

From: [Kent, George P](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] [Yovanovitch, Marie L](#)
Subject: Burisma board member asking for meeting during 15-17 March
Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 2:39:29 AM

The Burisma campaign of engagement continues.

Cofer Black was an interagency detailee. I was in a meeting with him once, I believe, and came away with a positive impression.

[REDACTED] - if you would be willing to reach out, I would appreciate it. Otherwise, I will answer next week, when I dig out. Thanks

George

From: [REDACTED]@gmail.com <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Date: February 20, 2017 at 6:37:23 PM GMT+1
To: Kent, George P <[REDACTED]@state.gov>
Subject: Request for meeting during 15-17 March

Dear Sir - I am Cofer Black who served at State during 2002-2004 as Counterterrorism Coordinator (S/CT) under Secretary Powell. I am a new board member at Burisma Energy and plan to be in Kiev 15, 16, 17 March and would like to pay a courtesy call to introduce myself. I hope that these dates are convenient and I look forward to meeting you. Best, Cofer Black.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Burisma files
Date: Thursday, October 26, 2017 5:26:50 AM

[REDACTED],

I found the below linked files on the low side shared drive:

1. [April 4, 2017 letter from Cofer Black](#) to Ambassdaor expressing concern that Ihor Kononenko had been unable to reach the Ambassador.
2. [April 11, 2017 letter from Ambassador](#) replying to Cofer Black that we are unaware of any requests from Kononenko (Note: Attachment is Word document, I can't be certain this was signed and sent. End note.)
3. [August 2014 readout of Econoff \[REDACTED\] meeting](#) with Burisma board advisor Vadym Pozharskiy. Provides nice one page overview of the company as of 2014. Also notes credible allegations of corruption in company's past.
4. [October 2014 Burisma-produced Powerpoint presentation](#) overview of the company. Glossy and positive portrayal.

I searched emails and shared documents but do not have anything on the other system.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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4 April 2017

Dear Madame Ambassador,

Greetings from Washington, DC. It was a pleasure to meet briefly with you at the recent U.S.-Ukraine Business Council luncheon. I was sorry that we did not have a chance to meet in Kyiv when I was in-country, but hopefully we can remedy that during my next visit.

I was also disappointed that Deputy Chief of Mission George Kent was unable to make our meeting, previously scheduled to follow very useful talks with your very impressive energy team.

I therefore will pass along the following in writing for your consideration. As an acknowledged novice in local Ukrainian realities who nevertheless is very interested and engaged in such, I was surprised when Ihor Kononenko told me that he had received no response to his repeated efforts to contact you through the Embassy. I told Kononenko simply that I would pass on to you his comment to me.

My parenthetical and no doubt impolitic comment to you is that, through six PCS tours in some pretty rough neighborhoods as well as a stint at Main State at the Assistant Secretary level, I have never witnessed a situation in which a senior local government official was unable to obtain an audience with a US Ambassador.

I also feel compelled to raise concern over how my recent appointment to the Burisma board has been handled by the NGO community, specifically Ms. Daria Kaleniuk, the Executive Director of the Anti-Corruption Action Centre and by extension, the U.S. Embassy.

Ms. Kaleniuk, obviously without any effort at due diligence, responded to the announcement of my association with Burisma with an accusation on her blog that I "introduced and supported torture," amid other false allegations. As I am sure you are aware, I have never supported torture of any kind and, indeed, testified before the U.S. Congress under oath strongly condemning any and all alleged activities of this nature.

Furthermore, the December 9, 2014 "Senate Intelligence Committee Study on CIA Detention and Interrogation Program" reported that I and my team authored several memos immediately after 9/11 strongly recommending to CIA and USG leadership that all Al-Qaida members should be treated as Prisoners of War under the Geneva Convention. We also recommended that such combatants should be held by trained Department of Defense military police or other professional prison wardens. There were no enhanced interrogations conducted during my time as the Director, Counterterrorism Center.

I am sure you agree with me that NGOs (especially those supported by U.S. taxpayers) have a responsibility to check their facts and to be held accountable for inaccuracies. Failure to do so will undermine their credibility in Ukraine and possibly damage their potential for doing good. Given that the U.S. Embassy lends financial and other support to the Anti-Corruption Action Centre, I believe our Embassy should hold this institution to standards consistent with our other good faith partners.

I would like to thank you and Mr. Kent for allowing me to meet with [REDACTED] All [REDACTED] were so very impressive. Makes me proud to be an American, knowing we have such high caliber officers representing us.

I look forward to meeting with you during my next visit to Ukraine.

Sincerely,


J Cofer Black

Kyiv, Ukraine
April 12, 2017

Mr. J Cofer Black
Burisma
c/o [REDACTED]@gmail.com

Dear Mr. Black:

Thank you for your April 4 letter. I'm sorry that we missed each other on your last visit. Thank you for your warm words about the team, and I am pleased they were helpful during your visit to Ukraine.

In my first seven months here in Kyiv, I have had the pleasure of meeting with Ukrainians from all parts of society. I am not aware of any requests from Mr. Kononenko specifically. As you note, we have been very supportive of civil society since the Revolution of Dignity – they have shown themselves to be the real champions of democracy and reform in Ukraine. I fully agree, however, that they must be responsible with their actions and statements.

I look forward to meeting with you and discussing Ukraine's energy sector on your next trip to Kyiv.

Sincerely,

Marie L. Yovanovitch

CLEARANCES

Approved: AMB: MYovanovitch ()

Drafted: ECON: [REDACTED]

Cleared: ECON: [REDACTED] ok
ECON: [REDACTED] ok
POL: [REDACTED] ok
EXEC: [REDACTED] ok
EXEC: [REDACTED] (ok)
DCM: GKent ()

[REDACTED]

Burisma Holdings – 08/04/2014

Participants

- Vadym Pozharskiy, advisor to the board of Burisma Holding
- [REDACTED], Energy Officer

Burisma Holdings is a Cyprus-registered company with five subsidiary gas production companies licensed in Ukraine. Pozharskiy claims that the company is 100% held by Mykola Zlochevskiy, a former Minister of Ecology. Burisma operates primarily in the Kharkiv and Poltava regions, and extracts about 500 million cubic meters of gas annually, making it the second largest private producer in Ukraine. It has 40 wells in operation, and another 24 in the drilling stage, giving it the potential to reach 1 bcm in production in 2015. Burisma is working with the service company Zont, which employs 30-35 U.S. employees and uses modern drilling equipment.

The company has taken a leadership role both in forming an association of independent gas companies in Ukraine and in opposing new gas legislation that would sharply increase royalty fees. Recently, the company has also begun to aggressively expand its profile abroad, hiring lobbyists in Washington, and inviting notables such as Hunter Biden, former Polish president Aleksander Kwaśniewski, and financier [REDACTED] on to its governing board.

([REDACTED]) This also seems to be an attempt to rehabilitate the image of the company and cleanse it from past, highly credible allegations of corruption. NGOs and energy experts have claimed that Zlochevskiy awarded gas licenses and other perks to himself while serving as the Minister of Ecology. At least for now, the company seems earnest about improving transparency and corporate governance at Burisma. They have hired KPMG to perform a comprehensive audit and Nardello to perform reputational due diligence. They are also investing in new fields, modern equipment, and decent leadership.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Burisma
Date: Thursday, October 26, 2017 5:28:48 AM
Attachments: [Zlochevskyi Case.docx](#)

Thanks for files, found this in my emails to. Can you save it somewhere on the hard drive.

