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April 29, 2021

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Re: DOJ-2020-00226
20-cv-03783 (D.D.C.)
VRB:TAZ:SJD

Dear Austin Evers:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act requests,¹ submitted and received in this Office on February 14, 2020, seeking various records pertaining to Scott Brady, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, or his office, and review of information provided by Rudolph (Rudy) Giuliani to the Department, including information concerning former Vice President Joseph Biden, dating from November 1, 2019.

Please be advised that initial searches have been conducted and records responsive to your request have been located. At this time, I have determined that eighteen pages containing records responsive to your request are appropriate for release with excisions made pursuant to Exemptions 5 and 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) and (b)(6). Additionally, four pages containing record responsive to your request are being withheld in full pursuant to Exemption 5 of the FOIA. Exemption 5 pertains to certain inter- and intra-agency communications protected by civil discovery privileges. Exemption 6 pertains to information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Please note certain pages contain text that is highlighted; these marking were on the records in their native format and were not made in the course of processing these records in response to this FOIA request.

For your information, e-mails in the enclosed documents which use the account name "Bill Ahern" denote e-mails to or from former Attorney General William Barr's official Department of Justice email account. Mr. Barr's official email account did not use his name in order to protect his security and privacy and enable him to conduct Department business efficiently via email.

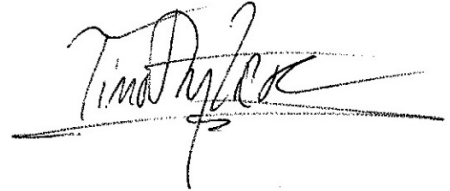
For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c)

¹ As noted in this Office's acknowledgement letter dated March 12, 2020, your two requests, originally assigned tracking numbers FOIA-2020-00226 and FOIA-2020-00227, respectively, have been aggregated under the tracking number DOJ-2020-00226.

(2018). 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.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Marcia Sowles of the Department's Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch at 202-514-4960.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy Ziese", written over a horizontal line.

Timothy Ziese
Senior Supervisory Attorney

Enclosures

Brady, Scott (USAPAW)

From: Brady, Scott (USAPAW)
Sent: Friday, January 3, 2020 2:14 PM
To: DuCharme, Seth (ODAG)
Subject: RE: Quick call

Hey Seth: you bet, happy to talk. I'm free the rest of the afternoon, so please call me at your convenience: 412.894.7325 (desk direct) o (b) (6) (cell). Thanks.

Best,
Scott

-----Original Message-----

From: DuCharme, Seth (ODAG) <seducharme@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 3, 2020 1:56 PM
To: Brady, Scott (USAPAW (b) (6))
Subject: Quick call

Scott do you have time for a quick call today in re a possible discreet assignment from OAG and ODAG?

Thanks,
Seth

Sent from my iPhone

Kupec, Kerri (OPA)

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Sunday, February 9, 2020 12:28 PM
To: Ahern, Bill (OAG)
Subject: Transcript

GRAHAM: THE HORWITZ REPORT, McCABE, COMEY, ROSENSTEIN, GATES, HOW DID YOU MISS IT SO BADLY? HOW COULD YOU ISSUE FOUR WARRANTS AGAINST AN AMERICAN CITIZEN BASED ON INFORMATION THAT WAS UNRELIABLE. BUT HERE'S WHAT I WANT TO TELL THE PRESIDENT: I'M NOT GOING TO BE THE REPUBLICAN CHRISTOPHER STEELE. SO RUDY GIULIANI LAST NIGHT SAID HE'S GOT THE GOODS ON HUNTER BIDEN. I CALLED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THIS MORNING, AND RICHARD BURR, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INTEL COMMITTEE, AND THEY TOLD ME TAKE VERY CAUTIOUSLY ANYTHING COMING OUT OF THE UKRAINE AGAINST ANYBODY. SO WHAT I'LL DO IS I WILL GET TO THE BOTTOM OF HOW THE FISA WARRANT SYSTEM FAILED AND MAKE SURE WE REFORM IT, IT DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN, AND I THINK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGARDING HUNTER BIDEN INTO UKRAINE NEED TO BE ASKED. THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAD WARNINGS, AND THEY IGNORED THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST. THE WHISTLEBLOWER EPISODE NEEDS TO BE INVESTIGATED BY RICHARD BURR, BUT IF RUDY GIULIANI HAS ANY INFORMATION COMING OUT OF UKRAINE, HE NEEDS TO TURN IT OVER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BECAUSE IT COULD BE RUSSIAN PROPAGANDA. >>

