



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

May 8, 2019

Case Nos.: F-2018-00529, F-2018-00827,
F-2018-01063, & F-2018-01467

Michael Bekesha, Esq.
Judicial Watch, Inc.
425 Third Street, S.W., Suite 800
Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Mr. Bekesha:

I refer you to our letter dated April 12, 2019, regarding the review of certain Department of State material under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The review of potentially responsive records is ongoing, and has resulted in the retrieval of nine additional documents responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that one may be released to you in full and eight may be released in part. The released material is enclosed.

All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on the document. An enclosure provides information on FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material.

In addition, the Department has identified responsive documents containing information from third-parties ("submitters") that may be privileged or confidential under FOIA Exemption 4, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4). In accordance with Executive Order 12600 and 22 C.F.R. § 171.12, the Department is providing those submitters an opportunity to review the information and object to its release under the FOIA before making a final release determination.

We will keep you advised as your case progresses. If you have any questions, you may contact Trial Attorney Christopher Hair at (202) 252-2541 or Christopher.Hair@usdoj.gov. Please refer to the case numbers cited above and the civil action number, 18-cv-968, in all correspondence regarding this case.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Weetman
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

From: Nuland, Victoria J <nulandvj@state.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2016 1:36 AM
To: Winer, Jonathan <WinerJ@state.gov>
Subject: So, here are q's

RELEASE IN FULL

When did they start coming?
Where do they live?
Do they pay own way?
When will next 2000 come?
Are they staying in Alb or moving on?

From: Winer, Jonathan <WinerJ@state.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2016 1:20 PM
To: LoGerfo, Gregory D <LoGerfoGD@state.gov>
Subject: Re: S Press Avail Paris

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Auto corrected "start" into "State. " meant former.

Jonathan Winer [REDACTED]

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From: WinerJ@state.gov
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2016 7:19 PM
To: LoGerfo, Gregory D
Subject: Re: S Press Avail Paris

State with the statement that Alice just sent me as a focusing mechanism for most of it.

Jonathan Winer [REDACTED]

From: LoGerfo, Gregory D
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2016 7:18 PM
To: Winer, Jonathan
Subject: Re: S Press Avail Paris

Got it

Gregory LoGerfo

From: Winer, Jonathan
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2016 13:17
To: LoGerfo, Gregory D
Subject: Fw: S Press Avail Paris

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Jonathan Winer [REDACTED]

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From: Imbrie, W. Andrew <ImbrieWA@state.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2016 6:51 PM
To: Finer, Jonathan J; Sullivan, Thomas D; Stout, Jennifer P; Kenna, Lisa D; Kirby, John; Toner, Mark C; Johnson, Glen D (S); Nuland, Victoria J; Patterson, Anne W; Feierstein, Gerald M; Silverman, Lawrence R; Winer, Jonathan; Jeffrey, Jahn F
Subject: S Press Avail Paris

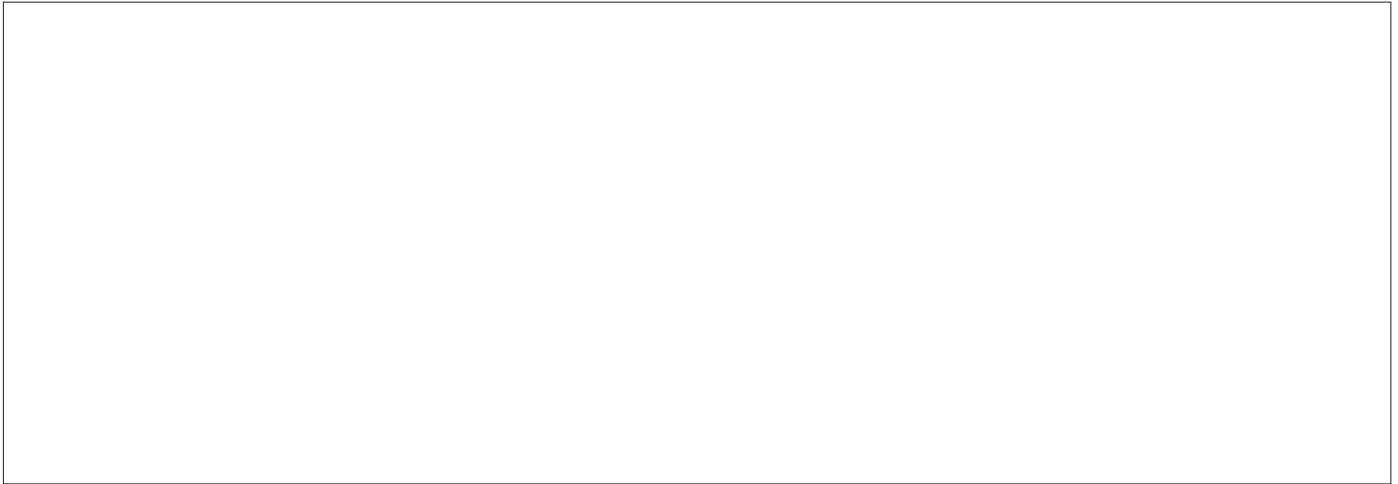
Hi all - attached and below is s draft of the S press avail for Paris on Sunday. Best, Andrew

