



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 11, 2019

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

Michael Bekesha, Esq.
Judicial Watch, Inc.
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Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Mr. Bekesha:

I refer you to our letter dated August 14, 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 three additional documents responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that one may be released to you in full and two 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

From: Tribble, Conrad R <TribbleCR@state.sgov.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 12:43 PM
To: Heffern, John A <HeffernJA@state.sgov.gov>; Quinville, Robin S <QuinvilleRS@state.sgov.gov>
Subject: RE: [redacted] 1.4(B)
[redacted] 1.4(D)

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Anything further on this? No real action for EUR, yet, that I can see, but obviously of some concern. I'll be in Rome on Wednesday.

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RELEASE IN PART 1.4(B),B1,B5,1.4(D),1.4(A),1.4(C),B3

From: Heffern, John A
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 7:48 AM
To: Tribble, Conrad R; Quinville, Robin S
Subject: FW: [redacted]

Do not circulate widely. Jh

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Declassified by Donald K. Holm, Senior Reviewer, September 11, 2019

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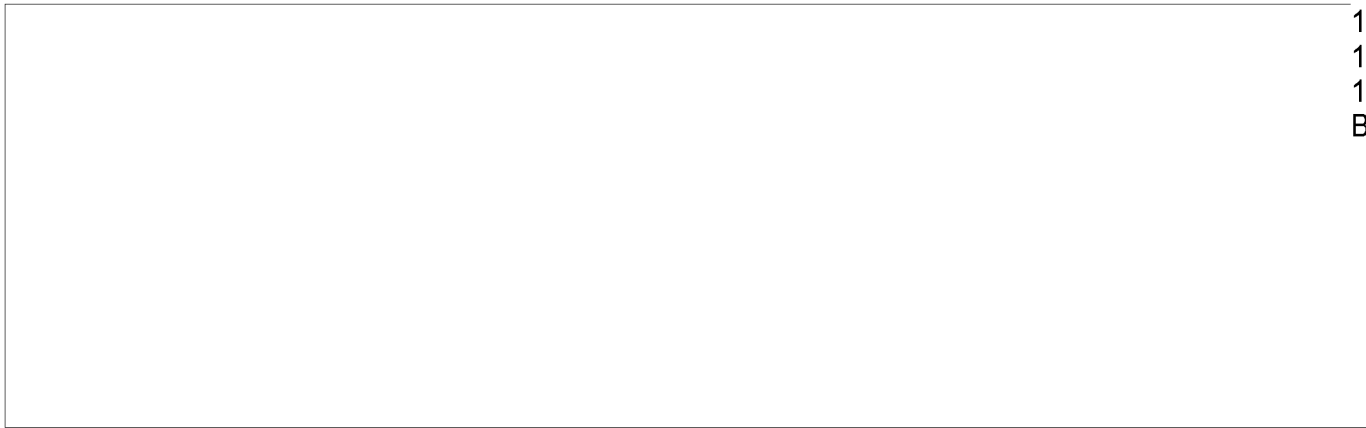
From: Finer, Jonathan J
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 5:44 AM
To: Winer, Jonathan; Desrocher, John X; Siberell, Justin H; Patterson, Anne W; Feierstein, Gerald M; Bodde, Peter W; Kaidanow, Tina S; Richards, Marie J; Gilbert, Stephanie S; Prattipati, Anupama; Finer, Jonathan J; Kenna, Lisa D; Sullivan, Thomas D; Nuland, Victoria J; Heffern, John A
Subject: RE: [redacted]

As Jonathan predicted, [redacted] 1.4(B)
[redacted] 1.4(D)

From: Winer, Jonathan
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 6:05 PM
To: Desrocher, John X; Siberell, Justin H; Patterson, Anne W; Feierstein, Gerald M; Bodde, Peter W; Kaidanow, Tina S; Richards, Marie J; Gilbert, Stephanie S; Prattipati, Anupama; Finer, Jonathan J; Kenna, Lisa D; Sullivan, Thomas D; Nuland, Victoria J; Heffern, John A
Subject: RE: [redacted]

