — I

know these people — they would sign him in a heartbeat. They will do anything they can to win games.

So I'd like to see it. Frankly, I'd love to see Kaepernick come in if he's good enough. But I don't want to see him come in because somebody thinks it's a good PR move. If he's good enough, he will be in.

Q Are you worried about global markets pulling back at all?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, the global markets are not as good as our market. Our market has been really good.

Q Are you worried about the effect — the (inaudible) effect to the U.S.?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, it always — it's never positive. Although, you could say it puts us in an even better position. I view it differently. I mean, most people would say that's a bad thing. I would say the fact that other countries aren't doing really well — China, in particular. China is doing horribly. Horribly. First time that anyone can remember. They are having a year like they never had. Almost — you know, go back, 30, 40 years. They're having one of the worst years ever. The numbers are phony. They're not doing 6.2; they're doing a totally different number.

Q What do you think they're doing?

THE PRESIDENT: Maybe neutral. Maybe even —

Q Does Democrats calling you and your supporters a white nationalist, a white supremacist, help you?

THE PRESIDENT: I don't think it helps. First of all, I don't like it when they do it because I am not any of those things.

I think it's a disgrace. And I think it shows how desperate the Democrats are. Look, right now, I'm working with the Democrats on meaningful background checks. That's a big thing. Hopefully, we can do something. But — so I don't want to focus too much on that.

I will say this: For them to throw out the race word again — "racist, racist, racist." That's all they use — to anybody. They called Nancy Pelosi a racist. She's not a racist. They call anybody a "racist" when they run out of cards.

I'm winning in the polls. They're desperate. They've got lousy candidates. They've got bad candidates. I mean, I watched the debates. I mean, I look —

Q (Inaudible.)

THE PRESIDENT: I look — well, I mean, Joe Biden can't answer a simple question. Something is going wrong with him. I mean, the only — the only thing is — I mean, a lot of people think that he was the one that wanted Bob Mueller to testify because it made Joe look intelligent. Okay?

Q Is your base supporting background checks?

THE PRESIDENT: I think my base relies very much on common sense and they rely on me, in terms of telling them what's happening. I think meaningful background checks — I don't just say "background checks." Because we passed background checks a number of times, meaning the Democr- — but everybody knew they weren't that strong.

Q Do you want to expand the law?

THE PRESIDENT: I think meaningful background checks are a real positive. Politically, I can't tell you. You know, I don't know — good, bad, or indifferent. I don't care, politically. I don't want to have crazy people having guns.

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Apologies, Josh –  
I'd refer you and Mike to (b)(6) and George Kent at State Department for a quick turn on the  
below info. Happy to provide POCs for them if need be, in Alex's absence.

*Best regards,*  
**Gavin Wilde**

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Gavin, I'm reaching out to you because Alex Vindman's out of office message lists you as his backup. Our PAD, Mike Duffey, is working on the Ukraine issue—let me know if you don't have the background. (b)(5)

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Feel free to give me a call if you have questions.

Thanks,  
Josh

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Vadym,

I wanted you to have a copy of the latest letter, dated August 1, from Special Representative Kurt Volker to Mr. Surkov. In the letter, Volker notes President Zelenskyy's initiatives on disengagement to prepare for repairing the bridge at Stanytsia Luhanska, calls for Russia to release the Ukrainian sailors they detained, and expresses interest in visiting Moscow in mid- to late-August to continue a dialogue about ending the war.

Best regards,

Bill

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Надеюсь, ты в порядке!

Как тебе известно, выборы на Украине миновали, в результате теперь там новое руководство, которое имеет сильное большинство в парламенте и должно быть в состоянии принимать решения и проводить важные законы.

Президент Зеленский по своей инициативе отдал приказ о разведении украинских сил и подготовке к ремонту моста в районе станицы Луганской, о чем я писал в моем прошлом письме. Как ты мог видеть, я побывал там в пятницу на прошлой неделе, и на меня произвело впечатление взаимное разведение сил, руководимых Россией, и предоставление доступа инженерам для оценки состояния моста в целях ремонта.

Я надеюсь, что данное разведение продолжит идти успешно, что оно приведет к незначительному улучшению жизни местного населения, которое зависит от этого пункта пересечения границы, и что оно сможет стать катализатором разведения в других местах и открытия новых пунктов пересечения границы.

Конечно же, освобождение украинских моряков, удерживаемых Россией, и дальнейший обмен пленными также способствовали бы созданию импульса к миру.

Имея всё это в виду, я посоветовался с послом Хантсманом, и он полностью согласен, что сейчас подходящее время для моего приезда в Москву для продолжения нами двустороннего диалога о прекращении войны.

Для меня подходящее время – середина и конец августа. О конкретных датах договоримся через посла Хантсмана.

Пожалуйста, дай мне знать, согласен ли ты с тем, что сейчас подходящее время для встречи и что имеются условия для продуктивного обсуждения.

С наилучшими пожеланиями,

Курт

August 1, 2019

Dear Vladislav --

I hope you are well!

As you know, the Ukrainian elections are now behind us. The result is a renewed Ukrainian leadership that enjoys a strong majority in parliament and should be able to make decisions and pass significant legislation.

President Zelenskyy has also taken the initiative to order the disengagement of Ukrainian forces and to prepare for repairing the bridge at Stantisa Luhanska -- something I referred to in my last letter. As you may have seen, I visited there on Friday last week and was impressed with the reciprocal disengagement by the Russian-led forces, and the access afforded to engineers to evaluate the bridge for repair.

I hope that this disengagement continues to be successful, that it leads to a marginal improvement in the lives of the local population who depend on that boundary crossing point, and that it can become a catalyst for disengagement at other areas, and for the introduction of new boundary crossing points.

Of course, releasing the Ukrainian sailors held by Russia, and a further prisoner exchange, would also help build momentum for peace.

With all this in mind, I consulted with Ambassador Huntsman, and he strongly agrees that now is a good time for me to visit Moscow to continue our bilateral dialogue about ending the war.

For my part, mid- to late-August is good timing. Ambassador Huntsman will be in touch to see what specific dates might work best.

Please let me know if you agree that now is a good time to meet, and that the conditions are right for a productive discussion.

Best wishes,

Kurt

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Totally agree

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)

**Date:** August 3, 2019 at 10:44:59 AM EDT

**To:** Kent, George P (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6) Reinert, David

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Sounds good

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I'll ask... Carafano just wrote, so not sure if he is up for another, but can ask him as well...

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am seeing him on thursday - kv

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<b>Subject:</b>	RE: For DCM Clearance: Response to request for info on Ukrainian TV and Donbas
<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 29 Jul 2019 14:38:02 +0000

Looks good, I clear

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 29, 2019 2:55 PM  
**To:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv\_EXEC@state.gov>; Kyiv IOs <KyivIOs@state.gov>  
**Subject:** For DCM Clearance: Response to request for info on Ukrainian TV and Donbas

Hi Kristina,

As mentioned in huddle – the Global Engagement Center (GEC) at Main State is looking for Post feedback on various questions about (b)(5)

(b)(5) Ukrainian TV. Below is our proposed response (b)(5)

(b)(5) In addition to the new summary below, we'd also share the attached paper sent to (b)(5)

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Thanks,

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On July 26, 2019 at 4:26:15 PM GMT+2, (b)(6) wrote:

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The questions are these:

(b)(5)

Thanks very much for whatever assistance you can provide. It would be great if I could hear back from you within a couple of business days. Glad to speak by phone as well, although I figured it would be easier for you to gather info if I wrote these questions out. Best regards,

(b)(6)

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<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Trident Acquisitions Wins Tender for Dolphin Block in Ukrainian Sector of Black Sea
<b>Date:</b>	Sun, 28 Jul 2019 11:40:11 +0000

Thanks for clarity!

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**To:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6) Phillips,  
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They are separate.

Trident Defence looking at Motor Sich is run by a Ukrainian, Max Polyakov, who emigrated to the U.S. and made his fortune in IT businesses called Noosphere Ventures with offices in 16 countries (including Ukraine) and 5,500 employees per their website.

They expanded into aerospace in 2017 with Firefly, an Austin-based business that manufactures in Ukraine small and medium-sized launch vehicles for commercial launches to orbit. The two persons doing many meetings locally for the company

Trident Acquisitions, or Trident Black Sea, which was awarded the PSA on Friday for the "Dolphin" field is, according to their filing on www.sec.gov, a blank check company formed on March 17, 2016 to seek strategic acquisitions/business combinations (sic) with an oil and gas or other natural resource company in Eastern Europe. There does not appear to be any actual production or other activities on the company's website other than their IPO in 2018. Their website lists Edward Verona, Gennadii Butkevych, and Thomas John Gallagher as the board of directors and Ilya Ponomarev and Vadim Komissarov as CEO and President respectively.

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**Subject:** Re: Trident Acquisitions Wins Tender for Dolphin Block in Ukrainian Sector of Black Sea

Is this Trident related at all to the Trident that is looking into Motorsich? Or is it two companies with the same name?

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**To:** Phillips, Charles <Charles.phillips@trade.gov>; Taylor, William B (Kyiv)

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**Cc:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: Trident Acquisitions Wins Tender for Dolphin Block in Ukrainian Sector of Black Sea

Dear Sir and colleagues,

(b)(5)

Today Groysman posted on Facebook that offshore tender failed to meet expectations in terms of entering the major players into Ukraine (Shell and Exxon). He has proposed considering the possibility of announcing a new competition for the Dolphin block. We will continue to seek more information.

Regards,

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On July 27, 2019 at 7:31:52 AM GMT+3, Charles Phillips <Charles.Phillips@trade.gov> wrote:

Sir

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)

**Sent:** Saturday, July 27, 2019 6:38 AM

**To:** (b)(6) Charles Phillips; (b)(6)

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**Cc:** Kvien, Kristina A

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Thanks. Standing by for recommendations

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**Cc:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: Trident Acquisitions Wins Tender for Dolphin Block in Ukrainian Sector of Black Sea

Sir - adding our team within Econ that have been tracking these PSAs and the competitors closely for their more detailed input.

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(b)(6) we can provide you all we know on the overarching tender process issues and our contacts' thinking on this.

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**Cc:** Kvien, Kristina A  
**Subject:** Fwd: Trident Acquisitions Wins Tender for Dolphin Block in Ukrainian Sector of Black Sea

Thoughts?

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**From:** Edward Verona (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 26, 2019 11:33:38 PM  
**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Trident Acquisitions Wins Tender for Dolphin Block in Ukrainian Sector of Black Sea

Dear Ambassador Taylor,

I am following up on my message of June 24, introducing you to Trident Acquisitions Corporation, a U.S.-registered and Nasdaq-listed special acquisitions company. I am very pleased to inform you that today (Friday) the Ukrainian government announced the results of the tender for the Dolphin Block in the Ukrainian sector of the Black Sea. Trident Black Sea, a subsidiary of Trident Acquisitions, was the successful bidder.

We are still awaiting the signature of the future Prime Minister to make the results official.

Assuming the Ukrainian government awards the contract to us, this would be an important step for U.S. participation in the Ukrainian energy sector. It would also hold the promise of significantly increasing Ukraine's supply of domestically produced natural gas and reinforce Ukrainian sovereignty in its territorial waters and offshore exclusive economic zone.

Below you will find a press release from June describing the Dolphin Block and announcing our partnerships in the bid consortium. We plan to issue a formal press release on the latest developments when the Ukrainian government signs off on the award.

**We would very much welcome a statement of support from the U.S. government.** We are in the process of completing the Department of Commerce's advocacy application but want to make sure that you are well armed with relevant information in case the subject arises in your meetings with government officials.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards, Edward S. Verona  
Chairman  
Trident Acquisitions Corporation

**TRIDENT ACQUISITIONS CORP ANNOUNCES DOLPHIN BLOCK PSA  
BID IN UKRAINE TOGETHER WITH SAN LEON ENERGY, GSP  
OFFSHORE AND LAMOR CORP**

New York, June 13, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) --- Trident Acquisitions Corp. (NASDAQ: TDAC), a US Nasdaq listed company focused on energy investments, is pleased to announce that it has retained San Leon Energy (LSE: SLE) as a technology expertise provider in its bid for the right to negotiate a production sharing agreement (PSA) with the Ukrainian government for the promising offshore Dolphin block in the northwestern part of the Black Sea. Trident Black Sea, a subsidiary of Trident Acquisitions Corp, is the bidder of record and would be the operator of the project in the event of a winning bid.

San Leon Energy has received a 10% minority interest in Trident Black Sea and will provide non-operating technical assistance for the project, applying its experience gained from SLE's fast growing OML 18 project in Nigeria, which is currently producing more than 50,000 boepd. The Nigerian operations will remain San Leon's current priority for future investments.

Trident Acquisitions, in turn would be responsible for arranging the necessary financing for the exploration, development and operations of the Dolphin block. "The Black Sea shelf is one of the most promising areas for production in continental Europe", says Ilya Ponomarev, Trident's CEO. "Putting these well-studied prospective resources into production would signify a new future for the

regional economy and the security of energy supplies for EU countries”, he added.

Also joining Trident as strategic partners will be GSP Offshore, a leading Romanian offshore oil and gas service provider, who will work with Trident Black Sea as the preferred supplier of drilling and engineering services and Lamor AB, a top worldwide environmental solutions company, as the provider of environmental protection services.

