United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

February 21, 2020

Case No. F-2019-06331

Melanie Sloan
American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, B255
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Sloan:

I refer to our letter dated November 22, 2019, regarding the release of certain Department of State material under the Freedom of Information Act (the “FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department has conducted a review in excess of the minimum required 600 pages across the requests pertaining to this litigation and identified 3 responsive documents. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that all 3 documents may be released with excisions.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked. 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 Joshua C. Abbuhl, Trial Attorney at joshua.abbuhl@usdoj.gov; 202-616-8366. Please refer to the case number, F-2019-06331, and the civil action number, 19-cv-02934, in all correspondence about this request.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Weetman
Deputy Director
Office of Information Programs and Services

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:

- ARMS EXP: 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 intragency 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
Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 27, 2019, at 9:53 PM, (b)(6) wrote:

Thank you so much for covering!!

I’m very grateful to have you on our team!!

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 27, 2019, at 8:16 PM, (b)(6) wrote:

New card reflecting changes on Sally-Hillaire’s desk.

Called Mr. G and left a voicemail. Will send an update if I hear from him.

Thanks!!

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 27, 2019, at 7:49 PM, (b)(6) wrote:

Received with thanks, removing the hold and reaching out to Mr. G to confirm an early time tomorrow.

Many thanks,

Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of State

Official
UNCLASSIFIED
Hi, S confirmed he will [redacted] so we can remove the hold. Pls have Mr. G bring the documents [redacted] We will address the meeting issue tomorrow. Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 27, 2019, at 7:32 PM [redacted] wrote:

Team,
Tracking a couple of things for tomorrow:

[redacted]

• Hannity emailed late this evening and asked to reschedule for another time tomorrow.

[redacted]

• Mr. Giuliani has documents pursuant to his conversation with S the other day. If possible, he would like 10 min with S upon delivery. He said he will drop off the documents whether S has time to meet or not.

[redacted]

Card reflecting changes printed and below.
Please don’t hesitate to call or email if you have any questions or concerns!

Best,
(b)(6)

Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of State

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(b)(5)

Sender: (b)(6)
Recipient: (b)(6)
Super!

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 26, 2019, at 10:20 AM, [b](6) wrote:

I think Michele told him. He wanted to connect to Giuliani which I was able to do lickety split.

[---Original Message---]
From: Kenna, Lisa D [b](6)  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 10:18 AM  
To: [b](6)  
Subject: called

Hi,
He called so you may want to tell him where I am. Sorry.

Sent from my iPhone

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Copy all!

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 28, 2019, at 7:33 AM, (b)(6) wrote:

(b)(6)

LK updated S re: Mr. G. S is happy to meet with him tomorrow for 10 minutes (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Sunday’s meeting is at the Rustico in Alexandria.

(b)(5)

Thanks,

(b)(6)

Office Manager to the Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW | Washington, D.C. | 20520
Office: (b)(6) Email: (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 8:17 PM
To: Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)
Cc: S_All <S_All@state.gov>
Subject: Re: COB Notes -- Wednesday March 27, 2019

New card reflecting changes on Sally-Hillaire’s desk.

Called Mr. G and left a voicemail. Will send an update if I hear from him.

Thanks!!
On Mar 27, 2019, at 7:49 PM, Fisher, Ruth <FisherCR@state.gov> wrote:

Received with thanks, removing the hold and reaching out to Mr. G to confirm an early time tomorrow.

Many thanks,

Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of State

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From: Kenna, Lisa D  
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 7:46 PM
To:  
Cc: S_All <S_All@state.gov>
Subject: Re: COB Notes -- Wednesday March 27, 2019

Hi, S confirmed he will [b](5) so we can remove the hold. Pls have Mr. G bring the documents [b](5) We will address the meeting issue tomorrow. Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

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Team,

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- [b](5); [b](8)

- Mr. Giuliani has documents pursuant to his conversation with S the other day. If possible, he would like 10 min with S upon delivery. He said he will drop off the documents whether S has time to meet or not.
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Sender:
| Recipient: | (b)(6) Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6) S_All <S_All@state.gov> |