



**United States Department of State**

*Washington, D.C. 20520*

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Case No. F-2020-00690/FL-2020-00028

Sean Dunagan  
Judicial Watch  
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Dear Mr. Dunagan:

As we noted in our letter dated August 4, 2020, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department has processed more than 475 pages since its last production and has identified 1 additional responsive record subject to the FOIA. Upon review, we have determined that one record 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 the document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released and is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Assistant United States Attorney Alan Burch at [alan.burch@usdoj.gov](mailto:alan.burch@usdoj.gov) or (202) 252-2550. Please refer to the case number, F-2020-00690/FL-2020-00028, and the civil action number, 20-cv-00229, in all correspondence about this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan C. Weetman".

Susan C. Weetman  
Deputy Director  
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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

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Burisma - gift that keeps on giving. (With medvedchuk affiliated Vesti pushing the troll like storyline on visit day)

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## **Review of Ukrainian Printed Mass Media**

January 16, 2017

- 1. Ukraine to Test Military Units in Rostov Region**
- 2. NBU Head is Suspected of Fraud**
- 3. Public Funding of Political Parties**
- 4. P. Poroshenko Tries to Avoid Fall of his Ratings**
- 5. J. Biden's Visit to Ukraine**
- 6. Nomination Process for New National Police Chief**
- 7. De-ukrainization in Donbas**
- 8. B. Obama's "Farewell" Sanctions**

### **Ukraine to Test Military Units in Rostov Region**

*Vesti:* Russia has allowed Ukrainian inspectors to visit military formations and units of the Russian army, located in the Rostov region, from January 16 to 19.

*Segodnya:* Unofficial information about a vast number of weapons and military equipment, including artillery, located in the border regions of the Russian Federation, has repeatedly appeared in the media, but the official Kremlin has never confirmed it.

### **NBU Head is Suspected of Fraud**

*Vesti:* The National Anti-Corruption Bureau has opened proceedings against the head of the National Bank V. Gontareva and the Director of the Deposit Guarantee Fund K. Vorushilina, based on the GPO prosecutor V. Kutsenko's report. V. Gontareva is suspected of fraud in the amount of approximately USD 315.6 billion

## **Public Funding of Political Parties**

*Segodnya:* Ukrainian MPs will receive money from the state budget soon, as the NACP has already distributed UAH 398 million, provided for by law, among the six parliamentary political forces.

## **P. Poroshenko Tries to Avoid Fall of his Ratings**

*Vesti:* P. Poroshenko has reduced the number of his international contacts and communication with the media to avoid hard questions and to stop his rating falling. He also disregarded the traditional press conference on the results of the outgoing year (or on the results of the "equator" of his presidential term).

## **J. Biden's Visit to Ukraine**

*Vesti:* Will J. Biden arrive to secure his son's business? According to experts, J. Biden, as the unofficial curator of "the Ukrainian question", will give P. Poroshenko recommendations about working with the new US administration. Another aspect is the protection of his own business interests.

## **Nomination Process for New National Police Chief**

*Segodnya:* The names of all the candidates for the post of the National Police chief, a list of 64 applicants, has been published by the Interior Ministry on its official website. The contest will start on January 18 and will be held in five stages.

## **De-ukrainization in Donbas**

*Segodnya:* The new "authorities" of the occupied territories of Donbas and so-called "DNR" are trying to eradicate everything connected with the Ukrainian language, literature and art.

## **B. Obama's "Farewell" Sanctions**

*Segodnya:* The 44th US President B. Obama has secured at least for one more year the sanctions against Russia, Iran, Cuba, Libya, Zimbabwe and Venezuela. The document says that in relation to Moscow it is due to the annexation of Crimea and the Russian role in the armed conflict in eastern Ukraine. The US President-elect Donald Trump has stated that he will keep sanctions against Russia "at least for a while."

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*With best regards,  
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