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 2:00 PM
To: Yovanovitch, Marie L
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Burisma

Ambassador,

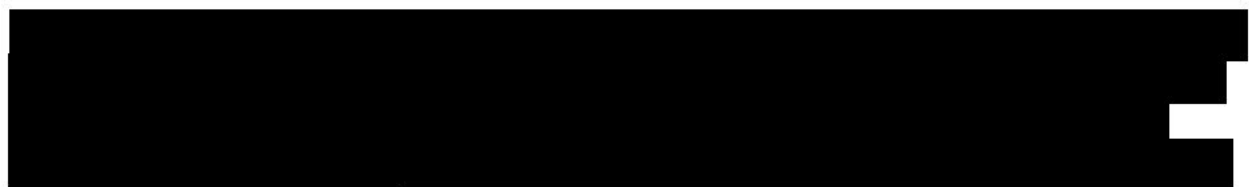
Here is a one pager regarding the Zlochevskyi case.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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Zlochevskyi Case

The USG was involved in a joint British and American effort to seize \$23 million belonging to former Minister of Ecology Mykola Zlochevskyi. The USG involvement included FBI investigative support that developed information indicating two companies controlled by Zlochevskyi transferred almost \$13 million in funds through U.S. financial institutions.

As of March 2014, the PGO had an ongoing corruption and bribery investigation in which Zlochevskyi was a subject. In April 2014, the British Government issued a restraining order to freeze \$23 million in an account, traceable to Mr. Zlochevskyi. In order to keep the money restrained or frozen, the British requested information, evidence or at least a letter from the PGO stating that Zlochevskyi was the subject of a criminal investigation in Ukraine. In August, the PGO merged the Zlochevskyi investigation into a larger-scale inquiry of the Ministry of the Ecology and Natural Resources as a whole. This action effectively resulted in the closure of the individual criminal investigation in which he was a subject. In November 2014, the PGO issued a certification to the attorney representing Zlochevskyi in the British case stating that there were no grounds for Zlochevskyi's prosecution in Ukraine. Also in November, the PGO provided a letter to the British authorities advising, erroneously and in contradiction to this, that a criminal investigation was still underway, even though Zlochevskyi had not yet been notified of suspicion in this case. A British Court ultimately ruled on or about January 20, 2015 that the British Government had provided insufficient evidence that the funds were illegally obtained. Soon after the ruling the money was transferred to Cyprus. The investigation continues, but it is extremely unlikely that the money will be returned to Ukraine.



Information provided by the PGO and Ministry of Interior indicates that Zlochevskyi oversaw natural resource exploitation in his government position and awarded permits and certain rights to oil and natural gas companies he controlled. In some instances as part of these transactions, the Ministry grossly overpaid companies for products or services after which companies controlled by Zlochevskyi presumably would receive a portion of that money back. There is no valid explanation as to why Zlochevskyi would have \$23,000,000 in accounts in the United Kingdom.

From: [REDACTED]
To: Kent, George P
Cc: Yovanovitch, Marie L; [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Atlantic Council cooperating with Yanukovich associate
Date: Monday, January 23, 2017 1:13:30 AM
Importance: High

George, Further to your earlier email on Burisma and Atlantic Council, AnTAC has picked the issue up. They are engaging [REDACTED] directly (see email exchange below) and asking us to engage him as well. Do you have any background on Atlantic Council's decision to accept Burisma funds? Can I let AnTAC know that we have talked to [REDACTED] on this (if you or someone else has spoken with him)? AnTAC will be here today, coincidentally, to discuss other issues, so I can talk to them about this if you have any guidance on what to say.

Thanks!

[REDACTED]

From: Daria Kaleniuk [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2017 7:07 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Atlantic Council cooperating with Yanukovich associate

Dear colleagues,
 I would like to let you know on our attempts to convince [REDACTED] to refrain from cooperation with Zlochevskiy.
 Probable he doesn't realise how he helps now to clean up Burisma business and personally Zlochevskiy.
 I could imagine only in the most scary dreams possibility of Atlantic Council to sign a cooperative agreement with Burisma...
 Just in case [REDACTED] will contact you, please be aware of information below.
 FYI ONLY

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Daria Kaleniuk <[REDACTED]>
Date: Sun, Jan 22, 2017 at 6:55 PM
Subject: Re: Atlantic Council cooperating with Yanukovich associate
To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]
 I do hope that before taking this decision you had a chance to receive information from OPDAT and INL based at US Embassy in Ukraine. They are well aware of how this case was developing since summer 2014, when it was initiated by Serious Fraud Office. They also well aware of how this case was intentionally dumped by Yarema, Shokin and now Lutsenko, whom you personally heavily criticized. I also hope that you're aware that SFO continues investigation against Zlochevskiy and Burisma:

<http://www.dw.com/uk/%D1%83-%D0%B2%D0%B5%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%BA%D0%BE%D0%B1%D1%80%D0%B8%D1%82%D0%B0%D0%BD%D1%96%D1%97-%D1%82%D1%80%D0%B8%D0%B2%D0%B0%D1%94-%D1%81%D0%BB%D1%96%D0%B4%D1%81%D1%82%D0%B2%D0%BE-%D1%83-%D1%81%D0%BE%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%B2%D1%96-%D1%81%D1%83%D0%BC%D0%BD%D1%96%D0%B2%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%85-%D0%B3%D1%80%D0%BE%D1%88%D0%B5%D0%B9-%D0%B7%D0%BB%D0%BE%D1%87%D0%B5%D0%B2%D1%81%D1%8C%D0%BA%D0%BE%D0%B3%D0%BE/a-37195171?maca=ukr-rss-ukrnet-ukr-all-3816-xml>

Finally, I hope that you've considered all possible risks associated with being partner with Zlochevskiy - if not please ask MP Sergiy Leshchenko, a former investigative journalist who was writing a lot about Yanukovich gang dirty assets, including Zlochevskiy's. Leshchenko publications frequently appear in Atlantic Council.

Here is coverage in Kyivpost reflecting our astonishment with clearing up Zlochevskiy by Lutsenko:
<https://www.kyivpost.com/ukraine-politics/activists-cry-foul-courts-prosecutors-clear-zlochevsky.html>

The article doesn't reflect though our deep feel of betrayal after Burisma released joint cooperative agreement with the Atlantic Council. Burisma is obviously using this to clear up its reputation. Zlochevskiy invests a lot into legitimizing his business and Atlantic Council with [REDACTED] are part of the deal to clear dirty money. Here is Burisma paying ad for informing everyone about cooperating with you:
https://www.kyivpost.com/business-wire/zlochevskiy-burisma-atlantic-council-sign-cooperative-agreement.html?utm_source=traqli&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=traqli_daily

Should Zlochevskiy have invested any funds to Atlantic Council, it will not help you to reach goals stated in the email - firstly, because Zlochevskiy's Burisma is also linked to businesses in Crimea. I can send you details if you're interested.

[REDACTED], you have to be aware that we are fighting with very few people to bring Zlochevskiy to justice and there is huge money and political influence against us. Zlochevskiy is obviously one of close associates of Yanukovich. He built up his fortune granting licences to extract Ukrainian gas to his companies while in power. Simply by taking away these licenses from Burisma and granting them through competitive procedure to international companies Ukraine could receive huge investments. But this could be done only resulting from non-biased investigation, which unfortunately didn't happen due to corrupt prosecution and courts.

I'd also like you to watch this trailer:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2hcSjBKhtY>

Jointly with VICE news, Global Witness and British journalist [REDACTED] we've prepared a documentary explaining how Zlochevskiy laundered funds from Ukraine and why these funds are so needed for the country. Zlochevskiy hired best UK lawyers which blocked screening of the full documentary the day before its full launch - simply threatening UK NGO with law suit. Because of UK strict libel law our partners in UK were afraid to screen it. However, we are still looking for a reliable partner to do so.

Of course, partnering of Burisma with Atlantic Council will significantly complicate our attempts to get justice. Atlantic Council cooperating with Zlochevskyi is a very painful backblow for us, and I believe, for many other good people in Ukraine who strive for reforms.

Regards
Daria

On Sat, Jan 21, 2017 at 12:29 AM, [REDACTED] > wrote:
Dear Daria,

Thank you for this email. We will take what you have written into account. We received extensive information of all kinds about what happened in London before taking our decision.