The Dolphin block covers 9,496 sq km of the northwestern part of the Black Sea’s continental shelf. It is a relatively well-studied area with quality 3D seismic data. Within Dolphin block there are seven prospective fields, including Zonalna (23.1 mtoe prospective resources), Myrna (12.8 mtoe), and Charivna (12.5 mtoe). The overall potential of the Dolphin block, as currently estimated by the Ukraine State Geological Committee, is 286 mtoe.

Trident Acquisitions, established in 2016, is a blank check company formed for the purpose of entering into a merger, share exchange, asset acquisition, stock purchase, recapitalization, reorganization or other similar business combination with one or more businesses or entities. Trident's efforts to identify a prospective target business will not be limited to a particular industry or geographic region although we intend to focus our search for target businesses on oil and gas or other natural resources companies in Eastern Europe or that are interested in expanding into Eastern Europe. A registration statement on Form S-1 (333-223655) relating to Trident's securities was declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 29, 2018. The registration statement and a copy of the final prospectus relating to the initial public offering may also be accessed via the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

San Leon Energy, established in 1995, is the LSE AIM listed company with a balanced portfolio of conventional and shale assets across Europe and North Africa. Today the company has significant assets on the OML 18 block, in the delta of the Niger River, Nigeria, producing more than 50,000 boepd.

Additionally it has conventional and shale assets in Poland (onshore), Albania (offshore), Spain (onshore), Ireland (offshore). It has offices in Ireland, Poland, Albania, and Spain. Current portfolio includes 11,079 km<sup>2</sup> acreage, 8 onshore and 9 offshore licenses.

Grup Servicii Petroliere (GSP) was established in May 2004. It is an integrated service provider to the Oil & Gas Industry, covering Fabrication, Jack-Up Drilling Rigs, Subsea Construction & Installation Vessels, Transportation & Trenching. The company is a member of the International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC). The GSP QHSE Management system has been successfully audited and certified as complying with standards and requirements of the International Safety Management Code. The company operates a fleet of six (chartered) offshore drilling rigs, six supply and personnel transportation vessels as well as a floating 100 tons crane. GSP is known in the Black Sea region for its technological expertise in Offshore drilling, well Intervention services and naval supply.

Lamor Corporation is a family-owned environmental solutions company founded in 1982 and headquartered in Porvoo, Finland. During 35 years of its existence, Lamor has grown into one of the world's largest manufacturers of OSR equipment, with a global market share of approximately 40% and a presence in 104 countries. It has also developed an OSR services line, including preventative and operational planning, response operations, and waste treatment. The 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster in the Gulf of Mexico was a watershed in Lamor's history. Lamor worked closely with the U.S. Coast Guard to plan, coordinate, and implement a massive response operation for the largest oil spill in history. Lamor was responsible for approximately 70 percent of all OSR equipment deliveries into the U.S. Gulf Coast during this unprecedentedly large containment and cleanup operation. Lamor has extensive experience in cooperation with governmental agencies worldwide, e.g. European Union environmental administrations, European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), North American authorities and representative agencies, Chinese governmental and maritime departments and Middle Eastern environmental and representative agencies in several countries. Lamor is ISO 9001:2008, ISO 14001:2004 and OHSAS 18001:2007 compliant and the company has efficiently established, implemented and maintained and operated the Quality, Health, Safety and Environment Management System (QHSE).

For inquiries:

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<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	FLASH CLEARANCE, my edits to (b)(5) Paper
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 14 Aug 2019 14:43:00 +0000

Hi all, sorry for lateness of hour but I took a knife to the paper and changed it. If possible, please review now so I can send back tonight and have DC OK before meeting tomorrow.

Note there are a couple spots where I need help with input, and also I literally made up the topics for the Committee to focus on so welcome any suggested additions/deletions.

Thanks! - KK

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(b)(6)  
**Cc:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Concept Note on (b)(5) askForce, and objectives

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We are most definitely in concurrence. Just had a chat with the DCM who is working on this and a response.

This version of this paper was a surprise to us as well, as the comments I have continued to pass back from Post on previous iterations asked to remove that language.

In (b)(6) defense, when I look again at the bottom email here from her to DAS Kent it appears she intended to send us this version and somehow it didn't make it from what we can tell. She is now out on leave.

I am unclear if the paper was just internal (possible) or meant to share with others.

Best regards,

(b)(6)

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Best, (b)(6)

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

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2019 7:11 AM

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2019 8:49 PM

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

(b)(6) Croft, Catherine M

**Cc:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv); Kvien, Kristina A; (b)(6)

(b)(6)

**Subject:** RE: Concept Note on (b)(5) TaskForce, and objectives

Thanks all, and apologies for the delay in feedback. This will be an iterative process in the coming months, without question.

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George

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

**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2019 5:42 PM

**To:** Kent, George P (b)(6)

**Cc:** (b)(6)

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Croft, Catherine M (b)(6)

**Subject:** Concept Note on (b)(5) TaskForce

DAS Kent,

Please find attached a draft concept note on the (b)(5) taskforce post is working on spearheading with the Ukrainians for your review and feedback. (b)(6) will include discussion of this paper as an item for the Tuesday SVTC. I will send this version to post concurrently.

Thank you!

(b)(6)

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
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**To:** (b)(6)  
**CC:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Subject:** (b)(1)  
**Date:** Mon, 5 Aug 2019 11:19:37 -0400

Thanks, (b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2019 5:29 PM  
**To:** Kyiv, EXEC AMs  
**Cc:** Kyiv, POL Core  
**Subject:** (b)(1)

Dear Exec,

Flagging this Moscow cable for CDA and DCM.

(b)(6)  
**Political Officer**  
**U.S. Embassy Kyiv**

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<b>To:</b>	Taylor, William B (Kyiv)	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Lunch with Japan DCM	
<b>Date:</b>	Tue, 30 Jul 2019 11:39:07 +0000	

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Just as an FYI,

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## Volodymyr Zelenskyy had a phone conversation with President of the United States

25 July 2019 - 19:48

President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy had a phone conversation with President of the United States Donald Trump. President of the United States congratulated Ukraine on successful holding free and democratic parliamentary elections as well as Volodymyr Zelenskyy with victory the Servant of the People Party.

Donald Trump is convinced that the new Ukrainian government will be able to quickly improve image of Ukraine, complete investigation of corruption cases, which inhibited the interaction between Ukraine and the USA.

He also confirmed continued support of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine by the United States and the readiness of the American side to fully contribute to the implementation of a Large-Scale Reform Program in our country. Volodymyr Zelenskyy thanked Donald Trump for US leadership in preserving and strengthening the sanctions pressure on Russia.

The Presidents agreed to discuss practical issues of Ukrainian-American cooperation during the visit of Volodymyr Zelenskyy to the United States.

Kristina Kvien  
 Deputy Chief of Mission  
 U.S. Embassy, Kyiv, Ukraine

<b>Sender:</b>	"Kvien, Kristina A"	(b)(6)
<b>Recipient:</b>	Taylor, William B (Kyiv)	(b)(6)

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<b>From:</b>	"Taylor, William B" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	Vindman, Alexander S. (b)(6) Erath, John F. (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	FW: UKRAINE: Scene setter for DPNSA John Bolton
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 21 Aug 2019 11:05:22 -0400

Looking forward to seeing you.

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**To:** Kyiv, POL Cables DL  
**Subject:** FW: UKRAINE: Scene setter for DPNSA John Bolton

Colleagues – Flagging this NSA Bolton scene setter. Best, David

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*Political Counselor  
U.S. Embassy Kyiv*

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**From:** AMEMBASSY KYIV  
**Action:** WASHDC, SECSTATE *IMMEDIATE*  
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AMEMBASSY VILNIUS PASS TO AMEMBASSY MINSK  
AMEMBASSY PARIS PASS TO AMCONSUL STRASBOURG  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL VLADIVOSTOK  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL YEKATERINBURG

**Subject:** UKRAINE: Scene setter for DPNSA John Bolton

1. (SBU) Ambassador Bolton, welcome back to Ukraine, where you will find the political landscape transformed since your last visit exactly one year ago, personified by a new president committed and empowered to advance an agenda largely consistent with our reform priorities and strategic interests. "Historic" is the right word to describe President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's landslide victory in successive presidential and parliamentary elections – spanning every region and demographic – that ousted the former president, sacked the government, and replaced 80 percent of the Rada (parliament). This reboot of Ukraine's political class reflects its failure to live up to the Ukrainian people's ambitious but consistent post-EuroMaidan demands for an end to the conflict with Russia that restores national unity, European standards of economic growth and opportunity, and effective rule of law that delivers justice, including in cases of high-level official corruption. The overwhelming victory of a political outsider shows Ukrainians are willing to take a risk to deliver the full promise of their Revolution of Dignity. This revolution at the ballot box underscores that despite Ukraine's imperfections, it is a genuine and vibrant democracy and an example to other post-Soviet countries.

2. (SBU) While the typical "first 100 day" stock-taking milestone since Zelenskyy's inauguration roughly corresponds with your visit, the "Zelenskyy administration" really begins within hours of your departure August 29, when his Servant of the People (SoP) party convenes the new Rada for the first time and employs its outright majority to pass legislation (including a plan to introduce 100 bills the first day), appoint a Prime Minister, and endorse a government embodied in a Cabinet of Ministers that will implement his agenda. (This also means that the officials you will meet, apart from Zelenskyy, are incoming designees rather than outgoing lame duck officials.) These past 100 days have revealed a great deal about Zelenskyy as a person and a president, the people around him, the policies he supports, and

the political context in which his administration will advance its agenda – and, thus far, indications are positive.

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<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>CC:</b>	Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	FW: Draft schedule for Wednesday, August 28
<b>Date:</b>	Tue, 20 Aug 2019 16:18:39 +0000

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**From:** Erath, John F. EOP/NSC (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 20, 2019 7:00 PM  
**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6); Morrison, Timothy A. EOP/NSC  
 (b)(6); U) Vindman, Alexander S (Kyiv | EOP)  
**Cc:** Schechter, Cecilia S. (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Draft schedule for Wednesday, August 28

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 20, 2019 7:45 AM  
**To:** Morrison, Timothy A. EOP/NSC (b)(6); Erath, John F. EOP/NSC  
 (b)(6); Vindman, Alexander S. EOP/NSC (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Draft schedule for Wednesday, August 28

I don't want to get in the way of your advance team, but here is the current schedule as we know it. Any reactions welcome. (b)(5)

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<b>From:</b>	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6) (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: 1430 POL biweekly
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 24 Jul 2019 11:13:21 +0000

Sure, (b)(6) please reschedule

-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 24, 2019 12:31 PM  
**To:** Kvien, Kristina A  
**Subject:** Declined: 1430 POL biweekly  
**When:** Wednesday, July 24, 2019 2:30 PM-3:00 PM (UTC+02:00) Helsinki, Kyiv, Riga, Sofia, Tallinn, Vilnius.  
**Where:** DCM/O

Hi Kristina – Looks like I'll need to be on the road to meet the CDA for Shefir/Yermak at this time. Could we reschedule? Thanks!

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<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6)

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<b>To:</b>	(b)(6) Croft, Catherine M (b)(6)
<b>CC:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Amb Sondland meeting with Yermak - notetaker
<b>Date:</b>	Fri, 26 Jul 2019 09:28:02 +0000

Thanks, glad I left ;-)

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

**Sent:** Friday, July 26, 2019 12:20:19 PM

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

(b)(6) Croft, Catherine M (b)(6); Kvien; Kristina A  
(b)(6)

**Cc:** (b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: Amb Sondland meeting with Yermak - notetaker

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

**Sent:** Friday, July 26, 2019 12:19:19 PM

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

(b)(6) Croft, Catherine M (b)(6)

**Cc:** (b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: Amb Sondland meeting with Yermak - notetaker

I stayed, but Yermak wants to do it 1on1, so (b)(6) and I waiting outside and will see if we can get a readout.

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**To:** (b)(6) Croft, Catherine M  
(b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Amb Sondland meeting with Yermak - notetaker

Copy, yes this makes sense will do.

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**Sent:** Friday, July 26, 2019 11:53:04 AM  
**To:** Croft, Catherine M (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** Amb Sondland meeting with Yermak - notetaker

(b)(6)

Our DCM was planning to join Amb Sondland's meeting with Yermak, but apparently PO protocol did not submit her name. Would you be able to ask (b)(6) if he can stay for the follow-on Yermak meeting (if Yermak and Amb Sondland agree)?

DCM is standing by in case she gets in.

Thanks!

(b)(6)

<b>Sender:</b>	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
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<b>Subject:</b>	Re: APNSA mtg. on CHN
<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 19 Aug 2019 10:03:16 +0000

It's a (b)(5)

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(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: APNSA mtg. on CHN

Hi, (b)(6)

Amb Taylor said (b)(5)

Thanks!

