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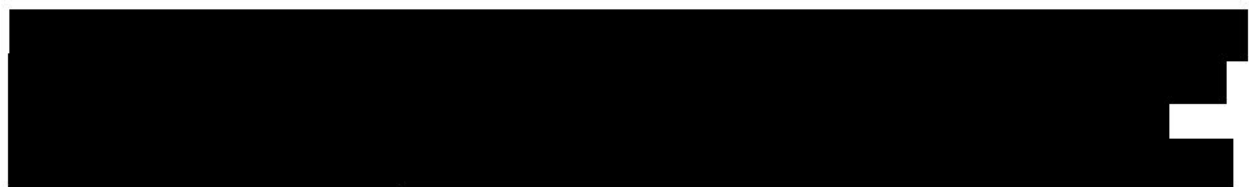
Here is a one pager regarding the Zlochevskyi case.

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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.