



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 28, 2024

Case No. FL-2020-00134

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

Dear Mr. Sus:

As we noted in our letter dated May 29, 2024, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department of State (“Department”) has identified an additional three responsive records subject to the FOIA. Upon review, we have determined all three records may be released in part.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each record. Where applicable, the Department has considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing these records and applying FOIA exemptions. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released and is enclosed.

This concludes the processing of your request. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Assistant United States Attorney Benton Peterson at Benton.Peterson@usdoj.gov or (202) 252-2534. Please refer to the case number, FL-2020-00134, and the civil action number, 20-cv-02076, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diamonece Hickson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Diamonece Hickson
Chief, Litigation and Appeals Branch
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.

The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:
- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
 - 1.4(b) Foreign government information
 - 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
 - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
 - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
 - 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:
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| ARMSEXP | Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c) |
| CIA PERS/ORG | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g) |
| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004 |
| INA | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505 |
- (b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Personal privacy information
- (b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
 - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
 - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
 - (D) disclose confidential sources
 - (E) disclose investigation techniques
 - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

- NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

From:	(b)(6)
To:	(b)(6) Susan Pompeo <(b)(6)> Fisher, Mary-Kate (b)(6) (b)(6)
CC:	Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)
Subject:	RE: Madison Dinner Reschedule
Date:	Thu, 11 Jul 2019 23:02:05 +0000

Many thanks Mrs. Pompeo. We will proceed with the new date of Thursday, Sept. 12 versus Sept. 19 for the first Madison dinner in September.

We will stand by to hear from Mary-Kate with clearance from DS/USSS for the YPO dinner on Sept. 19.

All the best,

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2019 6:19 PM
To: Susan Pompeo (b)(6); Fisher, Mary-Kate (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Cc: Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Madison Dinner Reschedule

Thank you, Mrs. Pompeo. The Secretary's calendar has been updated to reflect this change.

Best,

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U.S. Department of State

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From: Susan Pompeo (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2019 6:10 PM

To: Fisher, Mary-Kate (b)(6)
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Cc: Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)
Subject: Madison Dinner Reschedule
Importance: High

Mike wants to reschedule the September 19 Madison Dinner to **Thursday, September 12**. Mary Kate, if your SS/DS liaison finds that the YPO Dinner may still be held on its original date—that would be great. We will go ahead and move this Madison Dinner, so we have one less thing to worry about.

Please make changes to all calendars as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Susan

Sender:	(b)(6)
Recipient:	(b)(6)
	Susan Pompeo <(b)(6)>
	Fisher, Mary-Kate (b)(6)
	(b)(6)
	Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)

From:	"Henderson, Cam" (b)(6)
To:	Lawler, Sean P (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: 26 March Madison Dinner - Diplomatic Corps
Date:	Tue, 19 Mar 2019 14:20:56 +0000

I guess Colombian Ambassador isn't high profile enough?

From: Lawler, Sean P (b)(6)
Date: March 18, 2019 at 9:00:44 PM PDT
To: Henderson, Cam (b)(6)
Subject: Fwd: 26 March Madison Dinner - Diplomatic Corps

Just me or is this confusing? Don't invite person S has been seeing but invite those S sees a lot?
Ambassador Sean P. Lawler
Chief of Protocol of the United States

From: Susan Pompeo (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:45 PM
To: Lawler, Sean P
Subject: Re: 26 March Madison Dinner - Diplomatic Corps

Hi Sean,

Wanted to be sure word got to you that Mike has decided not to reschedule the March 26 Madison Dinner.

So, with respect to a diplomatic corp guest for the evening—I ran the Colombian Ambassador by Mike. He feels like he has spent time with him & wants us to come up with other suggestions. As you consider that—there are Ambassadors who regularly include us in business & personal events/activities and have extended themselves over & above to us. At some point, we want to invite them to a Madison Dinner:

UAE

Bahrain

Egypt

Italy

Kuwait.

Just to have in your head. Let me know your thoughts on March 26. Many thanks,

Susan

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 15, 2019, at 9:04 AM, Lawler, Sean P (b)(6) wrote:

G'day ma'am –

I know you have a long trip ahead of you, but wanted to solicit your thoughts on the recommendation for the Colombian Ambassador to be your diplomatic corps guest on the 26th?

Thank you and safe travels!!!

v/r

Sean

Ambassador Sean P. Lawler

Chief of Protocol of the United States

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Sender:	"Henderson, Cam" (b)(6)
Recipient:	Lawler, Sean P (b)(6)

From:	(b)(6)
To:	
Subject:	RE: Invoices and Invoice Reviews Attached
Date:	Tue, 11 Jun 2019 14:55:30 +0000

Thank you,

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2019 10:54 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Invoices and Invoice Reviews Attached

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 10:52 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Invoices and Invoice Reviews Attached

Perfect!

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 10:48 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Invoices and Invoice Reviews Attached

Thanks (b)(6)

I will work on getting both reissued!

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 10:35 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Invoices and Invoice Reviews Attached

Hi!

For the Fieldshop invoice – is there an item that can/should be listed?
How much trouble to have Hammerstone resubmit invoice removing “Madison Dinners” from the journals’ description?

All Madison Dinner receipts/invoices must be labeled as follows:
Secretary of State U.S. Foreign Policy Discussion Dinner Series

Signed invoices attached for the other two!

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 9:55 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Invoices and Invoice Reviews Attached

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4 IRFs and their corresponding invoices attached.

Thanks,

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