Brennan: LAST TIME YOU WERE ON THIS PROGRAM IN DECEMBER, YOU SAID GIULIANI SHOULD COME TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE WITH WHAT HE SAID WAS A SUITCASE FULL OF DOCUMENTS HE PICKED UP IN UKRAINE ON THE BIDENS. ARE YOU SAYING YOU DON'T WANT ANY PART OF THIS ANYMORE? >>

GRAHAM: AFTER TALKING TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE INTELLIGENCE CHAIRMAN THAT ANY DOCUMENTS COMING OUT OF UKRAINE AGAINST ANY AMERICAN, REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT, NEED TO BE LOOKED AT BY THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES, WHO HAS EXPERTISE, I DON'T, BECAUSE RUSSIA IS PLAYING US ALL LIKE A FIDDLE. AND CHRISTOPHER STEELE WAS PLAYED BY THE RUSSIANS. THAT STARTED THE RUSSIAN INVESTIGATION AGAINST PRESIDENT TRUMP. IT WAS ALL GARBAGE. >>

Brennan: ARE YOU SAYING RUDY GIULIANI IS GETTING PLAYED BY THE RUSSIANS?
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GRAHAM: I DON'T KNOW. I'M SAYING THAT -- >>

Brennan: IT SOUNDS LIKE THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE SUGGESTING. >>

GRAHAM: I'M SAYING THAT ANYBODY WHO HAS ANY INFORMATION COMING FROM THE UKRAINE NEEDS TO TURN IT OVER TO THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY. AS TO SENATOR SCHUMER WANTING PARNAS IN THE AUDIENCE --
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Brennan: ONE OF RUDY GIULIANI'S ASSOCIATES. >>

GRAHAM: YES. CROOKED AS A SNAKE. SCHIFF GETS CALLED BY A RUSSIAN HOAXSTER, I HAVE PHOTOS OF PRESIDENT TRUMP IN A COMPROMISING SITUATION. TO EVERY AMERICAN POLITICIAN, YOU SHOULD BE VERY CAUTIOUS ABOUT RECEIVING INFORMATION COMING OUT OF THE UKRAINE THAT MAY BE A HOAX. >>

Brennan: DOES THE PRESIDENT KNOW THAT? >>

GRAHAM: IF HE'S WATCHING THE SHOW, HERE'S WHAT I WOULD TELL HIM: I'LL GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THE FISA PROCESS. BECAUSE IT WAS AN ABUSE OF POWER OF THE DOJ, THE FBI. WE'LL MAKE SURE HUNTER BIDEN'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST WAS EXPLORED, BECAUSE IT'S LEGITIMATE. HOW COULD JOE BIDEN FIGHT CORRUPTION WHEN HIS SON IS SITTING ON THE BURISMA BOARD.