You can be sure that the Atlantic Council insists on its intellectual independence when it receives support for its programs. Our Ukraine work remains focused on 1) helping Ukraine defeat Kremlin aggression; 2) promoting reform in Ukraine; 3) persuading Western governments to provide aid to Ukraine to achieve goals one and two; 4) countering Kremlin disinformation; 5) keeping international attention on Crimea.

If you like we could meet and discuss this on my next trip to Kyiv.

Best,



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From: Daria Kaleniuk [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 8:06 AM
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Atlantic Council cooperating with Yanukovych associate

Dear [REDACTED],

It came to my attention, that Atlantic Council signed a cooperative agreement with Burisma, a group of companies controlled by Zlochevskyi, a close associate of Yanukovych.

<http://burisma.com/en/news/the-atlantic-council-of-the-united-states-and-burisma-group-sign-cooperative-agreement/>

I would like to put your attention to the joint press-release we issued yesterday with TI:
http://www.transparency.org/news/pressrelease/ukraines_general_prosecutors_office_must_stand_up_to_political_pressure

We've been following very closely since 2014 how Prosecution General office killed the case on Zlochevskyi, which was triggered by Serious Fraud Office in Great Britain.

Below is a chronology of facts, which relies on documents to prove that cases against Zlochevskyi and Burisma were intentionally dumped by corrupt PGO.

<https://antac.org.ua/en/analytics/burisma-group-of-companies-are-still-under-criminal-investigation-in-ukraine-despite-case-against-mykola-zlochevskyi-was-dumped-by-the-general-prosecutor-s-office/>

In fact, Yarema, whom US government and Joe Biden, heavily criticized, resigned from the position of Prosecutor General after he failed to investigate Zlochevskyi case and it became clear and publicly known. Shokin, whom you personally [criticized publicly](#), was partly in charge for this investigation as deputy of Yarema.

In addition, I'd like to point your attention to the fact, that National Anti-corruption Bureau continues investigations regarding Zlochevskyi and Burisma, as well as they investigate how prosecutors abused their power to kill the initial British case. All these facts are supported by documents following the link above.

I do hope that you just didn't have opportunity to dig into who is behind Burisma and cooperation between Atlantic Council and this Zlochevskyi corrupt business empire is just a temporary misunderstanding.

Thank you,
Daria

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Sincerely,
[Daria Kaleniuk](#)
Executive director
[Anti-corruption Action Centre](#)
[REDACTED]

З повагою,
[Дар'я Каленюк](#)
Виконавчий директор
[Центр Протидії Корупції](#)
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Background for awareness only: Mykola Zlochevsky and Burisma [REDACTED]
Date: Monday, January 29, 2018 4:33:20 AM

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 7:13 PM
To: Yovanovitch, Marie L
Cc: [REDACTED] A; Kent, George P; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Background for awareness only: Mykola Zlochevsky and Burisma ([REDACTED])

+ [REDACTED] FYSA

Ma'am – I drafted and the DCM cleared a reply email to send on the high side. Would you like me to send that email as a reply to the latest in the high side chain? Or would you like to review tmro a.m.?

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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From: Yovanovitch, Marie L
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 2:42 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] Kent, George P; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Background for awareness only: Mykola Zlochevsky and Burisma ([REDACTED])

+ [REDACTED]

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: [REDACTED] [@state.gov](#)
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 2:41 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] A; Kent, George P
Subject: Re: Background for awareness only: Mykola Zlochevsky and Burisma ([REDACTED])

Thanks [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] –

[REDACTED] --Can we move this to high side? Also, can you consolidate these emails into one that makes sense for [REDACTED] the desk? Then run by [REDACTED] and George for clearance and forwarding on. Tx, [REDACTED]

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 1:34 PM
To: Yovanovitch, Marie L
Cc: [REDACTED] Kent, George P
Subject: RE: Background for awareness only: Mykola Zlochevsky and Burisma ([REDACTED])

+Ambassador: Ma'am, further to the visa issue you raised this a.m.

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 12:46 PM
To: [REDACTED]; Kent, George P
Subject: RE: Background for awareness only: Mykola Zlochevsky and Burisma ([REDACTED])

Visa issues:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
UNCLASSIFIED

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 11:10 AM
To: [REDACTED] A; Kent, George P
Subject: FW: Background for awareness only: Mykola Zlochevsky and Burisma ([REDACTED])

Sir, [REDACTED] --

[REDACTED] – on the high side I send you some correspondence relating to this case. This email contains the background for the correspondence on the high side. (note: in the high side email I sent you, I said I'd send separately the background – this below is that background).

Sir – the Ambassador asked if we should use what you wrote below as our reply to [REDACTED] question on the high side?

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 10:59 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Background for awareness only: Mykola Zlochevsky and Burisma ([REDACTED])

[REDACTED]
UNCLASSIFIED

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2017 6:07 PM
To: Yovanovitch, Marie L
Cc: Kent, George P
Subject: RE: Background for awareness only: Mykola Zlochevsky and Burisma ([REDACTED])

Thanks, George! I've save that for posterity.

Ambassador: Not sure how much more you want to share with [REDACTED] beyond what you've already said, but if you feel you must offer him a little more detail, here's what I recommend (or if you like, I can respond to him, telling him you asked me to provide more details on your behalf):

[REDACTED]: I promised you more details on unfortunate story of the Burisma Group. The USG spent \$500k in 2014 to repatriate funds the owner of Burisma, Mykola Zlochevsky, had stolen or diverted to Burisma while he was Minister of Ecology under Yanukovich. Obviously we would not have gotten involved or devoted that much of our program funds unless there was substantial evidence to support this allegation. To make a long story short, the case fell apart and someone in the Prosecutor General's Office told us that Zlochevsky paid a \$7m bribe to a PGO official to make that happen. This was a severe blow to what was supposed to be a flagship achievement of Maidan – returning the spoils of corruption to the Ukrainian people.

As I mentioned before, we have moved our programming out of reforming the prosecutor's office (and some other sectors) due to a palpable lack of political will for reform. So while we have no objection in principle to training prosecutors, we are skeptical about the ultimate impact. More importantly, I think, the McCain institute could suffer potential reputational risk if it were to place itself in the midst of a deal between Burisma and the PGO's office, given the past controversy. You could cite Kurt's role in the negotiations as a reason to avoid any potential appearance of conflict of interest/benefiting from his multiple hats.

I hope that's helpful and wish I had better news for you.

[REDACTED] | Assistance Coordinator | U.S. Embassy Kyiv
Tel: [REDACTED] | Mobile: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@state.gov (unclas) | [REDACTED]@state.sgov.gov (Classnet)



[REDACTED]
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From: Kent, George P
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2017 4:08 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Yovanovitch, Marie L
Subject: Background for awareness only: Mykola Zlochevsky and Burisma ([REDACTED])

For your background to understand why this was the touchstone case on ex regime corrupt, stolen assets, how much effort/\$\$ the USG put into it in 2014-15. Much of this would not be appropriate to share with [REDACTED], particularly since we do have to assume it will be shared with Blue Star Strategies.