(b)(6) Assistant to William B. Taylor, Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. | U.S. Embassy Kyiv  
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(b)(6)  
**Subject:** APNSA mtg. on CHN

Sir—

(b)(5) the APNSA Bolton dip note and wanted to run by you (b)(5)

(b)(5) Please review at your earliest convenience and provide feedback

(b)(5)

(b)(6)

*Political-Military Affairs Unit Chief*  
U.S. Embassy Kyiv, Ukraine

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<b>To:</b>	Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: APNSA trip on - request for control officer
<b>Date:</b>	Thu, 8 Aug 2019 14:52:00 +0000

Thanks. FYI, I have given (b)(5)

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 8, 2019 5:37:07 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) (b)(6) Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) (b)(6) Kent, George P  
**Subject:** RE: APNSA trip on - request for control officer

Hi (b)(6)

(b)(6) will be control. Attached a notional schedule. If (b)(5)

(b)(5)

- Kristina

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 8, 2019 4:06 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6) Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) (b)(6) Kent, George P  
**Subject:** Re: APNSA trip on - request for control officer

Kyiv colleagues, NSC also asked for initial program ideas overnight. Guidance we received on timing was that

(b)(5)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 7, 2019 5:18 PM  
**To:** Kvien, Kristina A; Taylor, William B (Kyiv); (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) Kent, George P  
**Subject:** APNSA trip on - request for control officer

Ukraine Team,

NSC reached out to us to confirm that Amb. Bolton plans to visit Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus between the G7 and the President's visit to Poland (roughly August 28-30). A NSC advance team may be going as early as next week. **They have asked us to touch base with you to designate a control officer?** Please let us know as soon

as one has been designated. Seems like (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Thanks,

(b)(6)

*Supervisor Ukraine Economic Unit, Belarus and Moldova Desks  
Office of Eastern European Affairs*

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<b>To:</b>	(b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Bankova prokem
<b>Date:</b>	Fri, 26 Jul 2019 08:16:34 +0000

Or this is to keep things 1+1?

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**From:** Kvien, Kristina A  
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**To:** (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** Re: Bankova prokem

Ugh, OK thx

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**Sent:** Friday, July 26, 2019 11:02:54 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** Bankova prokem

Kristina, Yermak's Assistant never submitted the access requests for all of us to Bankova. She's trying to fix it now, but there's some chance we are about to get stuck outside.

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<b>Subject:</b>	Re: China Points for Daniylyuk Meeting
<b>Date:</b>	Fri, 26 Jul 2019 16:46:52 +0000

Thanks, (b)(6) (b)(5) Good work, all. More to be done

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**Subject:** Re: China Points for Daniilyuk Meeting

Thanks, all. No news from the Chinese yesterday?

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(b)(6) Kreidler, Michael J (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** Re: China Points for Daniilyuk Meeting

AMB Taylor,

Also, (b)(5)  
Details at the huddle (and when I see you).

V/R

(b)(6)

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On July 25, 2019 at 16:27:01 GMT+3, (b)(6) wrote:

Good afternoon, CDA Taylor,

(b)(5)

Our suggested talking points are attached.

Best Regards,

(b)(6)

(b)(6) Consul | Economic Affairs  
U.S. Embassy | 4 Igor Sikorsky St., Kyiv, Ukraine

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<b>CC:</b>	(b)(6) EUR-Ukraine Desk-DL <EUR-UkraineDesk-DL@state.gov>; Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv_EXEC@state.gov>
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: CODEL Johnson and Codel Kaptur
<b>Date:</b>	Fri, 16 Aug 2019 15:40:50 +0000

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**Subject:** RE: CODEL Johnson and Codel Kaptur

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 16, 2019 7:23 AM  
**To:** Kent, George P (b)(6) (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** Re: CODEL Johnson and Codel Kaptur

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**From:** Kent, George P (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 16, 2019 1:27:48 PM  
**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6) (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** CODEL Johnson and Codel Kaptur

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2019 11:47:46 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) (b)(6)  
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 <Kyiv\_EXEC@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: CODEL Johnson to Ukraine and Russia Sept. 3-8, requests meeting with Ze

Congresswoman Kaptur is planning to visit September 3-6 and has asked to see President Zelenskyy as well. Vadym Prystaiko is checking dates. (b)(5)  
 Bill

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**Subject:** FW: CODEL Johnson to Ukraine and Russia Sept. 3-8, requests meeting with Ze

Away Team: You may already be aware (we just found out today), but Senators Ron Johnson, Mike Lee, and Chris Murphy are planning to travel to Russia and Ukraine right after Labor Day. Not yet clear what day(s) they will be in Ukraine, but they are looking for a meeting with President Zelenskyy. My sense is that he generally makes every effort to accommodate Codels, but can you check on his availability during that time period? Are there any blackout dates? We will work with H and Tyler to try to nail down exact dates ASAP.

The parade of visitors to Kyiv, never stops, does it? I suppose we'd be in trouble if it did.  
Thanks (b)(6)

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Director, EUR/EE (Ukraine, Moldova, and Belarus)  
U.S. Department of State  
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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2019 5:20 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: CODEL Johnson early September to ukraine etc

Hi (b)(6)

Could your team please let Post know (if not asked already) about Sen Johnson's interest in seeing Zelensky some time Sept 3-8? The Ukraine stop sounds most likely the front end of those dates. As you see below their interest in stopping in Ukraine is dependent on that meeting.

Thanks

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**From:** Westlake, Lydia <[lydia\\_westlake@ronjohnson.senate.gov](mailto:lydia_westlake@ronjohnson.senate.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2019 11:40 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: CODEL Johnson early September to ukraine etc

Yes, we are heading to Europe. Russia for sure, Ukraine likely (if Zelensky is available), and Serbia-Kosovo possibly. We plan to depart September 3 and return between September 6/8, tbd.

Can you have Embassy Kiev see if Zelensky is in town and available in that timeframe? If not, we won't stop there.

Thanks!

On Aug 15, 2019, at 11:30 AM, (b)(6) wrote:

Hi Lydia

We're getting drips of info that Senator Johnson is leading a CODEL early September to Ukraine, Russia and perhaps other stops. I understand Senators Murphy and Lee would join. Just wanted to loop everyone together so we are all on the same page. Could you please let us know what your plans are even if still somewhat tentative?

Thanks

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Senior Congressional Advisor  
Bureau of Legislative Affairs  
U.S. Department of State

(b)(6)

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<b>Subject:</b>	RE: CODEL Johnson Urgently Seeks Confirmation of President Zelenskyy's Availability
<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 19 Aug 2019 15:31:54 +0000

Prystaiko told me he was trying and wants to make it happen for a joint meeting with Kaptur and Johnson with the President. He hasn't promised.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2019 6:21 PM  
**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6); Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv\_EXEC@state.gov>; (b)(6)  
 (b)(6)  
**Subject:** CODEL Johnson Urgently Seeks Confirmation of President Zelenskyy's Availability

Sir,

CODEL Johnson's staff is urgently requesting confirmation of President Zelenskyy's availability to meet them during the CODEL's trip timeframe September 4-8.  
 The Kyiv leg is currently scheduled for September 4-5.

Would you be able to reach out to President Zelenskyy's senior staff to gauge the president's availability to meet the CODEL during this period?

The manifest and proposed itinerary information is copied below the line.

Many thanks, (b)(6)

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***Good Afternoon from Washington, DC –***

***This serves as advance notice of an upcoming CODEL. Posts are requested to confirm a SENIOR CONTROL OFFICER as soon as possible, and forward their contact details to Washington Planning Contacts below.***

***HIGH-LEVEL VISIT: CTO recommends assigning a senior control officer with substantial experience handling high-level visits, and who has been at post for at least one year. Please see attached ALDAC (para 59).***

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*The intent of this notification is to assist posts with their logistical planning requirements only; substantive issues will be addressed separately. H/CTO will transmit separately an official cable with fiscal data.*

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**WHO:** Senate Members (3)  
**Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI)**  
**Senator Mike Lee (R-UT)**  
**Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT)**

**Spouse (1)**

(b)(6)

**Senate Staff (3)**

**Ms. Lydia Westlake**, Senior Policy Advisor, Sen. Johnson

**Ms. Allyson Bell**, Chief of Staff, Sen. Lee

**Ms. Jessica Elledge**, Senior Policy Advisor, Sen. Murphy

**Military Escort (1)**

(b)(6)

Navy Senate Liaison Office

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**OFFICE:** **Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC)**

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**WHERE:** **Ukraine - Russia - Serbia - Kosovo**

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**WHEN:** **September 3 - 8, 2019**

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**WHY:** A Congressional delegation consisting of Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI) of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (S-HSGAC), Senator Mike Lee of the Senate Commerce Science and Transportation Committee (S-CST), and Senator or Chris Murphy (D-CT) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC), desires to travel to Russia, Ukraine, Serbia and Kosovo to conduct official discussions with senior government officials regarding political, economic, and military/security issues affecting bilateral and regional relationships. The delegation will also conduct oversight of U.S. security cooperation and regional security efforts. **Key trip purpose is to meet with President Zelensky in Ukraine, and CODEL asks post to advise if the President will in country during CODEL's trip timeframe.** In Kyiv, CODEL also will focus on bilateral relations/USG assistance, Russia, and anti-corruption efforts. Trip focus in Russia is on bilateral relations and Ukraine. In Serbia and Kosovo, CODEL

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would like to investigate how to get negotiations back on track.

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**HOW: Commercial Air**

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**ITINERARY:**

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CONTACTS:**

**H/CTO control officers:**

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**Staff Planning POC:**

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**Lead Military Escort/USN:**

(b)(6)

***For questions on legislative policy issues, please contact*** (b)(6)

(b)(6) ***in H/RGF.***

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**REQUESTS  
AND NOTES:**

**Post, please assign control officers ASAP and forward their contact details to Harper/Lonon/Westlake/Robbins.**

**Posts, your assistance with preparation of below items by Wed Aug 28, 2019, is greatly appreciated.**

1. **Unclassified scenesetters covering top pol-mil-econ and security issues and**
2. **Detailed cost estimates for post support. Please see paras 14 of attached ALDAC. All anticipated Embassy costs must be pre-approved by CODEL. Please provide to H/EX ((b)(6)) for review.**

**CODEL INFORMATION IS "CLOSE HOLD":** A reminder that details regarding a Codel's itinerary and manifest should not be released outside the Department without the express permission of the head of the delegation, particularly before it has arrived in-country. Please see ALDAC (para 52).

**CONTROL OFFICER GUIDANCE:** Please refer to "CODEL" on DIPLOPEDIA for more information on preparing for Congressional travel: <http://diplopedia.state.gov/index.php?title=CODEL>

**GENERAL POST GUIDANCE:** Please note that COUNTRY CLEARANCE requirements do NOT/NOT apply to CODELs and STAFFDELS, and most Legislative Branch travelers do not use the eCC system. H/EX will cable formal notification and fiscal data for the visit, but such notification should not be treated as a CCR. Cables from the field, moreover, should not refer to country clearance in the subject line or elsewhere; please see **2014 ALDAC 12474** (attached).

**FUNDING GUIDANCE:** Only Members and Congressional staff should receive per diem chargeable to the fund cite. Military escorts will settle their own hotel bills.

**Before the visit:** Post should forward a COST ESTIMATE for all anticipated expenses for Congressional Committee approval before the CODEL departs the U.S.

**After the visit:** Posts should cable H/CTO the visit's actual costs (or cost estimates if actuals are not yet known) NLT 15 business days after the CODEL's departure.

For detailed guidance, please see **2014 ALDAC 12474, particularly paragraphs 41-48 relating to billable costs, and**

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**14 State 108510 (attached).**

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Please let  
me know if you have any questions or concerns.

(b)(6) Director  
U.S. Department of State  
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<b>Subject:</b>	RE: Comments of CDA William Taylor
<b>Date:</b>	Fri, 9 Aug 2019 13:59:41 +0000

(b)(6) I think the quote at bottom is missing a word. - KK

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**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2019 3:46 PM  
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**From:** Bastian.Krzysztof (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2019 2:54 PM  
**To:** Kyiv, US Embassy Press Office <KyivPress@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Comments of CDA William Taylor

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English language correspondent Warsaw

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Thanks, (b)(6)

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<b>Date:</b>	Tue, 13 Aug 2019 10:31:37 +0000

Or maybe this is the response the the Russian passport action?

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**From:** Kvien, Kristina A

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2019 1:30:20 PM

**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6) (b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: Document

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2019 12:40:11 PM

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

**Cc:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)

**Subject:** RE: Document

Iryna just told me the same thing. Why is he sending me this?

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2019 12:33 PM

**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6) (b)(6)

**Cc:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)

**Subject:** RE: Document

Our star LES (b)(6) found the same link on the PO website and offered the following brief synopsis. We'll take a closer look.

President Zelenskiy has simplified naturalization procedures for foreigners and stateless person who've "defended Ukraine" and for Russians who've faced "political persecution" in their country.

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2019 12:31 PM

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

**Cc:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)

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**Subject:** RE: Document

Let me check the WhatsApp message to confirm I got it right. One minute

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2019 12:30 PM

**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)

**Cc:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)

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**Subject:** RE: Document

I will ask him to resend the link – this one is not working.

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2019 12:14 PM

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

**Cc:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)

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**Subject:** Document

Bohdan sent me this link – can you give me the jist of the document?

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<b>From:</b>	(b)(6)
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<b>CC:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	FW: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 21 Aug 2019 08:23:36 +0000

Hi Team,

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Thanks, Kristina

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 21, 2019 10:50 AM  
**To:** Kazvini-Gore, Nicholas <Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov>  
**Cc:** Hruska, Courtney <Courtney.Hruska@mail.house.gov>; Perrino, Jenny <Jenny.Perrino@mail.house.gov> (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Nick,

Glad to help organize. Do you have a fund cite to pay for these events, drivers, meals, etc.? I am adding our econ counselor and DCM who will help organize.