Secretary of State John Kerry
Joint Press Availability, Paris
Sunday, March 13, 2016

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From: Finer, Jonathan J <FinerJJ@state.gov>
Sent: Saturday, March 12, 2016 1:16 PM
To: Johnson, Glen D (S) <JohnsonGD@state.gov>; Imbrie, W. Andrew <ImbrieWA@state.gov>
Cc: Sullivan, Thomas D <SullivanTD@state.gov>; Stout, Jennifer P <StoutJP@state.gov>; Kirby, John <KirbyJ@state.gov>; Toner, Mark C <tonermc@state.gov>; Kenna, Lisa D <kennald@state.gov>; Nuland, Victoria J <nulandvj@state.gov>; Jeffrey, Jahn F <JeffreyJahnF@state.gov>; Patterson, Anne W <pattersonaw@state.gov>; Feierstein, Gerald M <FeiersteinGM@state.gov>; Silverman, Lawrence R <SilvermanLR@state.gov>; Ratney, Michael A <RatneyMA@state.gov>; Fogarty, Daniel J <FogartyDJ@state.gov>; Winer, Jonathan <WinerJ@state.gov>; NEA-LIBYADESK <NEALIBYADESK@state.gov>; Shannon, Thomas A <ShannonTA@state.gov>; McGurk, Brett H <McGurkBH2@state.gov>; Sharma, Sujata P <SharmaS7@state.gov>; Plane Team <PlaneTeam@state.gov>; Line <line1@mail2ses.com>
Subject: Re: Latest - S press avail Paris

We may need to amp up the Syria language by tomorrow. Violations mounting.

From: Johnson, Glen D (S)
Sent: Saturday, March 12, 2016 1:12 PM
To: Imbrie, W. Andrew
Cc: Finer, Jonathan J; Sullivan, Thomas D; Stout, Jennifer P; Kirby, John; Toner, Mark C; Kenna, Lisa D; Nuland, Victoria J; Jeffrey, Jahn F; Patterson, Anne W; Feierstein, Gerald M; Silverman, Lawrence R; Ratney, Michael A; Fogarty, Daniel J; Winer, Jonathan; NEA-LIBYADESK; Shannon, Thomas A; McGurk, Brett H; Sharma, Sujata P; Plane Team; Line
Subject: Re: Latest - S press avail Paris

Reads well to me but defer to JF and others...

On Mar 12, 2016, at 7:08 PM, Imbrie, W. Andrew <ImbrieWA@state.gov> wrote:

