



**United States Department of State**

*Washington, D.C. 20520*

December 16, 2021

Case No. F-2021-04113/FL-2021-00525

John Solomon  
7868 Elsinore Drive  
Manassas, Virginia 20112

Dear Mr. Solomon:

This letter is in response to your request dated March 22, 2021, under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department of State has located two responsive records subject to the FOIA. Upon review, we have determined that both records may be released in full. All released material is enclosed.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist. To the extent another agency asserts that it can neither confirm nor deny the existence of certain records, the Department of State will similarly take the position that it neither confirms nor denies the existence of those records.

This concludes the processing of your request. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Blake Weiner, Assistant U.S. Attorney, at [blake.weiner@usdoj.gov](mailto:blake.weiner@usdoj.gov). Please refer to the case number, F-2021-04113/FL-2021-00525, and the civil action number, 21-cv-02290, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeanne Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeanne Miller  
Chief, Programs and Policies Division  
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:
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| ARMSEXP        | 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 intra-agency 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



EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
THE AMBASSADOR

Kyiv, Ukraine  
June 11, 2015

Mr. Victor Shokin  
Prosecutor General of Ukraine  
Office of the Procurator General of Ukraine  
13/15 Riznytska Street, Kyiv

Dear Mr. Prosecutor General:

I have the honor to forward to you the enclosed letter from Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Pyatt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Geoffrey R. Pyatt

Enclosure: as stated

June 9, 2015

Dear Mr. Prosecutor General:

Secretary Kerry asked me to reply on his behalf to your letter of May 13, 2015, discussing Ukraine's efforts to address corruption, including through implementation of the new anti-corruption strategy and reform of the Prosecutor General's Office.

We have been impressed with the ambitious reform and anti-corruption agenda of your government. The challenges you face are difficult, but not insurmountable. You have an historic opportunity to address the injustices of the past by vigorously investigating and prosecuting corruption cases and recovering assets stolen from the Ukrainian people. The ongoing reform of your office, law enforcement, and the judiciary will enable you to investigate and prosecute corruption and other crimes in an effective, fair, and transparent manner.

The United States fully supports your government's efforts to fight corruption. We have dedicated personnel and resources from the State Department's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) and Department of Justice (DoJ) to work with your office on its organizational changes and to build its capacity through training and modernization.

This support includes advisors who are at your disposal to help execute your new strategy and vision. I encourage you to discuss the idea of an Anti-Corruption Advisory Body with them, particularly how such an entity would complement, rather than duplicate, the work of the new National Anti-Corruption Bureau. INL and DoJ have been actively involved in standing up this new Bureau, which we understand is the government's current priority to combat corruption. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) also intends to work with the government and civil society on anti-corruption prevention activities.

Let me underscore that the United States will continue to support Ukraine, including by working with you and other international partners to identify and address needs in the justice and law-enforcement sector. I encourage you to continue to work closely with the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv.

Sincerely yours,

Victoria Nuland