Bill

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**From:** Kazvini-Gore, Nicholas <Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 20, 2019 9:35 PM  
**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Hruska, Courtney <Courtney.Hruska@mail.house.gov>; Perrino, Jenny <Jenny.Perrino@mail.house.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Hi Bill,

Given the higher chances that the Zelenskiy meeting is happening, we thought it would make sense to start filling out the schedule for the days for the trip. It tentatively looks like they would arrive in the afternoon on Tuesday and then leave Saturday morning. Could we start filling out the Wed/Thu/Fri days? Right now we are looking flights that would arrive Tuesday afternoon (9/3) and departing on Saturday (9/7) in the early morning.

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Would it be easier to go through embassy staff to set these meetings up? I wouldn't want to burden you with the minutiae of trip logistics given your busy schedule. I'd also pull in Mr. Fitzpatrick's office staffer for coordination purposes.

Thanks!  
Nick

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**From:** Kazvini-Gore, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2019 11:44 AM  
**To:** 'Taylor, William B (Kyiv)' (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Hruska, Courtney <[Courtney.Hruska@mail.house.gov](mailto:Courtney.Hruska@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Thanks so much, Bill. This is encouraging news. Yes I think it would be good to combine the meetings, especially if it increases the chances of securing time in the president's very compact schedule. Thanks again for all you and the embassy's efforts to look into this.

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2019 11:34 AM  
**To:** Kazvini-Gore, Nicholas <[Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hruska, Courtney <[Courtney.Hruska@mail.house.gov](mailto:Courtney.Hruska@mail.house.gov)>  
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Nick,

The president's staff is aware of the request and wants to make it happen. They have not promised yet. Also, Senator Johnson is asking for a meeting with the president during the same window. It would increase our chances of getting either meeting if we could combine the two into one. That OK?  
Bill

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**From:** Kazvini-Gore, Nicholas <[Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2019 11:03 PM  
**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Hruska, Courtney <[Courtney.Hruska@mail.house.gov](mailto:Courtney.Hruska@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Thanks so much, Bill for the quick email and warm response. I have received guidance that Ms. Kaptur's participation would hinge upon getting a meeting with President Zelenskiy. Would there be any availability for a meeting with the President, 9/3 to 9/6?

Once we had secured the meeting, Ms. Kaptur would want me to work with the embassy to fill out an itinerary. I am cc'ing Ms. Kaptur, scheduler Courtney as well.

I should also mention, for what it's worth, that this would likely be an unofficial trip as Ms. Kaptur and Mr. Fitzpatrick would likely go with non-official source of funds instead of Committee due to the short-notice of the trip.

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2019 10:18 AM  
**To:** Kazvini-Gore, Nicholas <[Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Nick,

We would love to see you and Ms. Kaptur out here in early September! I am glad to check on President Zelenskyy's travel plans if that's appropriate now. If he is in town, I am pretty sure he would like to see you. (He didn't see Mr. Hoyer because the milair broke in Poland.) If you can plan to be here on a weekday, that will improve the odds. We try to respect their limited time with their families. Let me know how the planning comes along and I will do some checking here. Hope to see you soon.

Bill

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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2019 4:45:14 PM

**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)

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Hi Ambassador Taylor,

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Thanks in advance for any guidance.

Best,  
Nick

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<b>From:</b>	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Fwd: INL Edits - President Zelenskyy's Achievements – First 100 Days - Embassy Kyiv Edits
<b>Date:</b>	Fri, 16 Aug 2019 04:45:27 +0000

Thoughts?

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 16, 2019 1:57 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) EUR-Ukraine Desk-DL  
**Cc:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv); Kyiv EXEC; Kyiv POL Core; Kvien, Kristina A; (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: INL Edits - President Zelenskyy's Achievements – First 100 Days - Embassy Kyiv Edits

(b)(6)

Thanks for this. Who will be the “keeper” of this document in Kyiv? I will do so on this end and will coordinate with Post to ensure uniformity and necessary updates. Thanks – (b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2019 10:00 AM  
**To:** EUR-Ukraine Desk-DL <EUR-UkraineDesk-DL@state.gov>  
**Cc:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6) Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv\_EXEC@state.gov>; Kyiv POL Core <KyivPOLCore@state.gov>; Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)

(b)(6)

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Desk Team

Please see attached versions that include additional edits by INL – both marked up and clean copies. That is it from Embassy Kyiv.

Please let us know if you have questions.

Thank you.

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POL Core <[KyivPOLCore@state.gov](mailto:KyivPOLCore@state.gov)>; Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)

(b)(6)

**Subject:** President Zelenskyy's Achievements – First 100 Days - Embassy Kyiv Edits

Desk team,

Please see attached Embassy Kyiv edits to the President Zelenskyy's First 100 Days document. I have included a clean version, and one that show's Embassy Kyiv's edits in track changes.

Please see below comments and one question regarding Post's timeline on future additions to this draft.

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2. Other sections made edits and additions

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Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

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<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Fwd: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 21 Aug 2019 13:09:04 +0000

FYI, can we estimate?

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**From:** Kazvini-Gore, Nicholas <Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 21, 2019 4:02 PM  
**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv)  
**Cc:** Hruska, Courtney; Perrino, Jenny; (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A  
**Subject:** Re: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

How much does it generally cost to set up these meetings through the embassy? I'd have to run by Ms. Kaptur and my chief who controls these accounts. Please forgive my ignorance!

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 21, 2019, at 8:36 AM, Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6) wrote:

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**From:** Kazvini-Gore, Nicholas <Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 21, 2019 2:40 PM

**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Hruska, Courtney <Courtney.Hruska@mail.house.gov>; Perrino, Jenny  
<Jenny.Perrino@mail.house.gov>; (b)(6)  
(b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Thanks so much! No, the trip will be paid through the Members personally, or through other unofficial means. We are too late to go through the Committees. Does the embassy have a pot of money to help fund logistics?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 21, 2019, at 3:49 AM, Taylor, William B (Kyiv) <(b)(6)>  
wrote:

Nick,

Glad to help organize. Do you have a fund cite to pay for these events, drivers, meals, etc.? I am adding our econ counselor and DCM who will help organize.

Bill

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**From:** Kazvini-Gore, Nicholas <Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov>

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 20, 2019 9:35 PM

**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) <(b)(6)>

**Cc:** Hruska, Courtney <Courtney.Hruska@mail.house.gov>; Perrino, Jenny <Jenny.Perrino@mail.house.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Hi Bill,

Given the higher chances that the Zelenskiy meeting is happening, we thought it would make sense to start filling out the schedule for the days for the trip. It tentatively looks like they would arrive in the afternoon on Tuesday and then leave Saturday morning. Could we start filling out the Wed/Thu/Fri days? Right now we are looking flights that would arrive Tuesday afternoon (9/3) and departing on Saturday (9/7) in the early morning.

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Would it be easier to go through embassy staff to set these meetings up? I wouldn't want to burden you with the minutiae of trip logistics

given your busy schedule. I'd also pull in Mr. Fitzpatrick's office staffer for coordination purposes.

Thanks!

Nick

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**From:** Kazvini-Gore, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2019 11:44 AM  
**To:** 'Taylor, William B (Kyiv)' (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Hruska, Courtney <[Courtney.Hruska@mail.house.gov](mailto:Courtney.Hruska@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Thanks so much, Bill. This is encouraging news. Yes I think it would be good to combine the meetings, especially if it increases the chances of securing time in the president's very compact schedule. Thanks again for all you and the embassy's efforts to look into this.

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2019 11:34 AM  
**To:** Kazvini-Gore, Nicholas <[Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hruska, Courtney <[Courtney.Hruska@mail.house.gov](mailto:Courtney.Hruska@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Nick,

The president's staff is aware of the request and wants to make it happen. They have not promised yet. Also, Senator Johnson is asking for a meeting with the president during the same window. It would increase our chances of getting either meeting if we could combine the two into one. That OK?

Bill

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**From:** Kazvini-Gore, Nicholas <[Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2019 11:03 PM  
**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Hruska, Courtney <[Courtney.Hruska@mail.house.gov](mailto:Courtney.Hruska@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Thanks so much, Bill for the quick email and warm response. I have received guidance that Ms. Kaptur's participation would hinge upon getting a meeting with President Zelenskiy. Would there be any availability for a meeting with the President, 9/3 to 9/6?

Once we had secured the meeting, Ms. Kaptur would want to me to work with the embassy to fill out an itinerary. I am cc'ing Ms. Kaptur, scheduler Courtney as well.

I should also mention, for what it's worth, that this would likely be an unofficial trip as Ms. Kaptur and Mr. Fitzpatrick would likely go with non-official source of funds instead of Committee due to the short-notice of the trip.

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2019 10:18 AM  
**To:** Kazvini-Gore, Nicholas <[Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Nick,

We would love to see you and Ms. Kaptur out here in early September! I am glad to check on President Zelenskyy's travel plans if that's appropriate now. If he is in town, I am pretty sure he would like to see you. (He didn't see Mr. Hoyer because the milair broke in Poland.) If you can plan to be here on a weekday, that will improve the odds. We try to respect their limited time with their families. Let me know how the planning comes along and I will do some checking here. Hope to see you soon.

Bill

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**From:** Kazvini-Gore, Nicholas <[Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2019 4:45:14 PM

**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)

**Subject:** Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

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<b>From:</b>	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>CC:</b>	Kyiv Econ Clearances <Kyiv_EconClearances@state.gov>
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: FOR DCM CLEARANCE - Land Reform Cable
<b>Date:</b>	Fri, 16 Aug 2019 12:07:25 +0000

Clear, couple very small edits. Good to go!!

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 16, 2019 1:17 PM  
**To:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: FOR DCM CLEARANCE - Land Reform Cable

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2019 2:24 PM  
**To:** Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv\_EXEC@state.gov>  
**Cc:** Kyiv Econ Clearances <Kyiv\_EconClearances@state.gov>  
**Subject:** FOR DCM CLEARANCE - Land Reform Cable

Good Afternoon FO Colleagues,

Attached hereto for DCM clearance is Econ's draft cable on land reform.

Many thanks,

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<b>From:</b>	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: For DCM Review: Bullets for CDA on Motor Sich/Antonov
<b>Date:</b>	Sat, 27 Jul 2019 14:43:12 +0000

Hey sorry all, this was for (b)(6) Didn't realize all the cc:s

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**From:** Kvien, Kristina A  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 27, 2019 5:41:29 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)

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**Subject:** Re: For DCM Review: Bullets for CDA on Motor Sich/Antonov

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**From:** Kvien, Kristina A  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 27, 2019 5:38:17 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)

(b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: For DCM Review: Bullets for CDA on Motor Sich/Antonov

Can you call me?? I don't have your num, but good news on Motorsich!

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 27, 2019 4:28:09 PM  
**To:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)

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**Motor Sich Update**

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**Antonov**

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**From:** Bouldin, Megan T (Kyiv)**Sent:** Saturday, July 27, 2019 10:23 AM**To:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)

(b)(6)

**Subject:** CDA requested update on Motor Sich/Antonov call tomorrow PM

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<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6)

<b>From:</b>	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: For DCM Review: Bullets for CDA on Motor Sich/Antonov
<b>Date:</b>	Sat, 27 Jul 2019 14:45:44 +0000

I clear!

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### **Motor Sich Update**

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### **Antonov**

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<b>From:</b>	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6) (b)(6) Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv_EXEC@state.gov>
<b>CC:</b>	Kyiv IOs <KyivIOs@state.gov>; (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: For Front Office Clearance: Bolton Visit Tweets
<b>Date:</b>	Tue, 20 Aug 2019 18:40:06 +0000

Clear! Thanks Kristin

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 20, 2019 7:36:29 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6); Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv\_EXEC@state.gov>  
**Cc:** Kyiv IOs <KyivIOs@state.gov>; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: For Front Office Clearance: Bolton Visit Tweets

After Kristina clears, I do, too. Nice work

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**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6) Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv\_EXEC@state.gov>  
**Cc:** Kyiv IOs <KyivIOs@state.gov>; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** For Front Office Clearance: Bolton Visit Tweets

Amb Taylor and Kristina,

Please find below a batch of tweets for your clearance for the Bolton visit. POL, INL, DAO, and USAID have reviewed the tweets relevant to them.

Since not all meetings are confirmed at this point, you'll see a couple placeholders for where we will insert names/titles of people who actually participate in meetings. Obviously if any meeting gets cancelled, we won't post those tweets. (We'd rather be over-prepared than under-prepared with content!)

