

**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Kyiv, EXEC; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FLASH TASKER -- TPs for Meeting with Amb. Clint Williamson, Due: Today

**Colleagues – the Ambassador has an event on her calendar tomorrow morning, Thursday December 7 at 1030 with the McCain institute.**

**Please submit talking points for the meeting today. If you can get me the content (email format is fine) I can do the formatting.**

**From the correspondence below, you can see that McCain Institute’s reasons for meeting have morphed over time. The top-most email reflects the latest.**

**Given the short notice, let me know how I can help.**

**POL – perhaps you can provide the latest anti-corruption developments, which we can feed into the larger list of points USAID prepares.**

**Regards,**

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.  
Original Message  
From: Clint Williamson  
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 10:48 PM  
To: Michael Polt; Yovanovitch, Marie L  
Subject: Re: Message from Ambassador Polt

Thanks Mike for the introduction.

Dear Masha – It’s good to connect with you. I think that we met at some point when you were PDAS in EUR, but it has in any event been a long time. As Mike indicated, I am the Senior Director for Rule of Law and Governance at the McCain Institute and I oversee our rule of law development projects around the world. If so, I will be in Kyiv all day on December 6 and the morning of the 7th, and I’d be delighted to talk more with you about what we are doing and hope to do in Ukraine. If you are interested and do have time, please let me know and hopefully we can arrange a meeting.

Best regards,  
Clint

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On 11/7/17, 1:28 PM, "Michael Polt" (b)(6) wrote:

Dear Masha:

You are correct. Based on your sage advice and also my good friend, Ambassador Clint Williamson's, I am not moving forward with this. I would, however, welcome any and all input from you and your team on any good leadership related projects we might take on with your hosts. On that subject, I would also like to connect you to Clint, who directs our Institute's Rule of Law and Good Governance Program. Clint was our War Crimes Ambassador and the The Hague Prosecutor. He is the best. I think it would be good for the two of you to connect in our mutual interest in this subject.

Hope all is well with you and again, let me buy you lunch when you are back here sometime! (b)(6) says hi too!

Cheers,

Mike

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On 11/4/17, 8:45 AM, "Yovanovitch, Marie L"

(b)(6) wrote:

Dear Mike--

I understand this is no longer in play. Let me know, however, if you need anything else.

Best to (b)(6)

Regards, Masha

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Yovanovitch, Marie L

Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2017 11:59 PM

To: Michael Polt

Subject: Re: Message from Ambassador Polt

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Mike,

Sorry not to have responded 1/2 more quickly. I will get back to you with a fuller response, but I would urge caution in dealing with the Burisma Group. It is widely believed that the owner was the beneficiary of the corrupt justice system here and I think --to the extent that anyone is aware that Burisma is funding the training--there 1/2 would be raised eyebrows in Kyiv over the irony of Burisma training prosecutors and to what end.

I'd also note that the PGO is one of the entities here that 1/2 remains resolutely unreformed. After a year and a half of trying, we pulled out and reprogrammed our resources into other areas in the justice sector that were ready for change. Wish I had better news and will get back to you with more details.

Best, Masha

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.  
From: Michael Polt  
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2017 3:14 PM  
To: Yovanovitch, Marie L  
Subject: Message from Ambassador Polt

Dear Masha:

Greetings from the home front and all the best for your complex assignment in Kiev! I wonder if I could pick your brain on a leadership development we have been asked to run for Ukrainian public prosecutors here at the Mc Cain Institute. Kurt cannot get involved with this, due to his other role as Special Envoy. Sally Painter of Blue Star Strategies, whom Kurt introduced to me and then stepped aside, 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 fund this. We are prepared to do this, as we have done for similar groups from the DRC and from Pakistan. I would greatly appreciate your view if you know Burisma and/or Vadym or others.

Let me take you to lunch when you are home next!

Warm regards,

Mike

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