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OPEN HEARING WITH
AMBASSADOR KURT VOLKER
AND
TIMOTHY MORRISON

NOVEMBER 19, 2019

JULY 25, 2019



SONDLAND

7:54 AM

Call asap

9:35 AM

**Hi Gordon – got your message.
Had a great lunch w Yermak and
then passed your message to
him. He will see you tomorrow.
Think everything in place**



VOLKER

JULY 25, 2019

8:36 AM

Good lunch - thanks. Heard from White House - assuming President Z convinces trump he will investigate / “get to the bottom of what happened” in 2016, we will nail down date for visit to Washington. Good luck! See you tomorrow - kurt



VOLKER



YERMAK





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JULY 25, 2019 TRUMP-ZELENSKY CALL RECORD

TRUMP: "I would like you to do us a favor though because our country has been through a lot and Ukraine knows a lot about it. I would like you to find out what happened with this whole situation with Ukraine, they say CrowdStrike... I guess you have one of your wealthy people... The server, they say Ukraine has it. There are a lot of things that went on, the whole situation. I think you're surrounding yourself with some of the same people."

JULY 25, 2019 TRUMP-ZELENSKY CALL RECORD

TRUMP: "The other thing, There's a lot of talk about **Biden's son**, that **Biden** stopped the prosecution and a lot of people want to find out about that so whatever you can do with the Attorney General would be great. **Biden** went around bragging that he stopped the prosecution so if you can look into it... It sounds horrible to me."



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AUGUST 9, 2019

5:35 PM

Morrison ready to get dates as soon as Yermak confirms.

5:46 PM

Excellent!! How did you sway him? :)

5:47 PM

Not sure i did. I think potus really wants the deliverable

5:48 PM

But does he know that?

5:48 PM

Yep Clearly lots of convos going on.



SONDLAND



VOLKER



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AUGUST 9, 2019

5:51 PM



SONDLAND

To avoid misunderstandings, might be helpful to ask Andrey for a draft statement (embargoed) so that we can see exactly what they propose to cover. Even though Ze does a live presser they can still summarize in a brief statement. Thoughts?

5:51 PM

Agree!



VOLKER



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AUGUST 10, 2019

5:02 PM



VOLKER

I agree with your approach. Let's iron out statement and use that to get date and then PreZ can go forward with it?

[. . .]

5:42 PM

Once we have a date, will call for a press briefing, announcing upcoming visit and outlining vision for the reboot of US-UKRAINE relationship, including among other things Burisma and election meddling in investigations



VOLKER

5:42 PM

Sounds great!



YERMAK



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AUGUST 12, 2019

8:31 PM



YERMAK

Special attention should be paid to the problem of interference in the political processes of the United States, especially with the alleged involvement of some Ukrainian politicians. I want to declare that this is unacceptable. We intend to initiate and complete a transparent and unbiased investigation of all available facts and episodes, which in turn will prevent the recurrence of this problem in the future.



VOLKER





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AUGUST 13, 2019

12:11 PM

Hi Andrey – good talking – following is text with insert at the end for the 2 key items. We will work on official request

12:11 PM

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VOLKER



YERMAK



SONDLAND



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SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

11:20 AM



SONDLAND

**Guys, multiple convos with Ze,
Potus. Lets talk**

[. . .]

11:40 AM

**Gordon and I just spoke. I can brief you
if you and Gordon don't connect**

12:37 PM

**The nightmare is they give the interview
and don't get the security assistance.
The Russians love it. (And I quit.)**



TAYLOR

5:04 PM



VOLKER

I'm not in the loop. Talk Monday?



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November 17, 2019 *Wall Street Journal*

The emails reviewed by the Journal show that three days later [July 13, 2019], Mr. Sondland urged Mr. Morrison to schedule the call between Mr. Trump and Mr. Zelensky before Ukrainian parliamentary elections on July 21. “Sole purpose is for Zelensky to give Potus assurances of ‘new sheriff’ in town. Corruption ending, unbundling moving forward and any hampered investigations will be allowed to move forward transparently,” Mr. Sondland wrote. Mr. Morrison replied that he was “tracking.”

Rebecca Ballhaus, “Sondland Kept Trump Administration Officials Apprised of Ukraine Push,” *The Wall Street Journal*, Nov. 17, 2019.



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The New York Times

Rudy Giuliani Plans Ukraine Trip to Push for Inquiries That Could Help Trump



Rudolph W. Giuliani, President Trump's personal lawyer, plans to travel to Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, in coming days. Doug Mills/The New York Times

By **Kenneth P. Vogel** May 9, 2019

May 9, 2019 *The New York Times*

Mr. Giuliani said he plans to travel to Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, in the coming days and wants to meet with the nation's president-elect to urge him to pursue inquiries that allies of the White House contend could yield new information about two matters of intense interest to Mr. Trump.

One is the origin of the special counsel's investigation into Russia's interference in the 2016 election. The other is the involvement of former Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr.'s son in a gas company owned by a Ukrainian oligarch."

Kenneth P. Vogel, "Rudy Giuliani Plans Ukraine Trip to Push for Inquiries That Could Help Trump," *The New York Times*, May 9, 2019.



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JULY 19, 2019

6:50 PM



SONDLAND

Looks like Potus call tomorrow. I spike directly to Zelensky and gave him a full briefing. He's got it.

[...]

7:01 PM

Good. Had breakfast with Rudy this morning—teeing up call w Yermak Monday. Must have helped. Most impt is for Zelensky to say that he will help investigation—and address any specific personnel issues—if there are any



VOLKER



TAYLOR





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AUGUST 17, 2019

3:06 PM



SONDLAND

Do we still want Ze to give an unequivocal draft with 2016 and Boresma?

4:34 PM

That's the clear message so far ...



VOLKER



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JULY 10, 2019

8:01 AM

Mr Mayor – could we meet for coffee or lunch in the next week or so? I'd like to update you on my conversations about Ukraine. I think we have an opportunity to get you what you need. Best – Kurt V



VOLKER



GIULIANI





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