After you review, (b)(5)

Thanks,

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**To Post on August 28:**

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**Perhaps Less Likely To Occur, But Prepping Tweets Nonetheless...**

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*The attendees will be updated as needed based on the final meeting schedule.*

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**To Post on August 29:**

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<b>Sender:</b>	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
<b>Recipient:</b>	Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)

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Kyiv IOs <KyivIOs@state.gov>;

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<b>From:</b>	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6) Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6) Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv_EXEC@state.gov>
<b>CC:</b>	Kyiv IOs <KyivIOs@state.gov>; (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: For Front Office Clearance: Two policy-related tweets
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 21 Aug 2019 10:37:02 +0000

Clear, like the G7 idea

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 21, 2019 11:28 AM  
**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6); Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6); Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv\_EXEC@state.gov>  
**Cc:** Kyiv IOs <KyivIOs@state.gov>; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** For Front Office Clearance: Two policy-related tweets

Good morning Amb Taylor and Kristina,

Below are two tweets for your review, with a bit of background explanation:

1. (b)(5)  
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2. (b)(5)  
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Thanks,

(b)(6)

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<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6) Taylor, William B (Kyiv)(b)(6) Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv_EXEC@state.gov>; Kyiv IOs <KyivIOs@state.gov>; (b)(6)

<b>From:</b>	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Honcharuk meeting -- Thursday, August 1st at 6:00 p.m.
<b>Date:</b>	Tue, 30 Jul 2019 15:35:36 +0000

Thanks :-)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 30, 2019 6:06:46 PM  
**To:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Honcharuk meeting -- Thursday, August 1st at 6:00 p.m.

Hi Kristina, FYI (b)(6) name is spelled without an H in it.

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**From:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 30, 2019 6:05:52 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
 (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv\_EXEC@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Honcharuk meeting -- Thursday, August 1st at 6:00 p.m.

Thanks (b)(6) I'll attend and (b)(6) should join

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 30, 2019 5:59:04 PM  
**To:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
 (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv\_EXEC@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Honcharuk meeting -- Thursday, August 1st at 6:00 p.m.

Gang,

The Honcharuk meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at Bankova 11. AMB Taylor will be arriving from another appointment, so you'll need to meet him there. ECON has the pen on this one, and the bio and BCL is due Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at noon (although I think we've already got something). Please confirm who will attend this meeting.

Cheers!

(b)(6) Assistant to William B. Taylor, Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. | U.S. Embassy Kyiv

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 30, 2019 11:29 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:**   
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Trofimov

Thursday at 6 p.m. is fine. Who is going to accompany?

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 30, 2019 11:21 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:**   
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Trofimov

How late could we do? The only time available on Thursday is following the SMM meeting, ca. 6:00 p.m. or so (depending how long it would take to get to his office from SMM). Alternatively, we could offer Friday after Klitschko, maybe around 4:15 or 4:30 p.m. Would Friday work with his schedule?

Thanks!

(b)(6) Assistant to William B. Taylor, Chargé d’Affaires, a.i. | U.S. Embassy Kyiv  
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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 30, 2019 11:08 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:**   
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Trofimov

Honcharuk will not be able to meet tomorrow. Asks suggestions for Thursday.

<b>Sender:</b>	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6)

<b>From:</b>	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>CC:</b>	
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: invitation to DTEK Advisory Council dinner and visit to enterprises
<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 29 Jul 2019 18:43:03 +0000

Sorry, just saw this, so obviously can't go. I would have with a bit more notice!

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 29, 2019 4:17:30 PM  
**To:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: invitation to DTEK Advisory Council dinner and visit to enterprises

Kristina, to clarify: If you cannot attend, one of us will try to, although we are not sure attendance is required at all.

Here is some more information:

PS 19:00

Dinner at the *Veranda on the River*

*11A Naberezhnoe Highway, Navodnitsky Park, Kyiv, Onyx room (booked under the name of Maxim Timchenko)*

6 Participants: Maxim Timchenko, Johan Bastin, Pim van Ballekom, Nick Butler, Edward Chow, Tim Ash (*after-dinner speaker presenting views on the Zelenskiy government; the status and prospects of energy market reform; and Ukraine's economic prospects*)

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**Sent:** Monday, July 29, 2019 3:57 PM  
**To:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: invitation to DTEK Advisory Council dinner and visit to enterprises

Kristina,

DTEK has invited you to join its DTEK Advisory Council dinner tonight. I assume it's too short notice, but wanted to flag it for you just in case.

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**From:** Burmistenko Yuliya (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 29, 2019 3:53 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: invitation to DTEK Advisory Council dinner and visit to enterprises

Dear (b)(6) thank you for your answer.  
We will be happy if DCM Kristina Kvien could join.  
Kind regards,  
Yulia

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О т : (b)(6)  
Д а т а : 26.07.2019 15:48 (GMT+02:00)  
К о м у : Burmistenko Yuliya (b)(6)  
К о п и я : (b)(6)  
Т е м а : RE: invitation to DTEK Advisory Council dinner and visit to enterprises

Dear Yulia,

Apologies for the delay in responding. We were trying to find a way to accept! Unfortunately, our Chargé d'Affaires Ambassador Taylor is grateful for the invitation but is unable to attend. He sends his regrets.

Please, where is the dinner to be held, and would you be interested in someone else from the Embassy attending if we are able to?

Thank you,

(b)(6)

Energy, ESTH, Cyber Unit Chief  
Economic Section  
U.S. Embassy – Kyiv, Ukraine

(b)(6)

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**From:** Burmistenko Yuliya (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 17, 2019 1:58 PM  
**To:** Kyiv PROTOCOL <KYIVPROTOCOL@state.gov>  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** invitation to DTEK Advisory Council dinner and visit to enterprises

Dear colleagues,

Please kindly pass this letter for the attention of Ambassador Taylor. This is an invitation to attend the dinner of DTEK Advisory Council on July 29, 2019, as well as helicopter tour of DTEK solar, wind and coal-fired plant in the Zaporizhzhya oblast on July 30, 2019.

I am honored to put in a copy Mr Edward Chow, who joined DTEK's Advisory Council.

Kind regards,

Yulia

**Yulia Burmistenko**

Head, International Public Affairs

DTEK

(b)(6)



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<b>From:</b>	"Taylor, William B (Kyiv)" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	Kent, George P (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: John Herbst: is it true that?
<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 29 Jul 2019 16:44:00 +0000

Nor am I

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**From:** Kent, George P (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 29, 2019 7:37:39 PM  
**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: John Herbst: is it true that?

We should talk secure (I am not in my office now)

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 29, 2019 12:35:33 PM  
**To:** Kent, George P (b)(6); Reeker, Philip T (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: John Herbst: is it true that?

I heard several versions, none included that. Where indeed.

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**From:** Kent, George P (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 29, 2019 7:28:42 PM  
**To:** Reeker, Philip T (b)(6); Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** John Herbst: is it true that?

He'd heard that in the call last Thursday, DC pushed Kyiv on investigating the Bidens. I said I wasn't in the call, but looking forward that we were working on particulars of a visit, dates TBD.

As (b)(6) always wonders: where are the leaks coming from....

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<b>From:</b>	"Taylor, William B (Kyiv)" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6) (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Kolomoisky
<b>Date:</b>	Fri, 9 Aug 2019 08:10:54 +0000

Absolutely!

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**From:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2019 11:00:44 AM  
**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Kolomoisky

And me, please

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2019 10:46 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Kolomoisky

Yes

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2019 10:41:02 AM  
**To:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6) Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Kolomoisky

We can do this on Monday at 11:30 a.m. during (b)(6) slot. Understand you would also like to have (b)(6) in the meeting?

(b)(6) Assistant to William B. Taylor, Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. | U.S. Embassy Kyiv  
(b)(6)

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**From:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)

**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2019 9:16 AM

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

**Subject:** FW: Kolomoisky

(b)(6) please schedule this for as soon as AMB is in the EMB

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)

**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2019 6:37 AM

**To:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: Kolomoisky

Can we schedule a small meeting in (b)(6) office to review all the relevant information?

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**From:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)

**Sent:** Thursday, August 8, 2019 10:13:05 AM

**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)

**Subject:** RE: Kolomoisky

Oy, yes, let's discuss

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)

**Sent:** Thursday, August 8, 2019 9:35 AM

**To:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)

**Subject:** Fwd: Kolomoisky

Let's discuss

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**From:** Igor Pasternak (b)(6)

**Sent:** Thursday, August 8, 2019 9:17:32 AM

**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)

**Subject:** Kolomoisky

What time convenient for our dinner with Kolomoisky before end of the month?

V?R Igor

<b>Sender:</b>	"Taylor, William B (Kyiv)" (b)(6)
<b>Recipient:</b>	Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6) (b)(6)

<b>From:</b>	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Media reporting Bogdan submitted a resignation letter - media narratives
<b>Date:</b>	Thu, 1 Aug 2019 18:38:55 +0000

Thanks (b)(6) for the updates

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 9:27:14 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) Kent, George P  
(b)(6) Kyiv Senior Staff <KyivSeniorStaff@state.gov>; Kyiv POL Core <KyivPOLCore@state.gov>  
**Cc:** EUR-Ukraine Desk-DL <EUR-UkraineDesk-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Media reporting Bogdan submitted a resignation letter - media narratives

Censor editor Yuriy Butusov speculates on Facebook this move is a symbolic gesture to the US, but Bohdan will remain influential and move over to another job, to control law enforcement agencies or fiscal authorities. He notes Censor.net's sources said Bohdan spent the whole day today in a normal sort of mode at the office with Zelenskyy.

(I'm sure there will be much more commentary overnight - I'll save the rest till the morning unless I see any public confirmation, etc come directly out of the Office of the President later tonight.)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Date:** August 1, 2019 at 9:16:23 PM GMT+3  
**To:** (b)(6) Kent, George P  
(b)(6) Kyiv Senior Staff <KyivSeniorStaff@state.gov>, Kyiv POL Core <KyivPOLCore@state.gov>  
**Cc:** EUR-Ukraine Desk-DL <EUR-UkraineDesk-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Media reporting Bogdan submitted a resignation letter - media narratives

Serhiy Leshchenko is also speculating on the possibility of the US being behind this development. Below is a google translation (sorry for rough quality, operating on cell phone only right now!) of his Telegram post:

Head of the President's Office Andrei Bogdan wrote a resignation letter. Although the form of the application may seem frivolous, my sources say that everything is real and Bogdan has taken such a petition seriously.

A possible reason for the resignation is Americans. They originally opposed the appointment of Bogdan, but now allegedly made the condition of a meeting between Zelensky and Trump to resign Bogdan.

In the event that Bogdan really leaves, the contender for his place will be Ivan Bakanov, the current acting director. the head of the SBU, who was originally included in the shortlist of contenders for the head of the AP, and at the same time was kind to the Americans.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Date:** August 1, 2019 at 9:10:33 PM GMT+3  
**To:** Kent, George P (b)(6) Kyiv Senior Staff <KyivSeniorStaff@state.gov>, Kyiv POL Core <KyivPOLCore@state.gov>  
**Cc:** EUR-Ukraine Desk-DL <EUR-UkraineDesk-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Media reporting Bogdan submitted a resignation letter - media narratives

Just checked in with one of our LE staff who would not consider it a pro-Russian-leaning publication.

Seemingly owned by 4 individuals, 3 of whom have the last name Bondarenko.

From a quick online search, Institute of Mass Information in summer 2018 gave Liga one of the top scores for compliance with general journalism standards among online Ukrainian media sources (behind only Ukrainska Pravda).

However it has had a new Editor in Chief (Boris Davydenko) since early 2019, so perhaps things have changed?

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**From:** Kent, George P (b)(6)  
**Date:** August 1, 2019 at 8:54:58 PM GMT+3  
**To:** (b)(6) Kyiv Senior Staff <KyivSeniorStaff@state.gov>, Kyiv POL Core <KyivPOLCore@state.gov>  
**Cc:** EUR-Ukraine Desk-DL <EUR-UkraineDesk-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Media reporting Bogdan submitted a resignation letter - media narratives

Liga owned by whom? Affiliated with any Russian/Medvedchuk entities perchance?

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**To:** Kent, George P (b)(6); Kyiv Senior Staff <KyivSeniorStaff@state.gov>; Kyiv POL Core <KyivPOLCore@state.gov>  
**Cc:** EUR-Ukraine Desk-DL <EUR-UkraineDesk-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Media reporting Bogdan submitted a resignation letter

Liga is reporting, according to its sources, the US side would not coordinate Ze's meeting with Trump while Bogdan was head of the Office of the President.

Novoye Vremya has picked this Liga narrative up as well.

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**From:** Kent, George P (b)(6)  
**Date:** August 1, 2019 at 8:29:21 PM GMT+3  
**To:** (b)(6), Kyiv Senior Staff <KyivSeniorStaff@state.gov>, Kyiv POL Core <KyivPOLCore@state.gov>  
**Cc:** EUR-Ukraine Desk-DL <EUR-UkraineDesk-DL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Media reporting Bogdan submitted a resignation letter

DFM Kyslytsya, on vacation in Ireland, just messaged me asking whether I could explain, and attached a Gordonua story. He then sent a meme of a confused sheep.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 1:18 PM  
**To:** Kyiv Senior Staff <KyivSeniorStaff@state.gov>; Kyiv POL Core <KyivPOLCore@state.gov>  
**Cc:** EUR-Ukraine Desk-DL <EUR-UkraineDesk-DL@state.gov>; Kent, George P  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** Media reporting Bogdan submitted a resignation letter

FYI - Ukrainian media are widely reporting this evening that Andriy Bohdan, head of the office of the president, submitted a letter of resignation. Media reports cite an anonymous source. The Babel published a photo reportedly of the (handwritten) letter. More info to come later, if it becomes available in the media...

