

**AMENDMENT TO THE REPORT ISSUED BY THE CHAIR,
PURSUANT TO SECTION 2, PARAGRAPH 6 OF H. RES.
660, AS PART OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES'
IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY
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At the end of Volume I, section 8 insert the following as a new section:

1 **Section X: President Trump's Foreign Policy**

2 President Trump has been skeptical of taxpayer-funded
3 foreign assistance and this has informed his overall
4 approach to U.S. foreign policy. In his 2015 Presidential
5 campaign speech, then-candidate Trump announced his
6 campaign platform on foreign policy: “Renegotiate our
7 foreign trade deals.”¹

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9 Once in office, President Trump established a consistent
10 pattern of scrutinizing foreign aid and looking for
11 opportunities to keep taxpayer dollars at home.
12 Ambassador David Hale explained in his November 6th
13 deposition how the President held a “general antipathy to
14 foreign aid.”² He described how President Trump’s
15 campaign promise has been implemented: “[Foreign

¹ <https://time.com/3923128/donald-trump-announcement-speech/>

² Morrison Depo., p. 79

16 assistance review] had been going on for quite a while,
17 and the concept, you know, the administration did not
18 want to take a, sort of, business-as-usual approach to
19 foreign assistance, a feeling that once a country has
20 received a certain assistance package, it's a -- it's
21 something that continues forever. It's very difficult to end
22 those programs and to make sure that we have a very
23 rigorous measure of why we are providing the
24 assistance.”³

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26 Other witnesses confirmed the President’s broad
27 approach on foreign aid:

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29 Dr. Fiona Hill confirmed this policy trend in her October
30 14th deposition, stating during the same time that the
31 Ukrainian aid was held “foreign assistance overall was
32 being frozen.”⁴ Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Vindman
33 acknowledged in November 19th testimony that he was
34 aware of the President’s general skepticism towards
35 foreign aid and Ms. Jennifer Williams stated that she
36 understood the hold on security assistance was because
37 “OMB was reviewing the assistance to ensure it was in
38 line with administration priorities.”⁵

³ Hale Depo., p. 82

⁴ Hill Depo., p. 227

⁵ Williams and Vindman, Public Hearing,
<https://docs.house.gov/meetings/IG/IG00/20191119/110231/HHRG-116-IG00-Transcript-20191119.pdf>, at p. 66 and 27

39 Timothy Morrison, the former National Security Council
40 Senior Director for European Affairs, confirmed in his
41 October 31st deposition that the President generally does
42 not like foreign aid and that “he would like to see a
43 European country more supported -- more supported by
44 Europeans.”⁶ On November 19th, Morrison testified that
45 the President was concerned that the United States was
46 “bearing the . . . brunt of security assistance to Ukraine”
47 and wanted the Europeans to take a more leading role.⁷ In
48 the October 22nd deposition Ambassador William B.
49 Taylor described a conversation regarding the freezing of
50 Ukrainian aide that Timothy Morrison relayed how “the
51 President doesn't want to provide any assistance at all.”⁸

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54 As foreign policy experts have testified, the Trump
55 Administration has established a stronger position of
56 support for Ukraine than prior administrations. In an
57 October 14th deposition, Dr. Fiona Hill said that
58 President Trump has established a more robust Ukrainian
59 aid policy.⁹ On October 11th, Ambassador Marie
60 “Masha” Yovanovitch stated that “I actually felt that in
61 the 3 years that I was there...President Trump’s decision

⁶ Morrison depo., p. 78

⁷ Morrison, Public Hearing,
<https://docs.house.gov/meetings/IG/IG00/20191119/110232/HHRG-116-IG00-Transcript-20191119.pdf>, at p. 64

⁸ Taylor Depo., p. 33

⁹ Hill Depo., p. 196

62 to provide lethal weapons to Ukraine, that our policy
63 actually got stronger over the three last years”.¹⁰
64 Ambassador Yovanovitch also stated that she advocated
65 for lethal weapons assistance, which she characterized as
66 a “very significant” decision of the Trump
67 Administration.¹¹ Additionally, in an October 3rd
68 transcribed interview, Ambassador Kurt Volker
69 described the lethal defensive arms provided by the
70 Trump Administration as “extremely helpful” and that
71 they “absolutely” made a material difference to Ukraine
72 and helped in “deterring further Russian incursions into
73 Ukraine.”¹²

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75 According to Ambassador William B. Taylor’s October
76 22nd deposition, President Trump’s U.S. lethal defensive
77 and financial assistance to Ukraine represents, a
78 “substantial improvement” over the prior years of Obama
79 Administration foreign aid.¹³ Ambassador Taylor
80 specified that the Trump Administration’s aid
81 represented “defensive weapons and they deter, and I
82 believe successfully deter, Russians from trying to grab
83 more territory....There was also a very strong political

¹⁰ Yovanovitch Depo., p. 141

¹¹ Yovanovitch Depo., p. 144

¹² Volker Transcribed Interview, p. 87

¹³ Taylor Depo., p. 155

84 message that said that the Americans are willing to
85 provide more than blankets.”¹⁴

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¹⁴ Id., p. 155