Background in bullets:

Asset recovery and the case of Zlochevsky/Burisma

- Mykola Zlochevsky was a Yanukovych era Minister of Ecology who abused oversight/issuance of oil/gas licenses to benefit his own company Burisma and to line his own pockets. Burisma, now Ukraine's largest private gas producer, had and still has a reputation for playing somewhat dirtily in the gas sector, according to the Economics section.
- After the Revolution of Dignity, the US DOJ (AG Eric Holder) went to London in May 2014 and joined forces with the World Bank Asset Recovery Initiative and his UK equivalent to pledge an effort to help Ukraine recover assets stolen from Ukraine by the Yanukovych team.
- The first possible case involved \$23 million of funds held by Zlochevsky in UK bank accounts. The Ukrainian PGO opened up a criminal case. The FBI worked closely with the UK Serious Crimes Office (SCO) and Ukrainian officials to trace the money and secure a court order freezing the \$23 million. The FBI's involvement cost \$500,000 of program money to support.
- Zlochevsky allegedly used his connections with the PGO team under Yarema to get the case against him closed, converted to a case against the Ministry of Ecology, not him personally, and returned to the Ministry of Interior/Police for further investigation on December 25, 2014. That same day, the PGO issued a letter to Zlochevsky's lawyer confirming there was no active criminal case open against him. Zlochevsky's lawyers flipped that letter to the UK Judge, who released the frozen funds before the SCO and FBI had a chance to react/file a protest.
- In early February 2015 (o/a Feb 3), I and then [REDACTED] had a meeting with Yarema's First Deputy Prosecutor, Anatoly Danylenko, to register our dismay at the PGO's December 25 action, undermining the effort which all of our leaders had made a priority – recovery of stolen assets – and rendering \$500,000 of U.S. assistance moot. I asked Danylenko directly how much was the bribe, and who had accepted it. Danylenko cheerfully told me those were the exact questions Poroshenko had asked, and he had answered: \$7 million, and it

happened in May 2014, before the Yarema team came into the PGO in June, so therefore not their fault. I rebutted, noting the letter on December 25 closing the case had been issued six months after Yarema and Danylenko entered office. Danylenko said if I had questions, I could ask Zlochevsky himself; they had been friends for 20 years, Zlochevsky was currently in the UAE, he knew, and he had him on fast dial (he showed me his phone with Zlochevsky's cell number). I demurred, and suggested he could pass the number to [REDACTED]

Blue Star, Atlantic Council, and Lutsenko

- Embassy became aware in the summer of 2016 that Blue Star Strategies was aggressively looking to expand business in Ukraine, in advance of an anticipated Hillary Clinton victory. Blue Star's President/CEO and COO ([REDACTED] (sp?) and [REDACTED]) worked for Clinton Campaign Chair John Podesta in the last year of the President Clinton White house, when Podesta was chief of staff [REDACTED] was his deputy, and [REDACTED] worked for them. A Blue Star team proposed to new PGO Lutsenko that they could line up meetings for him – at Atlantic Council, with DOJ officials, and potentially with Podesta (Lutsenko subsequently told me).
- He admitted to me that his main goal was “to engage the next Chief of Staff of the next President.” I told him that the timing of the potential visit – during UNGA and in the final six weeks of the Presidential Campaign – would not have been planning for success, since the think tank policy world decamped to NY that week, and the political types would be locked down focused on the election, not international engagement. I advised Lutsenko that he would achieve his goals via visit until after the election, and more successfully work govt-govt meetings thru the Ukrainian embassy in DC, and double track via our embassy, rather than going thru third parties.
- [REDACTED] subsequently accused me of undermining their business by telling Lutsenko not to work with them. That is not what I said. I won't go into more detail here but did in a for the record/file email at the time. We eventually got beyond the contratemps.
- Blue Star and Cravath, the expensive law firm retained by Burisma, convinced [REDACTED] in December 2016 that Zlochevsky/Burisma had a clean bill of health, and there was absolutely no reason [REDACTED] should not sign up Burisma as a contributing sponsor for Atlantic Council's Ukraine programming (joining Akhmetov's SCM and Pinchuk). I had provided him orally the background in the first section above, warning there could be a reputational risk, since Zlochevsky had directly undermined US program and policy goals after the Revolution of Dignity, and was implicated in a \$7 million bribe to close a criminal case on which the FBI had spent \$500,000 working in concert with UK and Ukrainian authorities.

My advice: The McCain institute would suffer potential reputational risk if it were to place itself in the midst of a deal between Burisma and the PGO's office, given the past controversy on the closing of the 2014 money laundering case, and this is an opportunity best passed on. They could cite Kurt's role in the negotiations as a reason to avoid any potential appearance of conflict of interest/benefiting from his multiple hats. Given Kurt Volker's role as the Special Negotiator, while retaining his McCain Institute and BGR salaried roles, he could open himself (and the institute) up to accusations of favoritism and benefiting from his position.

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From: [Yovanovitch, Marie L](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Blue Star Requesting a meeting with desk re: visa
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 1:44:45 AM

Pls put the hi side email on my chair
Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Kent, George P [REDACTED]@state.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 8:02 AM
To: Yovanovitch, Marie L
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Blue Star Requesting a meeting with desk re: visa

FYI. Further info high side.

From: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@state.gov>
Date: January 24, 2018 at 1:36:15 AM GMT+2
To: Kent, George P <[REDACTED]@state.gov>, [REDACTED]@state.gov>
Cc: [REDACTED]@state.gov>, [REDACTED]@state.gov>, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@state.gov>
Subject: FW: Requesting a meeting

Gents,
Please see high side for a question relating to this email chain.

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@bluestarstrategies.com]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2018 4:37 PM
To: [REDACTED]@state.gov>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@bluestarstrategies.com>
Cc: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@bluestarstrategies.com>
Subject: RE: Requesting a meeting

Dear [REDACTED]
Thank you for your note. I'm glad that you had a good briefing from [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] and I have two other issues we would like to discuss one of which involves a visa situation. We would very much appreciate a meeting next week. Thank you very much.
Yours truly,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@state.gov]

Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 5:59 PM

To: [REDACTED]@bluestarstrategies.com>

Cc: [REDACTED]@bluestarstrategies.com>; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]@bluestarstrategies.com>

Subject: RE: Requesting a meeting

Hi [REDACTED]

DAS [REDACTED] and I just met with [REDACTED] yesterday, so I think we're all caught up on upcoming Atlantic Council events. He walked us through it.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@bluestarstrategies.com]

Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 11:51 AM

To: [REDACTED]@state.gov>

Cc: [REDACTED]@bluestarstrategies.com>; [REDACTED]

<[REDACTED]@bluestarstrategies.com>

Subject: Requesting a meeting

Importance: High

Dear [REDACTED],

On behalf of [REDACTED], CEO and [REDACTED] COO of Blue Star Strategies, I am writing to request a meeting with you. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] would like to meet with you at your convenience to discuss upcoming events in Washington and Ukraine that are organized by the Atlantic Council and sponsored by Burisma, a Ukrainian privately held energy company. Would you be available to meet sometime this or next week?

For your background, Blue Star Strategies is an international consulting firm based in Washington. We have been active and working on number of different projects in Ukraine for the past 15-years. Attached are the bios of both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for your consideration. If you need any additional information please let me know.

Thank you in advance.

Best regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: Yovanovitch, Marie L.
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: "Demchyna" document summary
Date: Saturday, April 28, 2018 12:09:22 PM

Thanks

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 29, 2018 1:10 PM
To: Yovanovitch, Marie L.
Subject: Re: "Demchyna" document summary

Ambassador, Artem Sytnyk sent it to me. It's on the internet, according to him.

From: Yovanovitch, Marie L. [REDACTED]@state.gov>
Date: April 28, 2018 at 11:55:52 AM GMT+3
To: [REDACTED]@state.gov>
Subject: Re: "Demchyna" document summary

Where did we get this doc?

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 4:24 PM
To: Yovanovitch, Marie L.; Kent, George P.; [REDACTED] (KV) (FBI); [REDACTED]
Subject: "Demchyna" document summary

Ambassador, As discussed this morning, please see as summary below from [REDACTED] in my office of the document purporting to be a task order from Demchyna to investigate Sytnyk and Ugalava on charges of treason [REDACTED]

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U.S. intelligence agencies influenced the decision to appoint Ugalava as First Deputy NABU Director. Ugalava was recruited as informant by U.S. intelligence agencies back at the time when he was working in the Georgian prosecution authorities. For his services, Ugalava receives a monthly compensation of \$50,000 to unidentified accounts in overseas banks.