>> Brennan: CAN YOU CLARIFY. YOU SAID YOU TALKED TO ATTORNEY GENERAL BARR. >>

GRAHAM: THIS MORNING. >>

Brennan: HAS THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BEEN ORDERED TO INVESTIGATE THE BIDENS? >>

GRAHAM: NO, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS RECEIVING INFORMATION COMING OUT OF UKRAINE FROM RUDY -- >>

Brennan: ALREADY? >>

GRAHAM: HE TOLD ME THAT THEY HAD CREATED A PROCESS THAT RUDY COULD GIVE INFORMATION AND THEY WOULD SEE IF IT'S VERIFIED. RUDY GIULIANI IS A WELL-KNOWN MAN. HE'S A CRIME FIGHTER. HE'S LOYAL TO THE PRESIDENT. HE'S A GOOD LAWYER. WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY TO THE PRESIDENT AND ANYBODY ELSE, THE RUSSIANS ARE STILL UP TO IT. DETERRENCE IS NOT WORKING SO LET'S LOOK AT HUNTER BIDEN'S CONFLICT. LET'S LOOK AT JOE BIDEN. VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN WHAT DID YOU DO WHEN THEY TOLD YOU YOUR SON WAS ON BURISMA'S BOARD? IT UNDERCUTS YOUR ABILITY TO FIGHT CORRUPTION? DID YOU TAKE IT SERIOUSLY IS? WHEN IT COMES TO DOCUMENTS COMING OUT OF THE UKRAINE THE REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS, BE VERY CAUTIOUS. TURN ANYTHING YOU HAVE OVER TO THE INTEL COMMITTEE? >>

Kupec, Kerri (OPA)

From: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 8:30 AM
To: Rabbitt, Brian (OAG); Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA)
Subject: Fwd: Transcript

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Kupec, Kerri (OPA)" <kkupec@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Date: February 9, 2020 at 12:27:33 PM EST
To: "Ahern, Bill (OAG)" <bahern@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Transcript

Duplicative Material

Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA)

From: Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA)
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 9:19 AM
To: Kupec, Kerri (OPA)
Cc: Rabbitt, Brian (OAG)
Subject: Re: Graham Comments

Tks

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 10, 2020, at 8:34 AM, Kupec, Kerri (OPA) <kkupec@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Just forwarded to you both

On Feb 10, 2020, at 8:29 AM, Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA) <seboyd@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Ok.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 10, 2020, at 8:29 AM, Kupec, Kerri (OPA) <kkupec@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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I sent transcript to AG yesterday

On Feb 10, 2020, at 8:28 AM, Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA) <seboyd@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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On Feb 9, 2020, at 10:16 PM, Rabbitt, Brian (OAG)
<brrabbitt@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

? Do we have a transcript of LG's remarks?

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On Feb 9, 2020, at 11:44 AM, Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA)
<seboyd@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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From: Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA)
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Date: Sun Feb 09 2020 11:44:14 EST
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Lindsey Graham: "The Department of Justice is receiving information coming out of the Ukraine from Rudy to see -he told me -they created a process that Rudy can give information and they would see if it's verified," he said on CBS, adding he's a "crime fighter, "loyal" to Trump

Sent from my iPhone

Greer, Megan L. (OLA)

From: Greer, Megan L. (OLA)
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2020 12:43 PM
To: Rabbitt, Brian (OAG)
Cc: Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA)
Subject: Draft Letter re Ukraine Process
Attachments: DRAFT HJC Response re Ukraine Information.docx; 2020-02-10_ltr_to_barr_re_giuliani.pdf; DAG Memorandum 2020-01-17.pdf

Brian,

Following up on your discussion with Stephen, attached is a first draft of a response to Chairman Nadler's request for information about Ukraine procedures. A copy of the incoming request and the DAG's memo are also attached for reference.

Best regards,
Megan

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U.S. House of Representatives

Committee on the Judiciary

Washington, DC 20515-6216
One Hundred Sixteenth Congress

February 10, 2020

The Honorable William Barr
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Barr,

I write with serious concern regarding the Department of Justice's establishment of a so-called "intake process" to receive information from the President's personal attorney, Rudolph Giuliani. Yesterday, in a live interview, Senator Lindsey Graham stated that you informed him such a process exists, whereby Mr. Giuliani "could give information" and DOJ would "see if it's verified."¹ At a press conference this morning, you confirmed that DOJ has in fact established such a process to receive information concerning Ukraine, including "anything Mr. Giuliani might provide."²

As you know, the Department has formal, established channels by which to receive information and begin investigations.³ This new channel to Mr. Giuliani would seem to be a significant departure from those traditional channels.