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<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6)

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<b>From:</b>	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 21 Aug 2019 13:08:16 +0000

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 21, 2019 4:04:50 PM  
**To:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 21, 2019 2:44 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Thanks (b)(6)

After responding to you I saw that they had sent a request for support through H, but confirmed it's a NODEL with unsure funding.

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Regards,

(b)(6)

**Legislative Management Officer  
Office of Congressional Travel  
Bureau of Legislative Affairs**

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 21, 2019 7:40 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

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Thanks for your quick reply. (b)(5)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 21, 2019 2:10 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Hi (b)(6)

Thanks for asking. (b)(5)

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I hope that helps. Happy to answer any other specific questions if you have them.

Good luck!

(b)(6)

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

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 21, 2019 4:41 AM

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

**Cc:** (b)(6)

**Subject:** FW: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Dear (b)(6)

It was great to meet you in June before I came to post, and I'm so glad I did! (b)(5)

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Any insight you can provide in how we should support NODELs would be most appreciated!

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**From:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 21, 2019 11:24 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Hi Team,

Please see chain below. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Thanks, Kristina

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 21, 2019 10:50 AM  
**To:** Kazvini-Gore, Nicholas <Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov>  
**Cc:** Hruska, Courtney <Courtney.Hruska@mail.house.gov>; Perrino, Jenny <Jenny.Perrino@mail.house.gov>; (b)(6); Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Nick,

Glad to help organize. Do you have a fund cite to pay for these events, drivers, meals, etc.? I am adding our econ counselor and DCM who will help organize.

Bill

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**From:** Kazvini-Gore, Nicholas <Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 20, 2019 9:35 PM  
**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Hruska, Courtney <Courtney.Hruska@mail.house.gov>; Perrino, Jenny <Jenny.Perrino@mail.house.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Hi Bill,

Given the higher chances that the Zelenskiy meeting is happening, we thought it would make sense to start filling out the schedule for the days for the trip. It tentatively looks like they would arrive in the

afternoon on Tuesday and then leave Saturday morning. Could we start filling out the Wed/Thu/Fri days? Right now we are looking flights that would arrive Tuesday afternoon (9/3) and departing on Saturday (9/7) in the early morning.

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Would it be easier to go through embassy staff to set these meetings up? I wouldn't want to burden you with the minutiae of trip logistics given your busy schedule. I'd also pull in Mr. Fitzpatrick's office staffer for coordination purposes.

Thanks!  
Nick

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**From:** Kazvini-Gore, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2019 11:44 AM  
**To:** 'Taylor, William B (Kyiv)' (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Hruska, Courtney <[Courtney.Hruska@mail.house.gov](mailto:Courtney.Hruska@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Thanks so much, Bill. This is encouraging news. Yes I think it would be good to combine the meetings, especially if it increases the chances of securing time in the president's very compact schedule. Thanks again for all you and the embassy's efforts to look into this.

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2019 11:34 AM  
**To:** Kazvini-Gore, Nicholas <[Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hruska, Courtney <[Courtney.Hruska@mail.house.gov](mailto:Courtney.Hruska@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Nick,

The president's staff is aware of the request and wants to make it happen. They have not promised yet. Also, Senator Johnson is asking for a meeting with the president during the same window. It would increase our chances of getting either meeting if we could combine the two into one. That OK?  
Bill

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**From:** Kazvini-Gore, Nicholas <Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2019 11:03 PM  
**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Hruska, Courtney <Courtney.Hruska@mail.house.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Thanks so much, Bill for the quick email and warm response. I have received guidance that Ms. Kaptur's participation would hinge upon getting a meeting with President Zelenskiy. Would there be any availability for a meeting with the President, 9/3 to 9/6?

Once we had secured the meeting, Ms. Kaptur would want me to work with the embassy to fill out an itinerary. I am cc'ing Ms. Kaptur, scheduler Courtney as well.

I should also mention, for what it's worth, that this would likely be an unofficial trip as Ms. Kaptur and Mr. Fitzpatrick would likely go with non-official source of funds instead of Committee due to the short-notice of the trip.

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2019 10:18 AM  
**To:** Kazvini-Gore, Nicholas <Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Nick,  
We would love to see you and Ms. Kaptur out here in early September! I am glad to check on President Zelenskyy's travel plans if that's appropriate now. If he is in town, I am pretty sure he would like to see you. (He didn't see Mr. Hoyer because the milair broke in Poland.) If you can plan to be here on a weekday, that will improve the odds. We try to respect their limited time with their families. Let me know how the planning comes along and I will do some checking here. Hope to see you soon.  
Bill

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**From:** Kazvini-Gore, Nicholas <Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2019 4:45:14 PM  
**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Hi Ambassador Taylor,

I hope all is well! Ms. Kaptur is weighing a trip with Mr. Fitzpatrick during the week of Labor Day. She is wondering if a meeting with Zelenskiy would be feasible given the meeting with CODEL Hoyer fell through for unknown reasons. Ms. Kaptur asked that I reach out to you to weigh possibility.

Thanks in advance for any guidance.

Best,  
Nick

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Nicholas Kazvini-Gore  
Legislative Assistant  
Representative Marcy Kaptur (OH-09)  
2186 Rayburn House Office Building  
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<b>Sender:</b>	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)	
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6)	

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<b>From:</b>	"Taylor, William B (Kyiv)" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	FW: Visit
<b>Date:</b>	Sat, 17 Aug 2019 18:16:13 +0000

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Any advice on dinners this coming weekend? I was thinking Friday, not Saturday, but what do you think?

**From:** Kurt Volker (b)(6)

**Sent:** Saturday, August 17, 2019 9:05 PM

**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)

**Cc:** Croft, Catherine M (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)

(b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: Visit

Hi Bill -- thanks! I'm fine with all that. Let's start with Yermak and Prystaiko on Friday night, and perhaps a bigger dinner on Saturday? Or if Saturday is not a dinner night, we can either leave it small, or just a few more. (b)(5) It's your call. I arrive at 6:15pm at KBP, so would be able to be in town by 7:15pm or 7:30pm, I think. Can go straight to your house, and then check in later... Thanks - kv

## Amb. Kurt Volker

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On Sat, Aug 17, 2019 at 8:07 AM Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6) wrote:

I am also looking for an opportunity to invite (b)(6) for dinner. My general preference is smaller, rather than larger, so we could start with four or five and see who is here. Preferences?

**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv)

**Sent:** Saturday, August 17, 2019 2:51 PM

**To:** kurt volker (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Catherine M Croft (b)(6) (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** Visit

So, you are arriving around 4 on Friday afternoon and staying at the Hyatt? Shall I invite a couple of people here for dinner that evening?

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We can see who's available.

<b>Sender:</b>	"Taylor, William B (Kyiv)" (b)(6)
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6)

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<b>From:</b>	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	FW: Ze signs decree to simplify citizenship for foreigners who defended Ukraine, and for persecuted Russians
<b>Date:</b>	Tue, 13 Aug 2019 11:16:12 +0000

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2019 1:56 PM  
**To:** Kyiv Senior Staff <KyivSeniorStaff@state.gov>; Kyiv POL Core <KyivPOLCore@state.gov>  
**Cc:** Kyiv IOs <KyivIOs@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Ze signs decree to simplify citizenship for foreigners who defended Ukraine, and for persecuted Russians

FYI from Ukr Pravda (rough translation):

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has signed a decree aimed at simplifying the acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship by foreigners who have defended the country and by Russians who are persecuted at home because of their political views.

The decree amends the current procedure for applying for Ukrainian citizenship.

The decree mentions foreigners or stateless persons who participated in the defense of Ukraine and Russians who have been persecuted.

In particular, such persons are required to file a declaration of waiver of their previous nationality.

Zelensky also instructed the Cabinet of Ministers to develop and submit to the Verkhovna Rada a bill that should simplify the acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship by Russians under persecution and foreign military.

In addition, within three months, the government is required to develop an asylum bill.

The President instructed the Cabinet of Ministers "to streamline the process of considering applications by citizens of the Russian Federation for recognition as a refugee or a person in need of additional protection, and to take appropriate decisions in due course."

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<b>Recipient:</b>	Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)

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<b>From:</b>	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6) (b)(6)
<b>CC:</b>	Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv_EXEC@state.gov>; (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: DCM PLEASE HOLD ON DOE EMAIL: Updated with Suggested Distribution List and Text: Memorandum of Cooperation for Poland and Ukraine
<b>Date:</b>	Tue, 30 Jul 2019 12:02:22 +0000

(b)(6) I'm headed out soon for outside meeting, so if it looks like I need to deploy on this please let me know and I can do from home tonight. - Kristina

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 30, 2019 2:56 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv\_EXEC@state.gov>; (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** DCM PLEASE HOLD ON DOE EMAIL: Updated with Suggested Distribution List and Text: Memorandum of Cooperation for Poland and Ukraine

Kristina,

My apologies for the multiple emails on this topic. (b)(5)

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Kristina

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**To:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv\_EXEC@state.gov>; (b)(6)  
(b)(6) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Memorandum of Cooperation for Poland and Ukraine

Kristina,

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**From:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 29, 2019 2:05 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv\_EXEC@state.gov>; (b)(6)  
(b)(6) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Memorandum of Cooperation for Poland and Ukraine

He (b)(6) (b)(5)  
(b)(5) Thanks, KK

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 29, 2019 10:46 AM  
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(b)(6) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Memorandum of Cooperation for Poland and Ukraine

Kristina, good morning,

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Thank you,

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Energy, ESTH, Cyber Unit Chief  
Economic Section  
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**From:** Buchan, Samuel (b)(6)

**Sent:** Friday, July 19, 2019 9:06 AM

**To:** Vindman, Alexander S. EOP/NSC (b)(6); Derentz, Landon R.  
EOP/NSC (b)(6)

**Subject:** Overview Requested

Alex,

Here is the overview that you requested:

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Best,  
Sam

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<b>From:</b>	"Reeker, Philip T" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: (SBU) FYI: S Decisions on Multilat and Bilat Recommendations for UNGA
<b>Date:</b>	Thu, 1 Aug 2019 19:36:06 +0000

Thanks.

We'll need to think about how to handle other meetings.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 12:04 PM  
**To:** Reeker, Philip T (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: (SBU) FYI: S Decisions on Multilat and Bilat Recommendations for UNGA  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 12:03 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
(b)(6) Kent, George P (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** (SBU) FYI: S Decisions on Multilat and Bilat Recommendations for UNGA  
**Importance:** High

FYSA—(b)(6) please pass to Phil

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 11:09 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** S Decisions on Multilat and Bilat Recommendations  
**Importance:** High

S approved the following recommendations on the margins of UNGA 74:

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<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6)	

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<b>From:</b>	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: FYI: Fire in Odesa Hotel
<b>Date:</b>	Sat, 17 Aug 2019 17:58:39 +0000

Thanks (b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 17, 2019 8:51:55 PM  
**To:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Fwd: FYI: Fire in Odesa Hotel

We spoke to our contacts in Odessa. The two that died were Lithuanian and SieraLeone. The hotel is a flea bag place that rents rooms by the hour. Does not seem like we need to do an accountability

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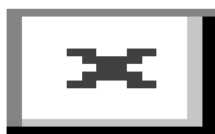
**From:** (b)(6)  
**Date:** August 17, 2019 at 6:18:57 PM GMT+3  
**To:** Kyiv RSO Agents <Kyiv\_RSOAgents@state.gov>  
**Cc:** Kyiv IOs <KyivIOs@state.gov>  
**Subject:** FYI: Fire in Odesa Hotel

Hi RSO Colleagues,

Sharing this story with you because it says two foreigners died (one is from Sierra Leone) and hotel inspections may impact Embassy staff's travel plans (see **bolded** part below).

Also, 29 foreigners were evacuated  
(<https://www.pravda.com.ua/rus/news/2019/08/17/7223782/>).

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## **ZELENSKY ABOUT FIRE IN ODESA: NOT ONLY THOSE GUILTY WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CRIME, BUT ALSO THE OWNER OF "SO-CALLED HOTEL"KYIV.**

President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky has expressed condolences to the families and friends of those killed in the fire in the Odesa hotel and promised a fair punishment for those who are guilty of the tragedy.

"Odesa. 'Tokyo Star.' At night, we lost eight human lives. Ten people were injured, four of them are in critical condition. And this is not due to war and the enemy's shelling attacks. But because of criminal negligence and ignoring basic fire safety standards, due to neglect of human life. This will be put to an end," he wrote on his Facebook page on Saturday.

Zelensky noted that responsibility would be borne not only by those directly responsible for the fire. "Vadym Chorny, the owner of the so-called hotel, will take responsibility for it," the president promised.

He also noted that he would personally ensure that the punishment meets the norms of the law and the "requirements of justice," since one cannot put one's own profit above human life.

Zelensky expressed sincere condolences to the families and friends of the victims.

"Thanks to the rescuers and the police. Special thanks to Odesa resident, who sheltered the rescued guests of that 'hotel,'" the president wrote.

As reported, in Odesa, in the early hours of Saturday, August 17, there was a fire in the Tokyo Star Hotel on 1 Vodoprovodna Street, killing eight people, and injuring another 10 people. According to the State Emergency Service, there are people in serious condition among the victims. According to President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky, four of the victims are in critical condition.