On February 12, 2015, MPs Sobolev and Leshchenko lobbied amendments to the NABU Act to bypass competitive selection to deputy chief positions in NABU, thus making it possible to appoint Ugalava to this position. (He is not speaking Ukrainian and does not have solid knowledge of Ukrainian laws)

Subsequently, Ugalava "recruited" Sytnyk and introduced him to the representatives of the U.S. intelligence agencies. Sytnyk become the informant as well and started receiving regular payments to unidentified bank accounts.

Once or twice a week, Ugalava and Sytnyk attend the U.S. Embassy to coordinate their activity and receive new tasks.

Most high profile investigations have been initiated by NABU on instruction of U.S. intelligence agencies in attempt to disrupt certain influential businesses and substitute them with U.S. companies in primary areas of Ukraine's economy.

For example, investigation against Martynenko, which was done in an attempt to weaken his influence (as the chair for the Rada Fuel and Energy Committee) on the nuclear fuel business and replace imports of this fuel by the Russian Rosatom Corporation with the U.S. company Westinghouse.

Another example is an investigation against Onyshchenko, owner of a major share of the gas market, in attempt to remove a major competitor of Burisma Gas Company. Burisma's was co-owned by Hunter Biden, former U.S. VP Joe Biden's.

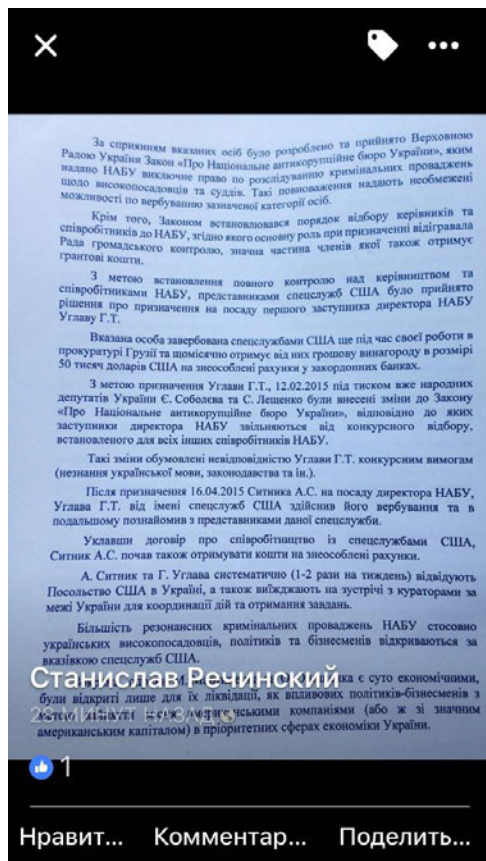
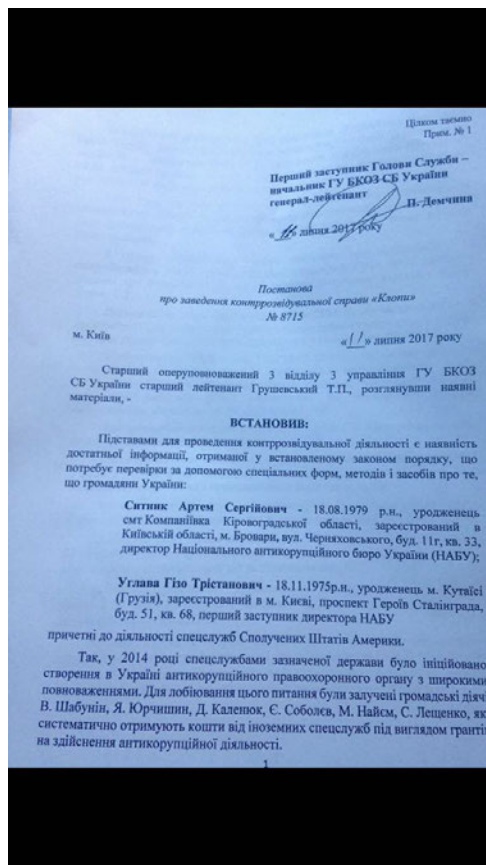
Joe Biden also actively worked to undermine reputation of former Prosecutor General Shokin, putting forward his resignation as a condition for receiving the fourth tranche of MFA funding. Therefore, Shokin was forced to resign.

NABU also evoked the investigation against Zlochevsky from the General Prosecutor's office and dismissed it.

These actions committed by Sytnyk and Ugalava indicate to their cooperation with foreign intelligence.

Note: The screenshot of the second page of the leaked document features the name of the sender: Stanislav Rechynsky. According to internet resources, this individual is the Editor in Chief of a major Internet site which collects and posts information about or related to law enforcement (often from sensitive sources). He also is an advisor to Minister Avakov.

More on him in Wikipedia:
https://uk.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A0%D0%B5%D1%87%D0%B8%D0%BD%D1%81%D1%8C%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9_%D0%A1%D1%82%D0%B0%D0%BD%D1%96%D1%81%D0%BB%D0%B0%D0%B2_%D0%A4%D1%80%D0%B5%D0%B4%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B8%D1%87



Так, починаючи з 1998 року Мартиненко М.В. мав вплив на діяльність атомно-промислового комплексу України, значна частина коштів якого витрачалась на закупівлю ядерного палива.

Проекти всіх українських реакторів типу ВВЕР-1000 та ВВЕР-440 передбачають використання російського палива, виробником якого є акціонерне товариство «ТВЕЛЬ» ДК «Росатом», яке монополізує володіння технологією їх виробництва.

За часів президентства В.Ющенка, спеціалісти ДП «Енергоатом» зобов'язали розпочати Проект кваліфікації ядерного палива та провести дослідні випробування збірок американської компанії Westinghouse.

Незважаючи на здійснену роботу, українські атомники, як і М. Мартиненко, залишались консервативними у своїх поглядах на постачальників ядерного палива на українські АЕС та продовжували виконувати наказні контракти з російським підприємством.

З метою більш активного просування на український ринок ядерного палива американської компанії Westinghouse, спецслужбами США була палива вказівка Ситника А.С. та Угави Г.Т. щодо кримінального переслідування М. Мартиненка для відсторонення його від керівництва в комітеті Верховної Ради України з питань паливно-енергетичного комплексу та зменшення особистого впливу.

Крім того, для усунення конкурента газової компанії «Бурисма», за заданням спецслужб США, НАБУ відкривало кримінальне провадження стосовно О. Опиненка, компаній якого займали значну частину газового ринку України. Зазначені дії пов'язані з тим, що одним із співзасновників компанії «Бурисма» є син колишнього віце-президента США Джо Байдена - Хантер Байден.

В той же час, стосовно іншого П. власника М. Злоческого, колишнього Міністра екології України, Генеральною прокуратурою України, очолювану Шокиним В.М., здійснювалось активне розслідування кримінальних проваджень.

З метою їх закриття, американськими спецслужбами, за активної участі Джо Байдена, здійснені заходи по дискредитації Шокина В.М. та висушеному МПФ під час виділення чергового траншу політичної допомоги щодо його звільнення з посади. Під впливом тиску іншої сторони, Шокин В.М. був змушений написати заяву на звільнення.

В подальшому, НАБУ, керуючись вимогами Кримінального процесуального кодексу України та Законом України «Про Національне антикорупційне бюро України», втручалося з ГПУ у своє провадження справи стосовно М. Злоческого та закрило їх.

Отже, зазначені дії Ситника А.С. та Угави Г.Т. свідчать про співпрацю з іноземними спецслужбами та виконання їх завдань в інтересах іншої країни.

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З метою перевірки наявних даних, відповідно до ст.ст. 24, 25 Закону України «Про Службу безпеки України», ст.ст. 6, 7, 8 Закону України «Про контрольно-звітну діяльність»

ПОСТАНОВИВ:

1. Завести стосовно Ситника Артема Сергійовича та Угави Гіо Трістановича контрольно-звітну справу за ст. 111 КК України («державна зрада»).
2. З метою дотримання належних вимог конспірації справі надати умовну назву «Клопін», а об'єктам умовні найменування: Ситник А.С. – «Джон», Угави Г.Т. – «Боні».
3. Справу зареєструвати та поставити на оперативний облік в УЗСО СБ України.
4. Закрити доступ до матеріалів справи на термін її провадження.