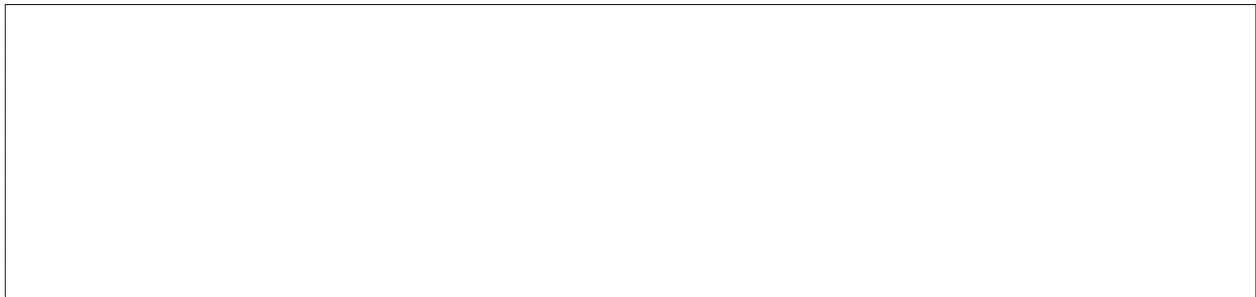
Hi all - attached and below is the latest draft of the S press avail for tomorrow in Paris. Thanks to Sujata for translating two sections into French.

PT- could you please print out four copies and put in folders for U/S Shannon, Tom, Mark, and Glen?

Many thanks,
 Andrew

Secretary of State John Kerry
Joint Press Availability, Paris
Sunday, March 13, 2016

Good afternoon. C'est toujours un plaisir d'être à Paris.



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From: Winer, Jonathan </O=SBUSTATE/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JONATHAN WINER49E>
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2016 10:18 AM
To: Glenn Simpson <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: in town?

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For a couple of hours.

Jonathan Winer + [REDACTED]

From: Glenn Simpson
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2016 9:51 AM
To: Winer, Jonathan
Subject: in town?

From: Dlugos, Barbara <DlugosB@state.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2016 12:23 PM
To: Winer, Jonathan <WinerJ@state.gov>; Prieto-Danaher, Ana M
<PrietoDanaherA@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Request 15 minutes of your time today if possible

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Will do!

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: Winer, Jonathan
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2016 12:03 PM
To: Prieto-Danaher, Ana M
Cc: Dlugos, Barbara
Subject: RE: Request 15 minutes of your time today if possible

As agreed, will do in her office at 2:pm. Barb, please ask INR to come at 2:15pm instead of 2pm.

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: Prieto-Danaher, Ana M
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2016 12:01 PM
To: Winer, Jonathan
Subject: RE: Request 15 minutes of your time today if possible

Dear Mr. Winer,

Would you be available for a secure call with A/S Nuland today at 1400? What I your secure phone number?

Thanks,
Ana Maria

Ana Maria Prieto-Danaher | PA and Scheduler to the Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs
United States Department of State | 2201 C Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20520
PrietoDanaherA@state.gov | Tel: (202) 647-9626

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: Nuland, Victoria J
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2016 11:53 AM
To: Winer, Jonathan
Cc: Prieto-Danaher, Ana M
Subject: RE: Request 15 minutes of your time today if possible

Yes, Ana, pls find us a time

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: Winer, Jonathan
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2016 7:17 AM
To: Nuland, Victoria J
Subject: Request 15 minutes of your time today if possible

It's a Russia related issue. I met my old O friend who shared some material with me that I would like you to have awareness of.

Jonathan Winer



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From: Prieto-Danaher, Ana M <PrietoDanaherA@state.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2016 2:24 PM
To: Dlugos, Barbara <DlugosB@state.gov>
Cc: Winer, Jonathan <WinerJ@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Would like to catch up on something at your convenience

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Hi Barb –

Many thanks for confirming this meeting. It would be great if S/W Winer could come to HST-6226.

Kind regards,
Ana Maria

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From: Dlugos, Barbara
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2016 12:20 PM
To: Prieto-Danaher, Ana M
Cc: Winer, Jonathan
Subject: RE: Would like to catch up on something at your convenience

Hi Ana – Yes, 10:00 AM works on S/E Winer's calendar for a meeting with A/S Nuland. Shall they meet in HST-6226?
Thanks and best, Barb

Barbara Dlugos
Assistant to Jonathan Winer
Special Envoy for Libya
U.S. Department of State
NEA/FO
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E-mail: DlugosB@state.gov
Contractor, OBXtek, Inc.

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: Winer, Jonathan
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2016 12:09 PM
To: Prieto-Danaher, Ana M
Cc: Dlugos, Barbara
Subject: RE: Would like to catch up on something at your convenience

Believe so, Barb please confirm, want to do, thanks - Jonathan

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From: Prieto-Danaher, Ana M
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2016 12:07 PM
To: Winer, Jonathan

Subject: RE: Would like to catch up on something at your convenience

Jonathan –

Are you available at 1000-1015 on Nov 28?