### **Two foreigners and a child are among the victims.**

**Prime Minister of Ukraine Volodymyr Groysman instructed to immediately begin large-scale inspections of vacation spots for citizens, especially hotels and resorts.**

Information on Part 2 of Article 270 (violation of fire safety requirements established by law) of the Criminal Code of Ukraine was entered in the Unified Register of Pretrial Investigations.

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<b>From:</b>	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6) Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: Next tranche of meetings for prioritization
<b>Date:</b>	Fri, 2 Aug 2019 14:42:09 +0000

AMB confirmed to me today (b)(5)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 2, 2019 5:41 PM  
**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Next tranche of meetings for prioritization

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We weren't sure how big a meeting the CDA would like, but propose the following:

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As alternatives (or add-ons)

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## **USAID**

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## **AMBASSADORS**

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## INCOMING MEETING REQUESTS

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## REGIONAL LEADERS (first two can do when on trips to those cities)

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<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Support diplomatic response
<b>Date:</b>	Thu, 8 Aug 2019 10:46:43 +0000

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 (b)(6) Kyiv IOs <KyivIOs@state.gov>; Kyiv POL Core <KyivPOLCore@state.gov>;  
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**Subject:** RE: Support diplomatic response

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**Cc:** (b)(6) Croft, Catherine M (b)(6)  
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 (b)(6) Kyiv IOs <KyivIOs@state.gov>; Kyiv POL Core <KyivPOLCore@state.gov>; Reinert, David  
 (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Support diplomatic response

Agree!

On Thu, Aug 8, 2019 at 6:25 AM Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6) wrote:

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<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Support diplomatic response
<b>Date:</b>	Thu, 8 Aug 2019 10:41:24 +0000

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<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Support diplomatic response
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**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Support diplomatic response

Will do. It will just take our team a few minutes to translate for the Ukrainian-language version.

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
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**To:** (b)(6)  
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Thanks, Kristin. Can you let me know when it's up?

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 8, 2019 1:36 PM  
**To:** Kurt Volker (b)(6); Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Croft, Catherine M (b)(6)  
(b)(6); Kent, George P (b)(6); Kvien, Kristina A  
(b)(6); Kyiv IOs (b)(6); Kyiv POL Core <KyivPOLCore@state.gov> (b)(6)  
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**Subject:** RE: Support diplomatic response

We will go ahead and tweet now from the Embassy account.

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**From:** Kurt Volker (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 8, 2019 1:31 PM  
**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Croft, Catherine M (b)(6)  
(b)(6); Kent, George P (b)(6); Kvien, Kristina A  
(b)(6); Kyiv IOs <KyivIOs@state.gov>; Kyiv POL Core <KyivPOLCore@state.gov> (b)(6)

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**Subject:** Re: Support diplomatic response

Agree!

On Thu, Aug 8, 2019 at 6:25 AM Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6) wrote:

Looks good to me.

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**From:** (b)(6)**Sent:** Thursday, August 8, 2019 1:17:29 PM**To:** Kurt Volker (b)(6) Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)**Cc:** (b)(6) Croft, Catherine M (b)(6) Kent,

George P (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)

(b)(6) Kyiv IOs &lt;KyivIOs@state.gov&gt;; Kyiv POL Core &lt;KyivPOLCore@state.gov&gt;

**Subject:** RE: Support diplomatic response

Sir – The Embassy team came up with the following proposed two-part tweet for your consideration. (Note: part 1 fits the character limit if we use Ukrainian flag emojis in lieu of the word “Ukrainian”.)

**(1/2) President Zelenskyy & the UAF displayed restraint & bravery in the face of aggression that killed 4 Ukrainian soldiers Aug. 6 during a declared ceasefire, preserving potential for a real ceasefire that saves Ukrainian lives & accelerated diplomacy to peacefully settle the conflict.**

**(2/2) This approach merits full support of the Normandy Four, including Russia. Russia could show similar bravery and end the conflict by withdrawing its forces immediately.**

**From:** Kurt Volker (b)(6)**Sent:** Thursday, August 8, 2019 1:09 PM**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)**Cc:** (b)(6) Croft, Catherine M (b)(6)

(b)(6) Kent, George P (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A

(b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: Support diplomatic response

(b)(5)

- kv

On Thu, Aug 8, 2019 at 3:51 AM Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6) wrote:

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<b>Subject:</b>	Re: This morning
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 31 Jul 2019 07:27:29 +0000

Thanks

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**From:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 31, 2019 10:26:21 AM  
**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: This morning

Oleh is back in Paris (b)(6) his wife (who is finishing up 5 or more years as Ukrainian Ambassador to the Vatican).

He was in Kyiv last weekend (b)(6) he emailed me Sat. morning proposing coffee so I met him Sat. afternoon for about 45 minutes. (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) I can ask him the next time he plans to pass through Kyiv and set up a meeting. (b)(6)

- KK

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 31, 2019 10:23 AM  
**To:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: This morning

Good idea. Also, is Oleh Shamshur still in Paris or is he in Kyiv? (b)(5)

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**From:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 31, 2019 10:21:33 AM  
**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: This morning

(b)(5)

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 31, 2019 10:20 AM  
**To:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: This morning

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**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: This morning

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
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**To:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Subject:** This morning

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 (b)(5) ([Ukr Pravda](#))

Also, we have a prep for (b)(5) - can you be sure the right people are there? The list of topics seems to have been expanded.

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<b>To:</b>	Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: This morning
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 31 Jul 2019 05:39:35 +0000

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<b>CC:</b>	Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Toplines from Volker visit
<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 29 Jul 2019 09:18:33 +0000

Thanks (b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 29, 2019 11:19:30 AM  
**To:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Toplines from Volker visit

Hi Kristina,

(b)(5)

Best,

(b)(6)

<b>Sender:</b>	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6) Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)

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<b>From:</b>	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: Trident
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 31 Jul 2019 16:06:50 +0000

(b)(6) many thanks for the update, (b)(5) We will be sending a second cable (high side) with more info this evening.

Best, Kristina

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 31, 2019 6:56 PM  
**To:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Trident

Kristina, (b)(6)  
 Just a quick update. We briefed Ambassador Sondland on the Trident issue, (b)(6)

(b)(5)

Will let you know if we hear more.

Best,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Minister-Counselor for Economic Affairs  
 United States Mission to the European Union

(b)(6)

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<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6)

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<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>CC:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: Update on YES event
<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 19 Aug 2019 15:52:06 +0000

Many thanks (b)(6) this is very helpful. I've looped in ECON and POL, who both will supply folks to serve as controls for our various participants. I do not think we should provide support to other Americans/former officials coming in, they are here in a private capacity. However, would be good to know who is here, and also AMB is considering hosting an event for all the Americans (maybe a breakfast), so knowing who they are will be helpful. Going forward, good to work in a team so you can parcel out the tasks. - Kristina

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2019 5:56 PM  
**To:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Update on YES event

Hi ma'am,

I met with staff from YES today to talk over their plans for the event; they seemed relieved to have a POC at the Embassy. At the meeting were Executive Director Svitlana Kovalchuk, International Projects Coordinator Ruslan Kermach, and Assistant CFO Yuriy Borsuk.

Plans still seem very nascent – they indicated they would likely not have a draft agenda or participant list that they could share until about a week out from the event. They did confirm, though, that all events this year (including the “nightcap” discussions) will take place at the Mystetskyi Arsenal.

The overarching theme for this year's conference will be “Happiness.” The current plan is that there will be an opening reception on 9/12 in the evening, with working days 9/13 and 9/14. They expect President Zelenskyy to participate on 9/13, along with the presidents of Finland and Estonia. They likewise expect the new PM to take part on 9/14.

As for current U.S. officials taking part in addition to folks from the Embassy, they are tracking Amb. Volker's participation. They were unaware of DAS Kent's intention to participate, but indicated he would be most welcome if he does wish to attend. Lastly, they are tracking that Amb. Sondland has declined. Among former DOS officials, they're tracking Amb. Tefft, Amb. Nuland, and Amb. Herbst. As for Congress, they said that they invited the entire Ukraine Caucus; no one has accepted so far, however, and they indicated Congressman Boyle of PA is the only one who has not declined.

As for action items from our side, the following are the most immediate:

- Confirm DAS Kent's participation – if he is able to come, they'd like to know ASAP.
- Confirm U.S. delegation – it sounds like they can be somewhat flexible, but access to the main forum will be limited to high-level participants. (Support staff will be able to have more limited access. I suspect if we wanted to be on the safe side, however, we could likely arrange for one control officer to have a main pass for access to the entire event – they said they want our participants to be able to feel comfortable.)

- Confirm the CDA's participation in a 9/12 U.S.-Ukraine Foundation event at the Diplomatic Academy, which is also happening under the YES umbrella. They spoke of this as if it were already confirmed, but Mike indicated to me that we might not be fully aware of it. They envision him chairing some sort of panel discussion. Please let me know, and I can get more info if needed.

Closer to the event, they will need to know of requests for spaces for side meetings as desired by USG principals. There will also be media spaces available at the event venue, if principals wish to set up interviews.

Overall, my impression is that much of this will come together very close to the event. I get the sense that they don't want to share much in the way of draft information, but if we wanted to press them for it, we likely could.

You mentioned on Friday that POL and ECON will provide control officers for the current USG officials who are coming in from out of town. I will touch base with them tomorrow and will ask YES to keep us abreast of their communications with Amb Volker and DAS Kent as they have them. What support should we plan to provide to the former officials who are coming, though? Should we try to keep track of their plans as well?

Thanks,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

U.S. Embassy Kyiv

Regional Public Engagement Specialist – Ukraine and Moldova

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<b>Recipient:</b>	(b)(6)

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<b>To:</b>	Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: URGENT :This morning
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 31 Jul 2019 07:12:58 +0000

Many thanks. On the way in.

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**From:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 31, 2019 9:14 AM  
**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT :This morning

Ambassador, one more tidbit (sorry so disjointed, trying to get these to you ASAP)  
 (b)(6) was recently appointed a "non-staff advisor" by Zelenskyy

President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky has appointed the 18th number of the electoral list of the Servant of the People Party, (b)(5)

(b)(5)

The corresponding decree was signed by the head of state on July 30

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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 31, 2019 9:12 AM  
**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: URGENT :This morning

More info on (b)(6)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 31, 2019 9:02 AM  
**To:** Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6) Kyiv ECON FSOs <KYIVECONFOSOs@state.gov> (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) Kyiv FCS FSOs <KyivFCSFSOs@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT :This morning

From our quick open source research, (b)(6)

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

(b)(5); (b)(6)

Our ESTH expert will work to find more details and revert once she is back in the office.

R,

(b)(6)

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<b>To:</b>	Kyiv ECON FSOs <KYIVECONFOSOs@state.gov>; (b)(6) Kyiv FCS FSOs <KyivFCSFSOs@state.gov>
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: URGENT :This morning
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 31 Jul 2019 05:52:03 +0000

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<b>From:</b>	"Taylor, William B (Kyiv)" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	Kurt Volker (b)(6)
<b>CC:</b>	Croft, Catherine M (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A <(b)(6)>
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: Visit
<b>Date:</b>	Sun, 18 Aug 2019 13:25:34 +0000

Kurt, Catherine,  
 Ruslan Ryaboshapka asked if he could see you Monday. I said I'd check.  
 (b)(5)

Aivaras is also out of town. I'm happy with you two, Yermak, Danyliuk, Markarova, Kristina and me. Shall we say 7:30 on Friday?

Bill

**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv)

**Sent:** Sunday, August 18, 2019 2:18 PM

**To:** (b)(6); Kurt Volker (b)(6)

**Cc:** Croft, Catherine M (b)(6); Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)

(b)(6)

**Subject:** RE: Visit

She can make it, so here's the current status:

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

**Sent:** Sunday, August 18, 2019 1:06 PM

**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6); Kurt Volker (b)(6)

**Cc:** Croft, Catherine M (b)(6); Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv)

**Sent:** Sunday, August 18, 2019 10:03 AM

**To:** Kurt Volker (b)(6)

**Cc:** Croft, Catherine M (b)(6); Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)

(b)(6)

**Subject:** RE: Visit

Kurt,

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(b)(5)

Bill

**From:** Kurt Volker (b)(6)

**Sent:** Saturday, August 17, 2019 9:05 PM

**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) <TaylorWB@state.gov>

**Cc:** Croft, Catherine M (b)(6); Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)

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**Sent:** Saturday, August 17, 2019 2:51 PM  
**To:** kurt volker (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Catherine M Croft (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Visit

So, you are arriving around 4 on Friday afternoon and staying at the Hyatt? Shall I invite a couple of people here for dinner that evening?

(b)(5)

We can see who's available.

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Great thanks!

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If space allows I'd like to attend, I can notetake if needed. Totally understand though if you want to keep it small. - KK

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**From:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv)

**Sent:** Saturday, August 17, 2019 2:51 PM

**To:** kurt volker (b)(6)

**Cc:** Catherine M Croft (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A

(b)(6)

**Subject:** Visit

So, you are arriving around 4 on Friday afternoon and staying at the Hyatt? Shall I invite a couple of people here for dinner that evening?

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We can see who's available.

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<b>CC:</b>	Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv_EXEC@state.gov>; (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: Volker Schedule Questions
<b>Date:</b>	Wed, 21 Aug 2019 12:45:57 +0000

I'm available!