Старший оперуповноважений 3 відділу
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From: [Yovanovitch, Marie L](#)
To: [Kent, George P](#)
Subject: RE: Blue Star/Burisma
Date: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 4:13:53 PM

If you wouldn't mind reconstituting, with a view that [REDACTED] may get to take a peak, I would appreciate.

From: Kent, George P
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 10:57 PM
To: Yovanovitch, Marie L
Subject: Blue Star/Burisma

A company which has been previously investigated by the GPO providing funding for training to the GPO by a US organization? Oi-yoi-yoi.

I do not know if I have any email to [REDACTED] about this that I can track down, since I did much of the talking thru of issues with him face to face, but I can reconstitute the concerns. Apart from that, to my mind, the below idea would not pass the Washington Post sniff test.

(That said, Sad irony is that leadership training for GPO could be considered an element of an active OPDAT/RLA program. The GPO might well actually get more out of a two week McCain Institute training session, and for cheaper, than a pro-rated component of what INL transferred to DOJ/OPDAT annually).

From: Yovanovitch, Marie L <[REDACTED]@state.gov>
Date: September 26, 2017 at 10:42:24 PM GMT+3
To: Kent, George P <[REDACTED]@state.gov>
Subject: Fw: Greetings from [REDACTED]

Thoughts? :)

Can you resurrect your email to [REDACTED] on this for me to edit and forward?

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@asu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 9:17 PM
To: Yovanovitch, Marie L
Subject: Greetings from [REDACTED]

Masha:

Here is a blast from our joint past and wishing you well in your tough but exciting assignment! I know you and Kurt get to work together closely in his non-McCain Institute capacity. But I have a quick request for your views on a leadership training proposal we have received. [REDACTED] of Blue Star Strategies, together with Vadym Poharskyi of the Burisma Group have asked us whether we could provide a two-week Leadership Development and Professional Capacity Building program for Ukrainian public prosecutors proposed to us by the Ukrainian Chief Prosecutor. Burisma would find this. We are prepared to do this, as we have done for similar groups from the DRC and from Pakistan. Just doing due diligence. I would greatly appreciate your and your team's views.

Cheers,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Burisma-ENR Meeting in Washington
Date: Thursday, October 26, 2017 9:27:51 AM

[REDACTED], see below email draft for reply to ENR:

Hi [REDACTED]

Below is some additional information and a bit more of the backstory to help inform your recommendation:

We know Blue Star to be a legitimate lobbying firm, but Blue Star's COO interestingly assured our DCM this time last fall that Blue Star did not represent Burisma in the U.S. (and thus was not registered as a foreign agent/lobbyist). Additionally, Burisma has a reputation as a somewhat dirty player in Ukraine's gas industry:

- Burisma is owned by former Minister of Ecology (under Yanukovich) Mykola Zlochevskyi.
- Following Yanukovich's 2014 ouster, the USG was involved in a joint British and American effort to seize \$23 million belonging to Zlochevskyi. The USG involvement included FBI investigative support that developed information indicating two companies controlled by Zlochevskyi transferred almost \$13 million in funds through U.S. financial institutions.
- As of March 2014, the Ukraine's Prosecutor General Office (PGO) had an ongoing corruption and bribery investigation in which Zlochevskyi was a subject. In April 2014, the British Government issued a restraining order to freeze \$23 million in an account traceable to Mr. Zlochevskyi. In order to keep the money restrained or frozen, the British requested information, evidence or at least a letter from Ukraine's PGO stating that Zlochevskyi was the subject of a criminal investigation in Ukraine. In August 2014, the PGO merged the Zlochevskyi investigation into a larger-scale inquiry of the Ministry of the Ecology and Natural Resources as a whole. This action effectively resulted in the closure of the individual criminal investigation in which he was a subject. In November 2014, the PGO issued a certification to the attorney representing Zlochevskyi in the British case stating that there were no grounds for Zlochevskyi's prosecution in Ukraine. Also in November, the PGO provided a letter to the British authorities advising, erroneously and in contradiction to this, that a criminal investigation was still underway, even though Zlochevskyi had not yet been notified of suspicion in this case. A British Court ultimately ruled on or about January 20, 2015 that the British Government had provided insufficient evidence that the funds were illegally obtained. Soon after the ruling the money was transferred to Cyprus.
- In January 2017, Burisma claimed in an announcement that "all legal proceedings and pending criminal allegations against its President Mykola Zlochevsky and operating companies of Burisma Group have been closed."

[REDACTED]
This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 3:09 PM
To: Kent, George P
Cc: [REDACTED] Y
Subject: RE: Burisma-ENR Meeting in Washington

George,

Thanks for this. We'll be sure to let ENR know the backstory so they are fully informed.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: Kent, George P
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 2:56 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Burisma-ENR Meeting in Washington

Funny that the Blue Star COO swore up and down to me this time last fall that Blue Star did not represent Burisma in the US (and thus wasn't registered as a foreign agent/lobbyist).

ECON should ensure the ENR/desk folk know the full back story of Burisma's reputation as a somewhat dirty player in the gas industry here, and the background on Zlochevsky's frozen \$23 million assets that were unfrozen in Britain in late 2014 after the FBI, British SCO, and Ukrainian authorities had built a case to freeze/try to recover the assets.

From: [REDACTED]@state.gov>
Date: October 26, 2017 at 2:40:49 PM GMT+3
To: Kent, George P <[REDACTED]@state.gov>
Cc: [REDACTED]@state.gov>, [REDACTED]@state.gov>, [REDACTED]@state.gov>, [REDACTED]@state.gov>
Subject: Burisma-ENR Meeting in Washington

George,

We wanted to flag that Blue Star Strategies is trying to facilitate a meeting between a Burisma rep and an ENR DAS in Washington to discuss domestic energy sector issues in Ukraine. The Burisma rep is Vadym Pozharskyi, advisor to the board of directors responsible for global projects. He's not that senior within the company. We've flagged for ENR that Burisma is owned by Zlochevskyi, and that

we normally don't meet with the company here.

ENR is planning to offer Pozharskyi a working level meeting rather than an ENR FO meeting.

Do you have any concerns with an ENR-Burisma working level meeting taking place?

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@bluestarstrategies.com>

Date: October 24, 2017 at 11:47:17 PM GMT+8

To: McCarrick, John E [REDACTED]@state.gov>

Subject: Meeting with Ukraine Energy company

Importance: High

Dear Mr. Deputy Assistant Secretary,

I hope this note finds you well. I am writing to request a meeting with you with the largest privately owned gas company, Burisma. The advisor to the board of directors at Burisma who is responsible for global projects, Vadym Pozharskyi, will be in Washington October 31st through November 2nd. If you are available, we would like to meet with you to brief you on some recent developments in Ukraine and the domestic energy sector. Would you be available for a short meeting sometime next week between October 31st and November 2nd?

Many thanks in advance for your consideration.

Best regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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In 2014, the United States initiated the establishment of NABU.

To lobby it the U.S. engaged public activists Shabunin, Yurchyshyn, Kaleniuk, Sobolev, Leshchenko and Nayem and provided grants to them to carry out their activity. These individuals were involved in development and adoption of the NABU Act (Law) by the Rada, which gave NABU ample powers to investigate high level officials and judges, thus providing it with unlimited capabilities to recruit informants among them. The Public Monitoring Council which was set up by this law played the key role in selection and appointment of NABU leadership and staff. Many council members also receive grants.

U.S. intelligence agencies influenced the decision to appoint Uglava as First Deputy NABU Director. Uglava was recruited as informant by U.S. intelligence agencies back at the time when he was working in the Georgian prosecution authorities. For his services, Uglava receives a monthly compensation of \$50,000 to unidentified accounts in overseas banks.