Your announcement also represents a significant departure from your past statements about Mr. Giuliani. On September 25, the Department confirmed it had not been asked by the President to "contact Ukraine—on this or any other matter. The attorney general has not

¹ *Face The Nation Interviews Senator Lindsey Graham*, CBS News (Feb. 9, 2019) (transcript at <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/lindsey-graham-ukraine-bidens-rudy-giuliani-face-the-nation-2020-02-09/>) (hereinafter, "Graham Feb. 9 Interview").

² *Remarks by Attorney General William Barr at Press Conference*, Fox News (Feb. 10, 2019) (online at <https://www.axios.com/bill-barr-justice-department-ukraine-giuliani-bidens-275f0649-925e-4d73-a117-4c588a2c573c.html>) (hereinafter, "Barr Feb. 10 Interview").

³ *See, e.g.*, U.S. Dep't of Justice Policy and Responsibilities, 9-1.000 (2018) (online at <https://www.justice.gov/jm/jm-9-1000-department-justice-policy-and-responsibilities>).

communicated with Ukraine—on this or any other subject. **Nor has the attorney general discussed this matter, or anything relating to Ukraine, with Rudy Giuliani.**⁴

To the extent that statement is no longer accurate, any official relationship between Mr. Giuliani and the Department raises serious questions about conflicts of interest—both for the Department, generally, and for you, specifically. As you know, the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York has indicted two of Mr. Giuliani’s close associates—Lev Parnas and Igor Fruman. Mr. Parnas has confirmed that, as part of the scheme underlying those charges, he and Mr. Giuliani struck a deal with a Ukrainian oligarch who would provide information about former Vice President Joe Biden for the Trump campaign and, in exchange, his case would be “dropped at the DOJ.”⁵ He elaborated that this “was all connected. At the end of the day, the agenda was to make sure that the Ukrainians announced the Biden investigation.” Importantly, Mr. Parnas stated that you, Attorney General Barr, “had to have known everything” and “was basically on the team.”⁶

On January 20, Mr. Parnas submitted an official letter requesting your recusal from his case, in light of an alleged conflict of interest based on your personal involvement.⁷

Mr. Parnas’s allegations are confirmed, at least in part, by multiple witnesses who have testified that Mr. Giuliani ran his own influence campaign in Ukraine on behalf of the President. Mr. Giuliani’s own statements seem to confirm this, as well. On May 9, 2019, for example, Mr. Giuliani stated that his requests to Ukraine for an investigation of the Bidens were not part of U.S. “foreign policy,” but would be information “very, very helpful to [his] client,” President Trump.⁸

Whether or not you are in league with Mr. Giuliani and his associates, DOJ guidelines and regulations exist to protect you and the Department from even the appearance of a conflict of interest or any impropriety. Given your creation of a new “intake process” for Mr. Giuliani, it is all the more important that you provide a complete explanation for your decision to sidestep standard Department practice.

⁴ Department of Justice, *Ukraine Statement* (Sept. 25, 2019) (emphasis added).

⁵ *Rachel Maddow Interviews Lev Parnas*, MSNBC News (Jan. 15, 2020) (transcript at <http://www.msnbc.com/transcripts/rachel-maddow-show/2020-01-15>) (hereinafter “Parnas Jan. 15 Interview”).

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ Letter from Joseph A. Bondy, The Law Offices of Joseph A. Bondy, to William P. Barr, Attorney General, United States (Jan. 20, 2020).

