



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 14, 2019

Case Nos.: F-2018-00529, F-2018-00827,
F-2018-01063, & F-2018-01467

Michael Bekesha, Esq.
Judicial Watch, Inc.
425 Third Street, S.W., Suite 800
Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Mr. Bekesha:

I refer you to our letter dated July 24, 2019, regarding the review of certain Department of State material under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The review of potentially responsive records is ongoing, and has resulted in the retrieval of five additional documents responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that one may be released to you in full and four may be released in part. The released material is enclosed.

All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on the document. An enclosure provides information on FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material.

We will keep you advised as your case progresses. If you have any questions, you may contact Trial Attorney Christopher Hair at (202) 252-2541 or Christopher.Hair@usdoj.gov. Please refer to the case numbers cited above and the civil action number, 18-cv-968, in all correspondence regarding this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan C. Weetman".

Susan C. Weetman
Deputy Director
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

RELEASE IN PART B1,1.4(D),B6

From: Winer, Jonathan <WinerJ@state.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 6:28 PM
To: Nuland, Victoria J <nulandvj@state.gov>; Sloat, Amanda L <SloatAL@state.gov>
Cc: Tribble, Conrad R <TribbleCR@state.gov>; Jeffrey, Jahn F <JeffreyJahnF@state.gov>; Burton, Gregory S <BurtonGS@state.gov>
Subject: Re: Libya Sanctions Update

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They are faster than we are... [redacted]

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Jonathan Winer [redacted]

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From: Nuland, Victoria J
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 6:20 PM
To: Sloat, Amanda L
Cc: Tribble, Conrad R; Jeffrey, Jahn F; Burton, Gregory S; Winer, Jonathan
Subject: RE: Libya Sanctions Update

Ok but good news that [redacted]

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From: Sloat, Amanda L
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 2:25 PM
To: Nuland, Victoria J
Cc: Tribble, Conrad R; Jeffrey, Jahn F; Burton, Gregory S
Subject: FW: Libya Sanctions Update

Toria – you’d been asking where EU was with Libya sanctions; here is latest in process....moving slowly.

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From: Hilgert, Nicholas J
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 2:19 PM
To: Sloat, Amanda L
Cc: Oat-Judge, Siobhan
Subject: Libya Sanctions Update

Amanda,

[redacted]

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Nick

Nicholas J. Hilgert | Acting Deputy Director | Office of European Union and Regional Affairs
Department of State | Tel: 202-647-2420 | BB:

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RELEASE IN PART B6

From: Nuland, Victoria J </O=SBUSTATE/OU=USNATO
AG/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=NULANDVJ>
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2016 9:24 PM
To: Kavalec, Kathleen A <KavalecKA@state.gov>; Winer, Jonathan
<WinerJ@state.gov>
Subject: Re: I'm in London but if you have two minutes please call me asap

Assuming u r asleep now

From: Winer, Jonathan <WinerJ@state.gov>
Date: October 31, 2016 at 6:27:08 PM EDT
To: Kavalec, Kathleen A <KavalecKA@state.gov>, Nuland, Victoria J <nulandvj@state.gov>
Subject: I'm in London but if you have two minutes please call me asap

Happy to connect with either Toria or Kathy.

Jonathan Winer

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From: Kavalec, Kathleen A <KavalecKA@state.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 1, 2016 7:13 AM
To: Nuland, Victoria J <nulandvj@state.gov>
Subject: Fw: I'm in London but if you have two minutes please call me asap

Did you talk to him? Didn't see this till much later...

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Winer, Jonathan <WinerJ@state.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2016 6:27 PM
To: Nuland, Victoria J; Kavalec, Kathleen A
Subject: I'm in London but if you have two minutes please call me asap

Happy to connect with either Toria or Kathy.

Jonathan Winer

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From: Silverberg, Daniel <Daniel.Silverberg@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 10:52 AM
To: Nuland, Victoria J <nulandvj@state.gov>
Cc: Winer, Jonathan <WinerJ@state.gov>
Subject: Re: Thank you

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Great. Jonathan, I am all ears.

Daniel Silverberg
National Security Advisor
The Honorable Steny H. Hoyer
Democratic Whip
U.S. House of Representatives
H-148, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-3130

On Nov 29, 2016, at 10:07 AM, Nuland, Victoria J <nulandvj@state.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Daniel. I look forward to continuing our collaboration in whatever capacity life brings.

Copied here is Jonathan Winer, who has some legal ideas that may be of interest to you and Cong. Hoyer. As ever, t

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From: Silverberg, Daniel [<mailto:Daniel.Silverberg@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 10:57 PM
To: Nuland, Victoria J
Subject: Thank you

Toria,
It was a delight to speak today, notwithstanding the context. You've been a warrior on these issues, and I look forward to speaking further to preserve and wherever possible strengthen the important work you have done. I'll follow up regarding a possible working group meeting.

All the best,
Daniel

Daniel Silverberg
National Security Advisor
The Honorable Steny H. Hoyer
Democratic Whip
U.S. House of Representatives
H-148, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-3130

RELEASE IN PART
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From: Kavalec, Kathleen A <KavalecKA@state.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 23, 2016 11:06 PM
To: Green, Eric F <greene@state.gov>; Nuland, Victoria J <nulandvj@state.gov>;
Heffern, John A <HeffernJA@state.gov>
Subject: Re: Readout of S/E Winer's Call with Alexey Vladimirovich Skosyrev

Jonathan called me after first trying to get through to Toria and John. He relayed this readout, noting that Skosyrev emphasized that

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Green, Eric F
Sent: Friday, December 23, 2016 8:20 PM
To: Nuland, Victoria J; Heffern, John A; Kavalec, Kathleen A
Subject: Fw: Readout of S/E Winer's Call with Alexey Vladimirovich Skosyrev

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Declassify on: 06/06/2029

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Sackville-West, Anne <Sackville-WestA@state.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 23, 2016 7:42 PM
To: EUR-RUS-POL-DL; Wautlet, Michael J
Cc: NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL; NEA-LIBYADESK
Subject: Readout of S/E Winer's Call with Alexey Vladimirovich Skosyrev

Colleagues,

Updating the S-Lavrov points now. Here is a readout of the call. FYSA.

Readout of S/E Winer's Call with Alexey Vladimirovich Skosyrev, Political Chief at the Russian Embassy to the United States

December 23, 2016, 6:30 pm, 10 minutes

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Full Readout:



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Libya Desk Officer
Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs
U.S. Department of State

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