Happy Thanksgiving!
Ana Maria

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From: Winer, Jonathan
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 8:01 PM
To: Nuland, Victoria J
Cc: Prieto-Danaher, Ana M
Subject: Re: Would like to catch up on something at your convenience

Sure- Happy thanks till Monday.

Jonathan Winer +

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From: Nuland, Victoria J
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 6:58 PM
To: Winer, Jonathan
Cc: Prieto-Danaher, Ana M
Subject: RE: Would like to catch up on something at your convenience

Yes. I'm out rest of week. Monday ok?

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From: Winer, Jonathan
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 12:09 PM
To: Nuland, Victoria J
Subject: Would like to catch up on something at your convenience

In person whenever you are in office and can make 15-30 minutes.

With warm regards, Jonathan
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From: Nuland, Victoria J <nulandvj@state.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 10:23 AM
To: Winer, Jonathan <WinerJ@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Thank you

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Of course, Send me good number and time.

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From: Winer, Jonathan
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 10:12 AM
To: Nuland, Victoria J
Subject: Re: Thank you

Want to talk briefly further. Some new info want you to be aware of.

Phone call ok sometime this am? Five minutes is enough.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Nuland, Victoria J
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 10:08 AM
To: Winer, Jonathan
Subject: FW: Thank you

They want to pursue some of the things we discussed yesterday, albeit on the system integrity side.

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From: Silverberg, Daniel [<mailto:Daniel.Silverberg@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 10:57 PM
To: Nuland, Victoria J
Subject: Thank you

Toria,

It was a delight to speak today, notwithstanding the context. You've been a warrior on these issues, and I look forward to speaking further to preserve and wherever possible strengthen the important work you have done. I'll follow up regarding a possible working group meeting.

All the best,
Daniel

Daniel Silverberg
National Security Advisor
The Honorable Steny H. Hoyer
Democratic Whip
U.S. House of Representatives
H-148, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-3130

From: Winer, Jonathan </O=SBUSTATE/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JONATHAN WINER49E>
Sent: Saturday, December 10, 2016 2:10 PM
To: Silverberg, Daniel <Daniel.Silverberg@mail.house.gov> **RELEASE IN PART B6**
Subject: Re: Thank you

I've reached out per our call yesterday. Please call me to talk further at your early convenience. Weekend best but can also talk Monday.

Jonathan Winer +

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From: Silverberg, Daniel
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 10:52 AM
To: Nuland, Victoria J
Cc: Winer, Jonathan
Subject: Re: Thank you

Great. Jonathan, I am all ears.

Daniel Silverberg
National Security Advisor
The Honorable Steny H. Hoyer
Democratic Whip
U.S. House of Representatives
H-148, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-3130

On Nov 29, 2016, at 10:07 AM, Nuland, Victoria J <nulandvj@state.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Daniel. I look forward to continuing our collaboration in whatever capacity life brings.

Copied here is Jonathan Winer, who has some legal ideas that may be of interest to you and Cong. Hoyer. As ever, t

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From: Dlugos, Barbara <DlugosB@state.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 7:49 AM
To: Prieto-Danaher, Ana M <PrietoDanaherA@state.gov>
Cc: Nuland, Victoria J <nulandvj@state.gov>; Winer, Jonathan <WinerJ@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for brief meeting Tuesday

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Good morning, Ana –

Please let me know a few openings on A/S Nuland's calendar for brief meeting with S/E Winer today. Feel free to call (x77166) if preferred.

Many thanks and best,

Barb

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To: Prieto-Danaher, Ana M; Winer, Jonathan
Cc: Dlugos, Barbara
Subject: Re: Request for brief meeting Tuesday

Ok. + Ana

From: Winer, Jonathan <WinerJ@state.gov>
Date: December 12, 2016 at 8:35:41 PM EST
To: Nuland, Victoria J <nulandvj@state.gov>
Cc: Dlugos, Barbara <DlugosB@state.gov>
Subject: Request for brief meeting Tuesday

Something new has come up of which I want you to be aware.

Jonathan Winer



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