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For this group only –



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1.4(D)
B3

Jonathan

From: Desrocher, John X

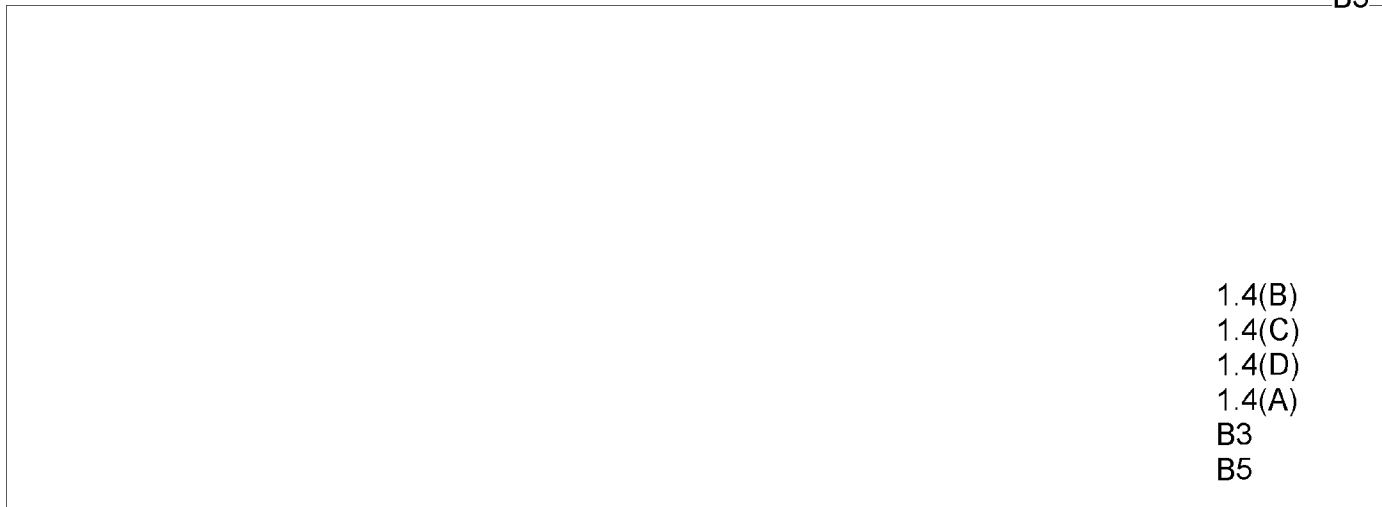
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 4:25 PM

To: Siberell, Justin H; Patterson, Anne W; Feierstein, Gerald M; Winer, Jonathan; Bodde, Peter W; Kaidanow, Tina S; Richards, Marie J; Gilbert, Stephanie S; Prattipati, Anupama; Finer, Jonathan J; Kenna, Lisa D; Sullivan, Thomas D; Nuland, Victoria J; Heffern, John A

Subject:



