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Thank you very much for looking into this and very sorry to ask. Ambassador very unhappy about the article, though agree it stinks to me to of people we know very well. I will pass on info, and sorry to tackle you right after meeting; AMB ordered me to do it.

I thought Boyko did quite well in fact. Don't know that he convinced Nuland on everything (incl. DF intentions), but his performance much less Soviet and better than I thought would be. So job well done! :)

And yes, totally looking forward to Wed!!

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.
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Hey.

We ran our short investigation – after our conversation I immediately called SL and Igor Shuvalov, who is in charge of Inter programming (you know him and you actually helped him and his wife with visas once – a very good solidly pro-Ukrainian guy).

Both confirmed to me that there was NOTHING of the kind on real Inter, and in fact Inter was/is running quite objective and in fact complimentary programming on the VP's visit.

Podrobnosti.biz is a junk website registered in Sevastopol. We think the purpose of this publication was two-fold – pour mud over VP and piss him off before this important visit, and to put a rift between SL/Oppo Block and the USG. The Family (Klimenko, Arbuzov, Sasha Yanuk) have been spending a lot of time and energy to portray SL as a US spy in Moscow so that Moscow does not talk to him and Boyko, and actually making him weaker in your eyes is good for them because it diminishes his chances of becoming one of the building blocks of the next coalition. Any sign that Oppo Block is cosher from the standpoint of the U.S. and is an important part of discussion, incl meetings like today's destroys this strategy.

Have to give these guys credit – it was quite clever, although I do not think it has been successful, other than creating more work for you and me.

Hope you survive this visit, and sorry you had to sit on that meeting. It was a good meeting overall, and my guy touched on the points he should have. I have no idea why he said a few things he said, especially re: North. There is a lot of dynamics up there, but even I was struck by lack of detail in his answer, as if he was checking the box.

Anyways, look forward to catching up on Wednesday. I was thinking about 1-ish, but can do any time that fits into your schedule.

Best

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