On February 12, 2015, MPs Sobolev and Leshchenko lobbied amendments to the NABU Act to bypass competitive selection to deputy chief positions in NABU, thus making it possible to appoint Uglava to this position. (He is not speaking Ukrainian and does not have solid knowledge of Ukrainian laws)

Subsequently, Uglava "recruited" Sytnyk and introduced him to the representatives of the U.S. intelligence agencies. Sytnyk become the informant as well and started receiving regular payments to unidentified bank accounts.

Once or twice a week, Uglava and Sytnyk attend the U.S. Embassy to coordinate their activity and receive new tasks.

Most high profile investigations have been initiated by NABU on instruction of U.S. intelligence agencies in attempt to disrupt certain influential businesses and substitute them with U.S. companies in primary areas of Ukraine's economy.

For example, investigation against Martynenko, which was done in an attempt to weaken his influence (as the chair for the Rada Fuel and Energy Committee) on the nuclear fuel business and replace imports of this fuel by the Russian Rosatom Corporation with the U.S. company Westinghouse.

Another example is an investigation against Onyshchenko, owner of a major share of the gas market, in attempt to remove a major competitor of Burisma Gas Company. Burisma's was co-owned by Hunter Biden, former U.S. VP Joe Biden's.

Joe Biden also actively worked to undermine reputation of former Prosecutor General Shokin, putting forward his resignation as a condition for receiving the fourth tranche of MFA funding. Therefore, Shokin was forced to resign.

NABU also evoked the investigation against Zlochevsky from the General Prosecutor's office and dismissed it.

These actions committed by Sytnyk and Uglava indicate to their cooperation with foreign intelligence.

Note: The screenshot of the second page of the leaked document features the name of the sender: Stanislav Rechynsky. According to Internet resources, this individual is the Editor in Chief of a major Internet site which collects and posts information about or related to law enforcement (often from sensitive sources). He also is an advisor to Minister Avakov.

More on him in Wikipedia:
https://uk.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A0%D0%B5%D1%87%D0%B8%D0%B0%D1%81%D1%8C%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9_%D0%A1%D1%82%D0%B0%D0%BD%D1%96%D1%81%D0%BB%D0%B0%D0%B2_%D0%A4%D1%80%D0%B5%D0%B4%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B8%D1%87

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 10:53 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Counter-espionage case against Sytnyk and Uglava

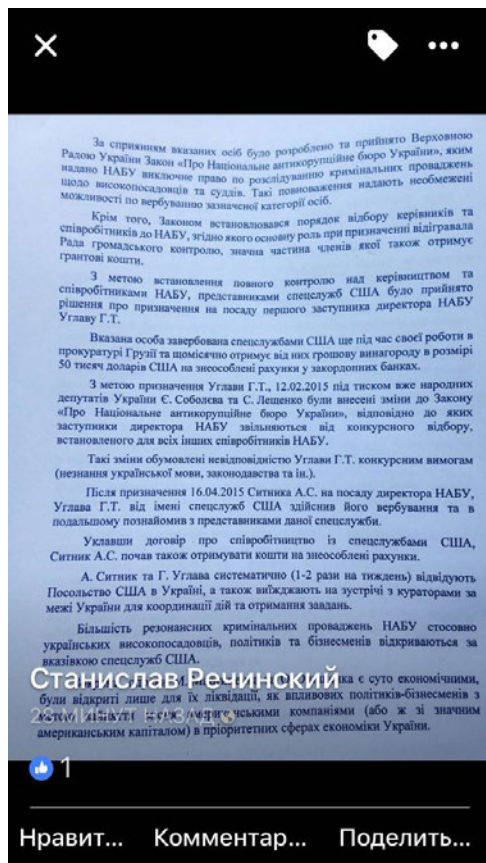
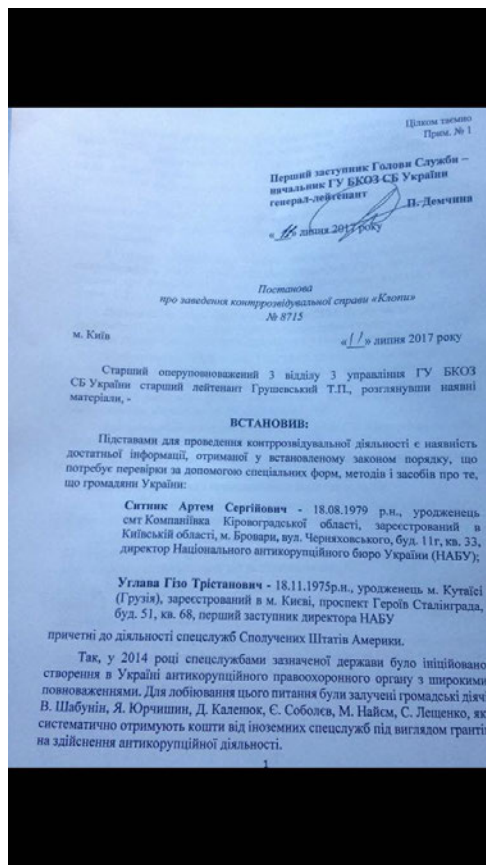
Attached is a copies of the Act (*top secret*) about opening the counter-espionage case against Sytnyk and Uglava initiated by State Security Service of Ukraine. The case code name is "Bedbugs".

Case opened on July 11, 2017.

Both subjects are accused **on state treason**.

Disposition of the Act stated that:

- In 2014 USA initiated stand up of the NABU based on the interest of the USA;
- To lobby this process U.S. Intelligence Agencies influenced public activists Shabunin, Yurchishyn, Kaleniuk, Sobolev, Leshchenko and Naiem through providing grants for them;
- Uglava was appointed as First Deputy NABU Director under consideration of the U.S. Intelligence Agencies. Uglava was recruited as informant by U.S. Intelligence Agencies while was working in Prosecutors Office in Georgia. Every month Uglava receives money transfers in amount of \$ 50 K. from USA to unidentified accounts.
- By making influence to the MPs Sobolev and Leshchenko several amendments were done in the Law about NABU that allowed to hire Uglava bypassing selection commission;
- Uglava introduced Sytnyk to the U.S. Intelligence Agencies, after that Sytnyk become recruited informant as well. Then Sytnyk also started to receive systematic payments from the U.S. Intelligence Agencies;
- Uglava and Sytnyk every week attending U.S. Embassy for coordination their tasks and getting new instructions;
- Most of the criminal cases are opened by notice of U.S. Intelligence Agencies. As an example, case against Martynenko was opened in a purpose of liquidation his business company, that should be substituted by American company Westinghouse (producing nuclear fuel). Case against Onishchenko was opened because Joe Beiden's son is linked with Onishchenko's gas-company "Burisma";



Так, починаючи з 1998 року Мартиненко М.В. мав вплив на діяльність атомно-промислового комплексу України, значна частина коштів якого витрачалась на закупівлю ядерного палива.

Проекти всіх українських реакторів типу ВВЕР-1000 та ВВЕР-440 передбачають використання російського палива, виробником якого є акціонерне товариство «ТВЕЛ» ДК «Росатом», яке монополізує володіння технологією їх виробництва.

За часів президентства В.Ющенка, спеціалісти ДП «Енергоатом» зобов'язали розпочати Проект кваліфікації ядерного палива та провести дослідні випробування збірок американської компанії Westinghouse.

Незважаючи на здійснену роботу, українські атомники, як і М. Мартиненко, залишались консервативними у своїх поглядах на постачальників ядерного палива на українські АЕС та продовжували виконувати наказні контракти з російським підприємством.

З метою більш активного просування на український ринок ядерного палива американської компанії Westinghouse, спецслужбами США була палива вказівка Ситнику А.С. та Углові Г.Т. щодо кримінального переслідування М. Мартиненка для відсторонення його від керівництва в комітеті Верховної Ради України з питань паливно-енергетичного комплексу та зменшення особистого впливу.