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John

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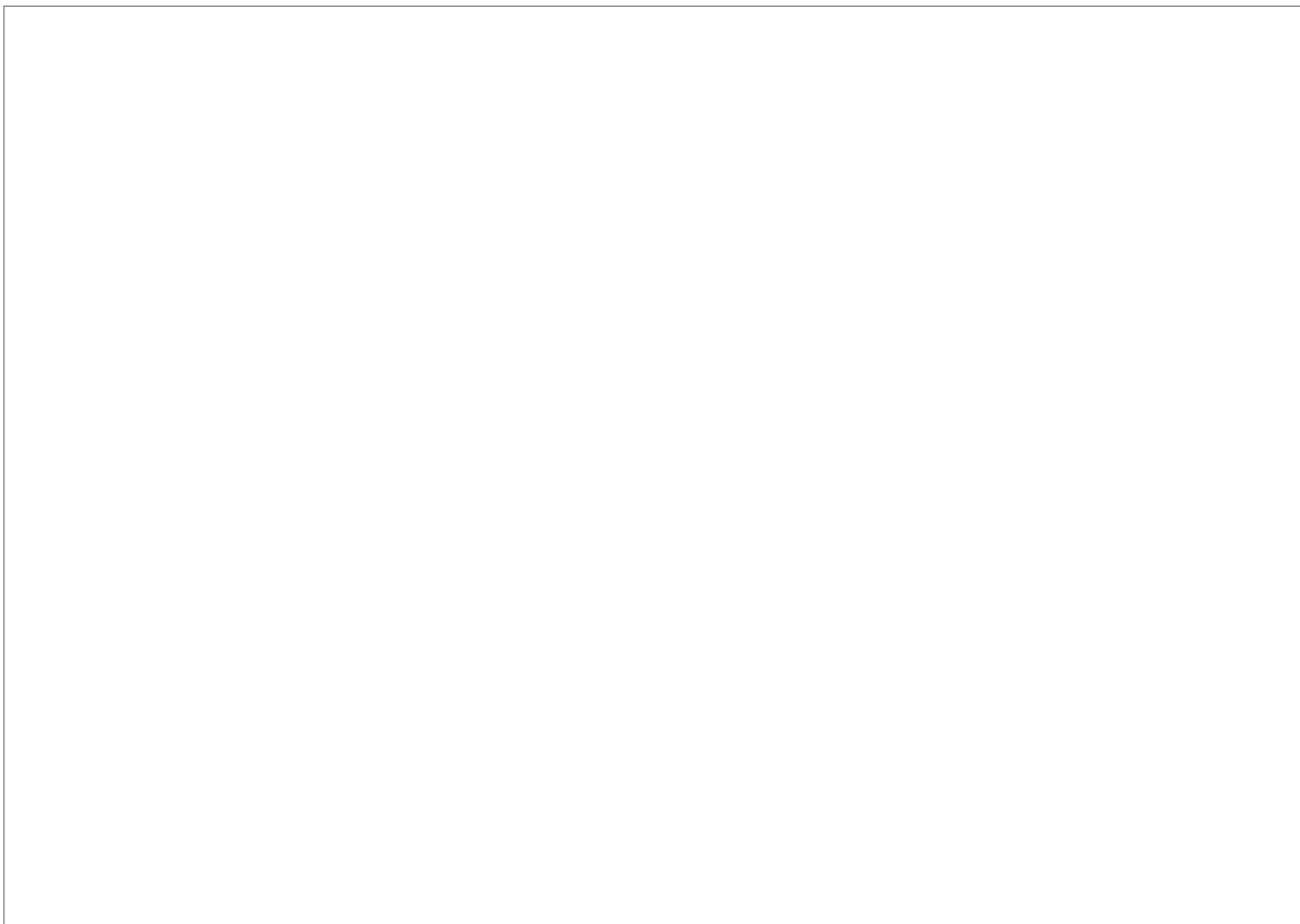
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 4:05 PM

To: Long, Jessica P; Siberell, Justin H; Patterson, Anne W; Feierstein, Gerald M; Winer, Jonathan; Bodde, Peter W; Kaidanow, Tina S; Richards, Marie J; Gilbert, Stephanie S; Prattipati, Anupama; LoGerfo, Gregory D; Rettig, Max L; Rubinstein, Daniel H; Finer, Jonathan J; Kenna, Lisa D; Sullivan, Thomas D; Schneiderman, Daniel M; Dorosin, Joshua L;

Rapp, Laurel; Fischer, Jonathan S; Freeman, Jeremy B

Subject:

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John

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From: Long, Jessica P

Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 10:35 AM

To: Desrocher, John X; Siberell, Justin H; Patterson, Anne W; Feierstein, Gerald M; Winer, Jonathan; Bodde, Peter W; Kaidanow, Tina S; Richards, Marie J; Gilbert, Stephanie S; Prattipati, Anupama; LoGerfo, Gregory D; Rettig, Max L; Rubinstein, Daniel H; Finer, Jonathan J; Kenna, Lisa D; Sullivan, Thomas D; Schneiderman, Daniel M; Dorosin, Joshua L; Rapp, Laurel; Fischer, Jonathan S; Freeman, Jeremy B

Subject: RE:



A few quick highlights:

- **There will be a DSG today on the same topic from 12:45-1400.** (Stephanie told me D is unavailable at that

time).