⁸ Kenneth P. Vogel, *Rudy Giuliani Plans Ukraine Trip to Push for Inquiries That Could Help Trump*, N.Y. TIMES, (May 9, 2019) (online at www.nytimes.com/2019/05/09/us/politics/giuliani-ukraine-trump.html).

Accordingly, we ask that you answer the following questions by February 25, 2020:

- (1) Please describe the exact “intake process” by which any information from Mr. Giuliani or others may be received, documented, and reviewed.
- (2) Under what official guidelines or procedures was this intake process established? Who has reviewed this process? Has the Department’s legal counsel reviewed whether this process conflicts with any of the Department’s established guidelines, ethics rules, or internal procedures?
- (3) Have the Department’s ethics officials reviewed the process to ensure it does not create conflicts of interest?
- (4) You stated in your press conference this morning that any information received from Mr. Giuliani will be carefully scrutinized “by the Department and its intelligence community partners.” Please state which specific “intelligence community partners” will receive the information submitted to the intake process, and please confirm that *all* information received in the process will be provided to those partners.
- (5) What is the process for assessing the credibility of information received through the intake process?
- (6) In light of the allegations by Mr. Parnas against the Department and you personally, do you intend to recuse yourself from any and all communications relating to Ukraine? Have you done so already?
- (7) Mr. Parnas has suggested that you had at least multiple conversations with Mr. Giuliani prior to September 25. On September 25, the Department stated that you have not “discussed [any investigations], or anything relating to Ukraine, with Rudy Giuliani.” Please confirm whether the Department’s September 25 statement is accurate.
- (8) Please state the dates of any communications between the Department and Mr. Giuliani regarding information relating to Ukraine or investigations of the Bidens. Please state who else, if anyone, participated in those communications.
- (9) Has the Department shared any information it has received from Mr. Giuliani with President Trump or any other White House official? If so, please state the dates of any such communications, the participants in any such communications, and the nature of the information conveyed to the White House.

- (10) Have you discussed the intake process with President Trump or any other White House official? If so, please state the dates of any such communications, the participants in any such communications, and the nature of the discussion.
- (11) Has the Department initiated any informal or formal investigations as a result of the information Mr. Giuliani has provided?

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

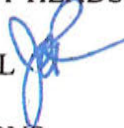


Jerrold Nadler
Chairman

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS
ALL DEPARTMENT COMPONENT HEADS
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FROM: THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL 

SUBJECT: COORDINATION OF INVESTIGATIONS

As has been publicly reported, there currently are several distinct open investigations being handled by different U.S. Attorney's Offices and/or Department components that in some way potentially relate to Ukraine. In addition, new information potentially relating to Ukraine may be brought to the attention of the Department going forward. The Department has assigned Richard Donoghue, the U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of New York (EDNY), who currently is handling certain Ukraine-related matters, to coordinate existing matters and to assess, investigate, and address any other matters relating to Ukraine, including the opening of any new investigations or the expansion of existing ones. Several of you already have heard from and spoken to U.S. Attorney Donoghue in connection with this role, and I appreciate the assistance you have provided to date.

In light of the above, if you are currently working on a Ukraine-related investigation, and have not already done so, please contact U.S. Attorney Donoghue to notify him of your matter and to consult with him regarding issues that reasonably could relate to your current investigations. Any and all new matters relating to Ukraine shall be directed exclusively to EDNY for investigation and appropriate handling. Unless otherwise directed, existing matters covered by this memorandum shall remain in the Offices and components where they currently are being handled, subject to ongoing consultation with EDNY. Any widening or expansion of existing matters shall require prior consultation with and approval by my office and EDNY.

We are implementing this policy to avoid duplication of efforts across Offices and components, to obviate the need for deconfliction at a later stage of potentially overlapping investigations, and to efficiently marshal the resources of the Department to address the appropriate handling of potentially relevant new information. As always, the Department will continue to pursue all credible, meritorious leads and investigations. Thank you for working closely with my office and EDNY to ensure that these matters are handled responsibly and appropriately.