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**From:** Tsai, Pei J (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 21, 2019 2:16 PM  
**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv\_EXEC@state.gov>; Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Volker Schedule Questions

Sir,

For the Saturday internal dinner (b)(5) would the following guest list work for you?:

**Core Group for consideration**

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**Possible additions**

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Many thanks, (b)(6)

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**Subject:** RE: Volker Schedule Questions

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**To:** Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)  
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(b)(6)  
**Subject:** Volker Schedule Questions

Ambassador,

Please see attached and below the most recent version of Ambassador Volker's itinerary. WE have the following updates and questions:

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**Visit to Kyiv**  
**August 23-25, 2019**

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**Control Officer:**

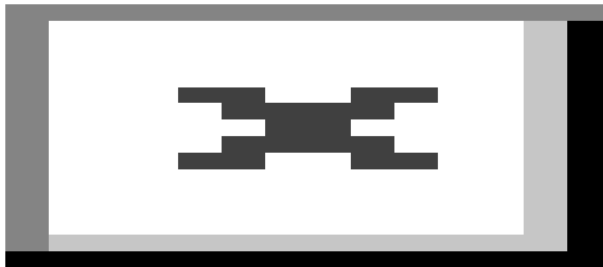
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**Political Officer**

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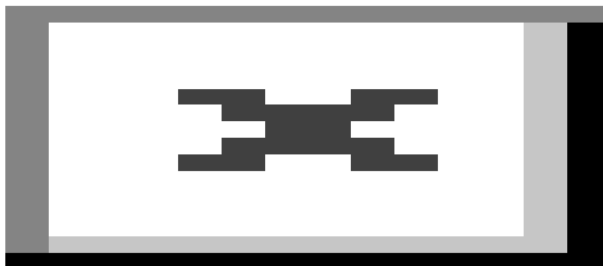


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**Control Officer:**

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Thank you.

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**Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations Ambassador Kurt Volker  
U.S. Ambassador to the EU Gordon Sondland  
Visit to Kyiv  
July 24-27, 2019**

**Control Officer:**

(b)(6)

**Deputy Political Counselor****Office:** (b)(5)**Mobile**

(b)(6)

**Deputy Control Officer:**

(b)(6)

**Political Officer****Office:** (b)(6)**Mobile**

(b)(6)

**Deputy Control Officer:**

(b)(6)

**Political Officer****Office:** (b)(6)**Mobile**

(b)(6)

**U.S. Delegation:****Ambassador Kurt Volker****Ambassador Gordon Sondland****Charge d'Affaires, a.i., William Taylor****Catherine Croft, Special Advisor for Ukraine Negotiations**

(b)(6)

**U.S. Embassy to the EU****Hotel Information**

**Hyatt Regency  
Ally Tarasovoi St, 5  
Kyiv, Ukraine, 01001  
+380 44 581 1234**

**Ambassador Volker, Wednesday-Saturday (7/24-27)  
Confirmation #37629608**

**Ambassador Sondland, Thursday-Saturday (7/25-27)  
Confirmation #37623787**

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**Wednesday, July 24**

1315 Catherine Croft arrives KPB on Flight KLM 9623  
Transit to Hyatt via taxi

2120 Ambassador Volker departs Vienna on Flight Austrian 667

**Thursday, July 25**

0010 Ambassador Volker arrives KBP via OS 667  
VIP Hall of Delegations confirmed  
Greeted by Control Officer (b)(6) and expeditor (b)(6)

0020 Transport KBP to Hyatt via motorpool

RON Hyatt Regency

**Vehicle and Driver Info:**

<b><u>CDA Vehicle</u></b>	<b><u>Vehicle 2 (1st shift)</u></b>	<b><u>Vehicle 1 (1st shift)</u></b>
<i>Comfortable for two passengers</i>	<i>Comfortable for four passengers</i>	<i>Comfortable for four passengers</i>
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<b>Driver:</b> (b)(6)	<b>Driver:</b> (b)(6)	<b>Driver:</b> (b)(6)
<b>Mobile:</b> TBD	<b>Mobile:</b> (b)(6)	<b>Mobile:</b> (b)(6)
<b>Passengers:</b>	<b>Passengers:</b>	<b>Passengers:</b>
1 Ambassador Volker	1 Catherine Croft	1 POL: Notetaker
2 CDA Taylor	2 (b)(6)	2 PAS: Photographer
3 Bodyguard	3	3 POL: Interpreter
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<b><u>Vehicle 1 (2nd shift)</u></b>	<b><u>Vehicle 2 (2nd shift)</u></b>	<b><u>Vehicle 1 (2nd shift)</u></b>
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1 Ambassador Volker	1 Ambassador Sondland	1 Catherine Croft
2 CDA Taylor	2 (b)(6)	2 (b)(6)
3 Bodyguard	3	3 POL: Interpreter
	4	4

0840 Meet at Hyatt restaurant, second floor

0845 **Breakfast meeting on improving competitiveness** (60 Minutes, Confirmed)  
Location: Hyatt (semi-private room reserved in restaurant)

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USG Participants: Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6)  
(notetaker)

External Participants: Stefan Schleuning (Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation), Goesta Ljungman (IMF Resident Representative), Meghan Iorianni (FTC), Marina Petrov (EBRD Deputy Head of Ukraine), Barber El-Hefnawy (acting Country Director for World Bank)

No translation required

0945 *Walk to Hyatt Sydney Room, second floor*

1000 **Meeting with Svyatoslav Vakarchuk** (25 Minutes, Confirmed)

Location: Hyatt Sydney Room (reservation confirmed)

USG Participants: Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6)  
(notetaker)

External Participants: Svyatoslav Vakarchuk

1030 **Meeting with Yuriy Boyko** (35 Minutes, Confirmed)

Location: Hyatt Sydney Room (reservation confirmed)

USG Participants: Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6)  
(notetaker), (b)(6) (interpreter, if needed)

External Participants: Yuriy Boyko

No translation required

1110 **Meeting with Yuliya Tymoshenko** (35 Minutes) (Confirmed)

Location: Hyatt Sydney Room (reservation confirmed)

USG Participants: Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6)  
(notetaker), (b)(6) (interpreter)

External Participants: Yuliya Tymoshenko, Serhiy Vlasenko, Natalia Lysova (press secretary)

1150 *Executive time*

1215 **Meeting with Aivaras Abromavicius** (45 Minutes, Confirmed)

Location: Hyatt Sydney Room (reservation confirmed)

USG Participants: Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6)  
(notetaker)

External Participants: Aivaras Abromavicius

No translation required

1300 *Depart Hyatt ert Chichiko restaurant via motorpool  
Police escort*

1315 **Lunch with Presidential Advisor Andriy Yermak** (60 Minutes, Confirmed)

Location: Chichiko (Yaroslaviv Val St, 23a) Reservation under "Ivanna"

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USG Participants: Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6)  
(notetaker)

External Participants: Andriy Yermak  
No translation required

1430 *Depart Chichiko ert America House via motorpool  
Police escort*

1445 **Media engagement – Press conference** (45 Minutes, Requested)

Location: America House

USG Participants: Amb Sondland, Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft,  
(b)(6)

External Participants:

1530 *Depart America House ert ES Headquarters via motorpool  
Police escort*

1600 **Meeting with Petro Poroshenko** (45 Minutes, Confirmed)

Location: European Solidarity office (Lavrska 16)

USG Participants: Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6)  
(notetaker)

External Participants:  
No translation required

1645 *Depart ES Headquarters ert CMR via motorpool  
Police escort*

1700 Executive time

1730 **Meeting with Foreign Minister Klimkin** (45 Minutes, Confirmed)

Location: CMR

USG Participants: Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6)  
(notetaker)

External Participants: Pavlo Klimkin  
No translation required

1750 Ambassador Sondland and (b)(6) arrive KBP via Flight PS 146  
*VIP Hall of Delegations confirmed*  
*Greeted by DCM Kristina Kvien, (b)(6) and expeditor (b)(6)*

1805 *Transport KBP ert CMR/Ohota Na Ovets via hotel vehicle (Audi A6)  
Police escort*

1815 Executive time

1850 *Depart CMR ert Ohota Na Ovets via motorpool*

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*Police escort*

1900      **Dinner with NSDC Secretary Oleksandr Danylyuk**      **(2 hours, Confirmed)**  
Location: Ohota Na Ovets (*reservation under "Ivanna"*)  
USG Participants: Amb Sondland, Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft,  
 (b)(6) (notetaker)  
External Participants:  
 No translation required

2100      *Depart Ohota Na Ovets ert Hyatt via motorpool*  
*Police escort*

2115      *Arrive at Hyatt*

RON      Hyatt Regency

**Friday, July 26**

0830      **Breakfast**  
Location: TBD  
USG Participants: Amb Sondland, DCM Kvien  
External Participants: TBD

1040      *Depart Hyatt ert Presidential Office via motorpool*  
*\*confirm police escort*

1100      **Meeting with President Zelenskyy**      **(60 Minutes) (TBD)**  
Location: Presidential Office (Bankova St. 11)  
USG Participants: Amb Sondland, Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft,  
 (b)(6) (notetaker), (b)(6) (interpreter)  
External Participants:

1200      *Depart Presidential Office to KBP military airfield via motorpool*  
*\*confirm police escort*

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TBD      *Ambassador Sondland departs KBP ert Nice via Flight PS 135*  
*Hotel transportation (Audi A6)*

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1 Ambassador Volker	1 POL: (b)(6)	1 PAS: (b)(6)	1 (b)(6)
2 CDA Taylor	2 POL: [REDACTED]	2 POL: [REDACTED]	2 [REDACTED]
3 Bodyguard	3 DAO [REDACTED]	3 PAS: [REDACTED]	3 TBD SF Medic
4 (b)(6)	4 SRUN: Catherine Croft	4 TBD (Possibly journalist)	4 (b)(6)

**Helicopter**

1 Ambassador Volker	6 DAO: (b)(6)
2 Ambassador Taylor	7 POL: [REDACTED]
3 RSO: (b)(6)	8 POL: [REDACTED]
4 POL: [REDACTED]	9 SRUN: Catherine Croft
5 PAS: [REDACTED]	10 PAS: Oleksander Kleshch

1300 UAF-AIR Fixed-Wing Flight ert Dnipro

1430 UAF-AIR Helicopter ert TBD Landing Zone

1600 Motorpool transfer ert Stanytsia-Luhanska

1630 **Meet Civilians Crossing Line of Contact** (TBC) (60 Minutes)

USG Participants: Amb Volker, Amb Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) (notetaker), (b)(6) (interpreter), (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) (Photographer), (b)(6) (Media Coordinator), (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) (RSO)

External Participants: Civilians Crossing Line of Contact1730 **Media engagement – Press conference** (TBC) (30 Minutes)Location: UA Border Guard CHU

USG Participants: Amb Volker, Amb Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) (notetaker), (b)(6) (interpreter), (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) (Photographer), (b)(6) (Media Coordinator), (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) (RSO)

External Participants: TBD Press

1800 Motorpool transfer ert TBD Landing Zone

1900 UAF-AIR Helicopter ert Dnipro

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2030      *UAF-AIR Fixed-Wing Flight ert KBP Military Airfield*

2130      *Motorpool transfer ert Hyatt*

RON      *Hyatt Regency Hotel*

### Saturday, July 27

0600      *Catherine Croft departs KBP ert Paris via Flight Delta Airlines 8519*

**0900      Breakfast with Rinat Akhmetov      (60 Minutes, Confirmed)**

Location: CMR

USG Participants: Amb Sondland, Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft,

(b)(6) (notetaker), (b)(6) (interpreter)

External Participants: Rinat Akhmetov

**1100      Deep dive media interview with Ambassador Volker      (60 minutes) (TBD)**

*\*IF Volker departs on a later flight\**

Location: TBD (Hyatt boardroom?)

USG Participants: Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, PAS

External Participants:

1200      *Ambassador Volker departs for KBP*

1245      *Arrive KBP*

1405      *Ambassador Volker departs KBP ert FRA via UA 9097*

1710      *Ambassador Volker departs FRA ert IAD via UA 933*

### \*IF TIME PERMITS\*

**Meeting with Humanitarian Organizations (if no meeting in the east)      (60 Minutes) (TBD)**

Location: Hyatt (TBC)

USG Participants: Amb Sondland, Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft,

(b)(6)

External Participants:

**Meeting with OSCE SMM Leadership (if no meeting in the east)      (45 Minutes) (TBD)**

Location: TBD

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USG Participants: Amb Sondland, Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft,

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POL (notetaker)

External Participants:

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CDA:

Charge d'Affaires, a.i., William Taylor  
(b)(6)

DCM:

Kristina Kvien  
(b)(6)

ECON Counselor:

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Political Counselor:

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Management Counselor:

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General Services Officer:

(b)(6)

Travel Assistants:

(b)(6)

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Regional Security Officer:

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Cleared: POL: (b)(6)  
DCM [Redacted]

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<b>Date:</b>	Tue, 30 Jul 2019 08:47:22 -0400

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 30, 2019 11:26 AM  
**To:** Kvien, Kristina A  
**Cc:** Kyiv, EXEC AMs; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Cable for Clearance: Offshore PSA Block

Dear Kristina,

A cable on the recent recommendation of the PSA Interagency Commission to award the Dolphin PSA block to Trident is attached for your clearance. Please kindly let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

(b)(6)

**Official**

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