

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Fri, 15 Jul 2016 12:47:41 +0200
To: Rupp, Abigail M
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: RED BORDER: Letter from Independent Director of BURISMA Group

Hi Abby,

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From: Rupp, Abigail M
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2016 12:29 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: Fwd: RED BORDER: Letter from Independent Director of BURISMA Group

(b)(6) are you familiar with this company?

From: Rome Protocol - Red Border <RomeProtocol@state.gov>
Date: July 15, 2016 at 12:06:27 PM GMT+2
To: Rupp, Abigail M (b)(6)@state.gov>
Cc: Rome Protocol - Red Border <RomeProtocol@state.gov>, Rome Front Office Admin -DL <RomeFrontOfficeAdmin@state.gov>, (b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject: RED BORDER: Letter from Independent Director of BURISMA Group

Att.: CG FLORENCE
The attached Red Border is for your action
Thank you

RED BORDER TASKING

OFFICE TASKED: CG FLO

DUE DATE: July 29, 2016

REF: Letter from Independent Director of BURISMA Group

The attached reference, addressed to the Ambassador, is forwarded to you for your action.

NEW POLICY

(as of July 2014):

Sections/Agencies are empowered to make their own decisions on responses to Red Borders without seeking confirmation from the Front Office.

- *It is still advisable to consult/clear with other sections/agencies with interest in the topic.*

The tasked Section/Agency no longer submits its recommendation to the Front Office.

- **If your response needs to be seen by the AMB or DCM:**
 - Draft a *Decision Memo* and send to RomeFrontOfficeAdmin@state.gov .
- **If you will reply on behalf of the AMB or DCM:**
 - Draft and send your letter/email of response.
 - Forward a copy to RomeProtocol@state.gov
- **If you believe that no action needs to be taken:**
 - Say so (and why) in an email for record to RomeProtocol@state.gov

What is a Red Border

The Protocol Office evaluates each piece of incoming correspondence addressed to the Ambassador for appropriate action required and assigns it to the appropriate Section/Agency for action. Those that involve an active participation by the Ambassador are called Red Borders(simple requests for his attendance, at a ball for instance, are handled as Invitations).

Procedures: Protocol will send the tasked Section/Agency an email with an embedded Red Border form (instructions) along with a scanned copy of the original incoming correspondence. The Red Border form provides the response options available and establishes a due date for the recommendation.

Deadlines: If you are unable to meet the deadline, please contact Protocol and provide a reasonable timeframe for completion of the action item. If you feel that your office is not the appropriate action office, please advise Protocol of the transfer of action.

Response: The Tasked Section/Agency has responsibility for the response. All three response options require notice sent to the Protocol Office (RomeProtocol@state.gov). Always inform Protocol of the final determination for the Red Border - even if the response is "no action required" - so that the Red Border file can be closed.

From: Rupp, Abigail M
Sent: Wed, 20 Jul 2016 10:24:26 +0000
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Letter from R. Hunter Biden

Looks fine to me.

Abigail Rupp
Consul General
U.S. Consulate Florence, Italy

(b)(6)
(b)(6)@state.gov
www.florence.usconsulate.gov

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From: (b)(7)(A)
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2016 12:23 PM
To: Rupp, Abigail M
Subject: FW: Letter from R. Hunter Biden

Abby,

what do you think?

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From: (b)(6)@trade.gov
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2016 12:16 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Letter from R. Hunter Biden

Thanks, (b)(6)

(b)(6) also contacted me regarding the letter. They seem able to contact Mr. Rossi.

I want to be careful about promising too much. This is a Ukrainian company and, purely to protect ourselves, USG should not be actively advocating with the Government of Italy without the company going through the DOC Advocacy Center. The Advocacy Center would only recommend that we provide support if the US content is substantial. I'm happy to convey that to Mr. Biden.

(b)(5)

Best,

(b)(6)

Senior Commercial Officer
Embassy of the United States of America
Via Vittorio Veneto 119, 00187 Rome, Italy

☐: (b)(6) @trade.gov ☎ (b)(6)

From: (b)(6) @state.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2016 11:52 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc:
Subject: RE: Letter from R. Hunter Biden

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From: (b)(6) @trade.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 12:30 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Letter from R. Hunter Biden

Thanks, (b)(6)

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(b)(6)
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From: (b)(6)
[[http://redirect.state.sbu/?url=http://redirect.state.sbu/?url=http://redirect.state.sbu/?url=mailto:\(b\)\(6\)@state.gov](http://redirect.state.sbu/?url=http://redirect.state.sbu/?url=http://redirect.state.sbu/?url=mailto:(b)(6)@state.gov)]
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 2:58 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Letter from R. Hunter Biden

(b)(6)
I should have copied you on this. AMB received attached letter from Mr. Biden. (b)(6) spoke to the AMB and agreed to reach out to his office to assist. I will draft a letter reply from the Ambassador letting Mr. Biden know as such. Thanks, (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 2:54 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Letter from R. Hunter Biden

(b)(6)
I will draft a letter reply to Mr. Biden. OK to include your name, phone number and e-mail? Thanks,

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Assistant to the Ambassador
U.S. Embassy Rome
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 (b)(6)@state.gov |  (b)(6)

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