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1.4(D)
1.4(A)
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Jess

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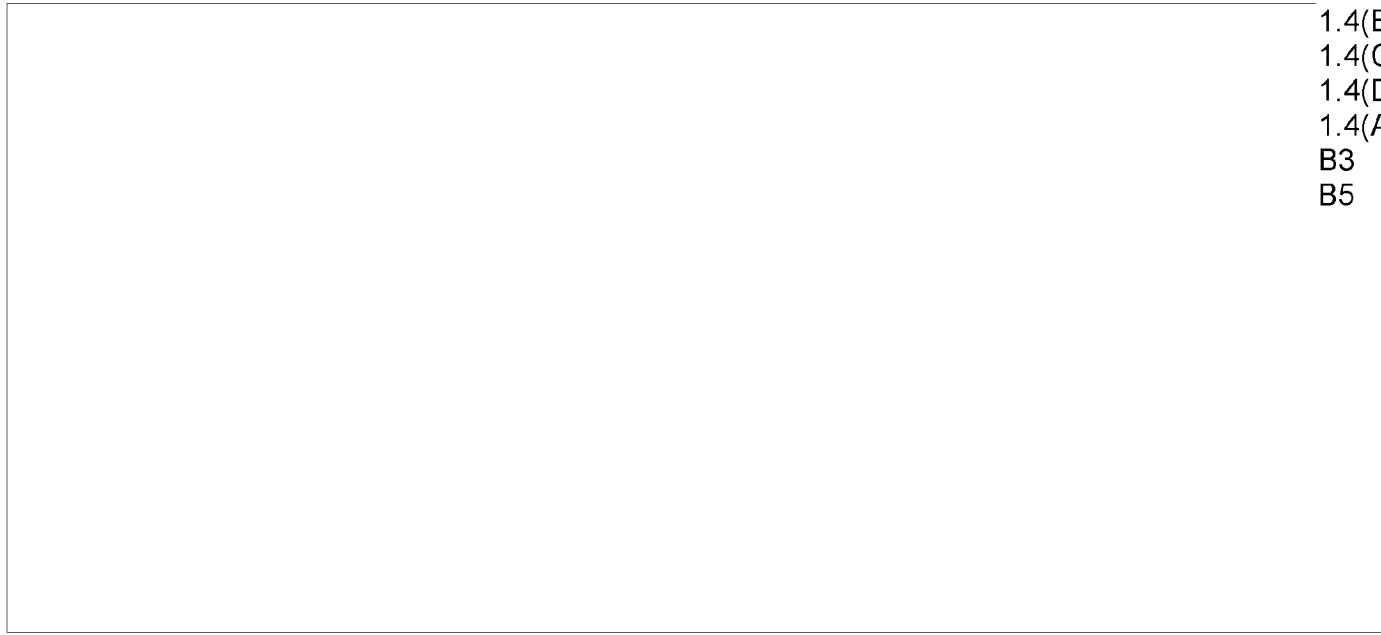
From: Desrocher, John X

Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 8:41 PM

To: Siberell, Justin H; Patterson, Anne W; Feierstein, Gerald M; Winer, Jonathan; Bodde, Peter W; Kaidanow, Tina S; Richards, Marie J; Gilbert, Stephanie S; Prattipati, Anupama; LoGerfo, Gregory D; Long, Jessica P; Rettig, Max L; Rubinstein, Daniel H; Finer, Jonathan J; Kenna, Lisa D; Sullivan, Thomas D; Schneiderman, Daniel M; Dorosin, Joshua Rapp, Laurel; Fischer, Jonathan S

Subject:

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The Deputy Secretary explained our notification plan, which all acknowledged with little comment.

The taskings were:

- [Redacted] 1.4(A)
- [Redacted] 1.4(B)
- [Redacted] 1.4(C)
- [Redacted] 1.4(D)
- [Redacted] B5

There will be a CSG on Thursday morning at 0830 to follow up.

[Redacted] 1.4(A)

John [Redacted] 1.4(D)

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From: Siberell, Justin H
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 9:49 AM
To: Patterson, Anne W; Feierstein, Gerald M; Desrocher, John X; Winer, Jonathan; Bodde, Peter W; Kaidanow, Tina 1.4(B)
 Richards, Marie J; Gilbert, Stephanie S; Prattipati, Anupama; LoGerfo, Gregory D; Long, Jessica P; Rettig, Max L; 1.4(D)
 Rubinstein, Daniel H; Finer, Jonathan I; Kenna, Lisa D; Sullivan, Thomas D; Schneiderman, Daniel M; Dorosin, Josh 1.4(A)
Subject: RE: Urgent -- [Redacted]

[Redacted] 1.4(B)
 [Redacted] 1.4(C)
 [Redacted] 1.4(D)
 [Redacted] 1.4(A)
 [Redacted] B5

[Redacted]

1.4(D)
B5

DOD will work on press guidance and a strategic messaging plan that will be cleared with/through State.