Крім того, для усунення конкурента газової компанії «Бурисма», за завданням спецслужб США, НАБУ відкривало кримінальне провадження стосовно О. Опиненка, компаній якого займали значну частину газового ринку України. Зазначені дії пов'язані з тим, що одним із співзасновників компанії «Бурисма» є син колишнього віце-президента США Джо Байдена - Хантер Байден.

В той же час, стосовно іншого П.Злоческого, колишнього Міністра екології України, Генеральною прокуратурою України, очолюваною Шокиним В.М., здійснювалось активне розслідування кримінальних проваджень.

З метою їх закриття, американськими спецслужбами, за активної участі Джо Байдена, здійснені заходи по дискредитації Шокина В.М. та висушеному МПФ під час виділення чергового траншу політичної допомоги щодо його звільнення з посади. Під впливом тиску іноземної сторони, Шокин В.М. був змушений написати заяву на звільнення.

В подальшому, НАБУ, керуючись вимогами Кримінального процесуального кодексу України та Законом України «Про Національне антикорупційне бюро України», втручалося з ГПУ у своє провадження справи стосовно М. Злоческого та закрило їх.

Отже, зазначені дії Ситника А.С. та Углови Г.Т. свідчать про співпрацю з іноземними спецслужбами та виконання їх завдань в інтересах іншої країни.

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З метою перевірки наявних даних, відповідно до ст.ст. 24, 25 Закону України «Про Службу безпеки України», ст.ст. 6, 7, 8 Закону України «Про контрольно-звітну діяльність»

ПОСТАНОВИВ:

1. Завести стосовно Ситника Артема Сергійовича та Углови Гліби Трістановича контрольно-звітну справу за ст. 111 КК України («державна зрада»).
2. З метою дотримання належних вимог конспірації справі надати умовну назву «Клоуни», а об'єктом умови найменування: Ситник А.С. – «Джон», Углова Г.Т. – «Бонні».
3. Справу зареєструвати та поставити на оперативний облік в УЗСОО СБ України.
4. Закрити доступ до матеріалів справи на термін її провадження.

Старший оперуповноважений 3 відділу
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Ресстр. № 14/42-29692

From: [Kent George P](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Zlochevskiy Meeting Request - [REDACTED] Atlantic Council, and Blue Star
Date: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 8:28:34 AM

+ Ambassador, since there is a Blue Star angle, and Blue Star CEO [REDACTED] is coming to town in early December looking for a meeting

There's a back story to this, and it involves not just [REDACTED], but also [REDACTED] and the Blue Star Strategy Duo of [REDACTED] (CEO) and [REDACTED] (COO). Bottom line for the purposes of [REDACTED] meeting [REDACTED] is that I went thru the Zlochevsky saga exhaustively with [REDACTED] in September in Kyiv when he came for YES, including why the embassy felt so strongly, and how USG interests had gotten crosswise with Blue Star Strategies' apparent, but not entirely clear, relationship with Zlochevsky/Burisma.

When [REDACTED] came thru town in May, [REDACTED] mentioned to me that [REDACTED] whom [REDACTED] characterized as an old colleague who had worked in this area (Central and Eastern Europe), would like to talk to me about what the embassy knew about Zlochevsky. I gave [REDACTED] as background an earful about the whole Zlochevsky saga – the \$23 million in frozen assets from presumptive corrupt deals selling oil/gas licenses from MinEcology, the 6 months [REDACTED] put into the case in an asset recovery effort as the first possible recovery in the wake of the high profile US-UK-World Bank initiative, the PGO under Team Yarema closing the case, transferring it back to [REDACTED] as a case against the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] rather than the Minister (Zlochevsky), and issuing a letter to the lawyers on Christmas Day 2014 that there was no active case open on Zlochevsky so his lawyers could flip it to the UK judge and get the money unfrozen and transferred out of the UK before the [REDACTED] knew what was happening, my "entertaining" engagement of Yarema's top deputy Danylenko in February 2015 when I asked him how much was the bribe to shut the case and who took it (\$7 million, he claimed to me cheerfully, noting that P2 had asked the same two questions, before saying he knew Zlochevsky for 20 years, had him on speed dial, noted he was in Dubai, and asked if I wished to speak to him), and that the real issue to my mind was that someone in Washington needed to engage VP Biden quietly and say that his son Hunter's presence on the Burisma board undercut the anti-corruption message the VP and we were advancing in Ukraine, b/c Ukrainians heard one message from us and then saw another set of behavior, with the family association with a known corrupt figure whose company was known for not playing by the rules in the oil/gas sector. I told [REDACTED] I would be happy to share all of that with [REDACTED] were [REDACTED] to call me. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] understood [REDACTED] was doing due diligence on exactly this issue, to make the case to Hunter. I never heard from [REDACTED].

Until, that is, a much different discussion this fall, when [REDACTED] cold-called me regarding Lutsenko's proposed visit to Washington, which Lutsenko postponed, in which she mentioned [REDACTED] and Blue Star CEO [REDACTED] were Atlantic Council members, knew [REDACTED] well, were in the Ukraine game, and to complain about my engagement with Lutsenko (which [REDACTED] mischaracterized). [REDACTED] also referred to Zlochevsky by his first name, Russian version, making clear the relationship was more than a passing one. [REDACTED] then engaged the Ambassador.

When I heard days later (from ECON) that a USAID implementer had agreed to a public-private

sponsorship with Burisma of a contest for journalistic integrity in the energy sector, we pulled the plug immediately.

██████████, when █████ came for YES, came over to my house for dinner. After running thru all the substance, █████ asked about what had happened with █████, who was speaking very ill of me. I laid out what I had told █████ earlier re Zlochevsky/Burisma, as well as the "frank exchange of opinions" with █████ re: the Lutsenko trip, and the co-sponsored promo that had been pulled. For his part, █████ had told █████ that █████ description of me did not match █████ experience with me in Kyiv a decade ago and since. As I recall, █████ had not at the time known the full backstory of the Blue Star relationship with Zlochevsky. █████ had stated to me that █████ "did not represent Nikolai's interests in the U.S., since he had retained separate legal counsel, and knew when █████ would need to file a foreign agent report." The particular wording of her statement, and █████ follow up inquiry the next week to USAID pushing for an explanation of why the promo partnership with Burisma had been suspended suggested the interest representation may not have been in the US but did exist), or Burisma's reputation.

Enjoy the discussion.

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From: ██████████
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 1:29 PM
To: ██████████
Cc: ██████████; Kent, George P
Subject: Zlochevskiy Meeting Request

All – replying here in a bit more detail. On second reading, we realized that █████ was asking to meet to talk about Zlochevskiy, rather than have █████ meet with him directly (which would be tough, as his U.S. visa has been revoked!) While we have a lot of caution about Zlochevskiy, detailed below, we think it is worth doing to essentially caution █████ about all of the sensitivity. I don't think Atlantic Council wants its name attached to this.

Zlochevskiy is wanted in Ukraine for crimes related to corruption, but the case against him has been marred by even more corruption: Ukrainian officials controversially unfroze \$23 million in a London bank account, and it disappears into the offshore system. Ambassador █████ spoke publicly about this as an example of corruption within the PGO.

Despite his ruined name in Ukraine, Zlochevskiy is actively campaigning for public rehabilitation, particularly with us. He has been sending letters to Ambassadors Yovanovitch and Pyatt for months asserting his innocence; we have declined to get involved. I should note that there were two American members of the Burisma board: Hunter Biden and █████ █████ was recently indicted in a federal fraud case.

USAID no longer has a partnership with Burisma, and we have not met with its officials in years. More than one U.S. firm in the energy sector has told us the Burisma is still doing business "the old way" and little has changed despite Zlochevskiy's departure from the scene.

Best,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

U.S. Embassy Kyiv

[REDACTED] [@state.sgov.gov](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sgov.gov)

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