Greer, Megan L. (OLA)

From: Greer, Megan L. (OLA)
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2020 3:25 PM
To: Hovakimian, Patrick (ODAG)
Cc: Boyd, Stephen E. (OLA)
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The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This responds to your letter to the Attorney General dated February 10, 2020 regarding the process by which the Department of Justice (Department) receives information related to potential or ongoing matters involving Ukraine.

As you know, the Department typically does not provide information relating to ongoing matters. However, the Department is aware of news reports and public comments from Members of Congress that have significantly distorted the public's understanding of the Department's handling of such cases. Accordingly, we are pleased to provide the following information to clarify the record.

In light of several open matters being handled by different U.S. Attorney's Offices and Department components that in some way potentially relate to Ukraine—the existence of which have been publicly reported—Deputy Attorney General Rosen has assigned Richard Donoghue, the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, to assist in coordinating such matters. The Deputy Attorney General implemented this policy to avoid duplication of efforts across Department Offices and components, to facilitate information sharing, to ensure there are no conflicts among potentially overlapping matters, and to efficiently marshal the resources of the Department. To protect the integrity of ongoing matters, particularly with respect to unsolicited information offered to the Department, the Deputy Attorney General has also assigned Scott Brady, the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, to assist in the receipt, processing, and preliminary analysis of new information provided by the public that may be relevant to matters relating to Ukraine.

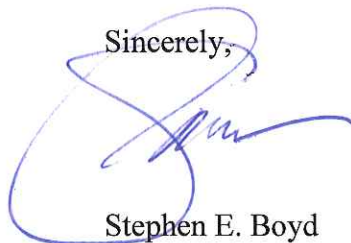
The Deputy Attorney General's efforts to coordinate matters potentially related to Ukraine, and to provide for the receipt of relevant information, does not circumvent the Department's established channels. The Department regularly assigns U.S. Attorneys to

coordinate or focus on certain matters. Nor do these procedures grant any individual unique access to the Department. Indeed, any member of the public who has relevant information may contact the Department and make use of its intake process for Ukraine-related matters. As the Attorney General has stated, the Department “has the obligation to have an open door to anybody who wishes to provide us information that they think is relevant.”¹ Any individual who makes use of this process will be treated just like anyone else who brings information to the Department’s attention. All information provided through this process will be treated just like any other information provided to the Department. Indeed, such information will be carefully evaluated and vetted by the Department before investigatory steps, if any, are taken. The Department remains vigilant against the significant threat of disinformation. As always, the Department will reject information it finds to be non-credible while continuing to discharge its duty to pursue all meritorious leads and investigations.

Finally, your letter poses questions regarding a September 25, 2019 press statement by the Department. That statement remains accurate. As Attorney General Barr has repeatedly affirmed, he has not discussed matters relating to Ukraine with Rudolph Giuliani.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,



Stephen E. Boyd
Assistant Attorney General

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Doug Collins
Ranking Member

¹ See Alexander Mallin, *AG Barr on DOJ Review of Giuliani Documents: Info From Ukraine Can't be Taken at 'Face Value'*, ABC News (Feb. 10, 2020), available at <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/ag-barr-doj-review-giuliani-documents-info-ukraine/story?id=68884719>.

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Otus85, AG (OAG)

Subject: Meeting with USA Scott Brady
Location: AG's Office

Start: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 3:00 PM
End: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 3:15 PM
Show Time As: Tentatively accepted

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Otus85, AG (OAG)
Required Attendees: AGPD; Calendar, AG85 (OAG); Watson, Theresa (OAG); Rabbitt, Brian (OAG); Bissex, Rachel (OAG); Levi, William (OAG); Sofer, Gregg (OAG); DuCharme, Seth (ODAG); Brady, Scott (USAPAW)

POC: Gregg Sofer
Attendees: Will Levi, Gregg Sofer, Seth DuCharme, USA Scott Brady