I have to run out to meetings, but back around noon. We are meeting later today with OSD/SOLIC [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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1.4(A)
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From: Siberell, Justin H

Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2016 5:40 PM

To: Patterson, Anne W; Feierstein, Gerald M; Desrocher, John X; Winer, Jonathan; Bodde, Peter W; Kaidanow, Tina S; Richards, Marie J; Gilbert, Stephanie S; Prattipati, Anupama; LoGerfo, Gregory D; Long, Jessica P; Rettig, Max L; Rubinstein, Daniel H

Subject: Urgent - [Redacted]

1.4(B)
1.4(D)
1.4(A)

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1.4(A)
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1.4(D)
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B5

NEA – is a DAS available to attend tomorrow morning’s small group discussion at OEOB? Can you let us know who and we’ll convey to NSC/CT staff?

Thanks, Justin

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U.S. Department of State

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Tel: 202-647-9892

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From: Winer, Jonathan
Sent: Thu, 11 Dec 2014 17:36:37 +0000
To: Nuland, Victoria J; Jones, Paul W
Cc: Miller, Nina A
Subject: RE: orbis

RELEASE IN FULL

The best solution I can come up with is to have Nina Miller send them to you on my behalf high side. That way, she can get them to you at least during business hours during the week, regardless of my location.

I will send them to her from my non-State email account, not copying myself. She will then send them to us. You know who they are coming from, so even high side from here I will just refer to them as "O Reports," and strip out any other identifying information as to sourcing. -- Jonathan

From: Nuland, Victoria J
Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2014 4:27 PM
To: Winer, Jonathan; Jones, Paul W
Subject: RE: orbis

Lets do high side.

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Classified By: Victoria Nuland, Assistant Secretary, EUR/FO, Department of State
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From: Winer, Jonathan
Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2014 3:24 AM
To: Jones, Paul W; Nuland, Victoria J
Subject: RE: orbis

Flipping this to high side will result in delays whenever the reporting takes place and I am out of the office, which includes weekends plus when I am overseas (for example, I've been out since December 1 and will only be returning to office December 18).

Your choice how to proceed. I will implement however you think best. -- Jonathan

From: Jones, Paul W
Sent: Monday, December 08, 2014 4:52 PM
To: Winer, Jonathan
Subject: orbis

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AUTHORITY: Jeff Baron, Senior
Reviewer, A/GIS/IPS, 09/10/2019

Jonathan,

Given our ongoing concerns about security of opennet, Toria and I wonder if it would be possible for you to flip orbis reports to this system before sending them to us. Understand that's yet another step in the process for you. We just want to be sure we don't inadvertently undermine a very good source of info or worse.

Best, Paul

From: Nuland, Victoria J <nulandvj@state.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 28, 2014 4:50 PM
To: Winer, Jonathan <WinerJ@state.gov>; Jones, Paul W <JonesPW2@state.gov>
Subject: Re: Orbis Thoughts on Sanctions

Interesting, tx

RELEASE IN PART B4, B6, B7(A), B7(F)

From: Winer, Jonathan
Sent: Friday, November 28, 2014 4:40 PM
To: Nuland, Victoria J; Jones, Paul W
Subject: Fw: Orbis Thoughts on Sanctions

B6

From: Jonathan Winer [mailto:]
Sent: Friday, November 28, 2014 04:12 PM
To: Winer, Jonathan
Subject: Orbis Thoughts on Sanctions

B7(A)
B7(F)

I asked Chris Steele to provide me, in light of what he and Orbis understand, their thoughts on []
[] sanctions. [] which you should feel free to take for
whatever they may be worth.

Jonathan

CHRIS STEELE/ORBIS: []
[]

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B7(A)
B7(F)

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B7(A)
B7(F)

26 November 2014



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