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## Gordon Sondland Testifies in Impeachment Hearing— Live Coverage

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The U.S. ambassador to the European Union, a central figure in the Ukraine controversy, testified to House investigators.

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### Pence Disputes That Sondland Raised Concerns to Him About Ukraine Aid-Investigations Link



Vice President Mike Pence, center, and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, left, met for talks in Warsaw on Sept. 1.. *UKRAINIAN PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SERVICE/AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE/GETTY IMAGES*

The vice president's office has just issued a strongly worded statement disputing Mr. Sondland's assertion that he brought up investigations with Mike Pence during a September trip to Warsaw.

"The Vice President never had a conversation with Gordon Sondland about investigating the Bidens, Burisma, or the conditional release of financial aid to Ukraine based upon potential investigations," Pence chief of staff Marc Short said in a statement. "Ambassador Gordon Sondland was never alone with Vice President Pence on the September 1 trip to Poland. This alleged discussion recalled by Ambassador Sondland never happened."

Mr. Sondland testified this morning that in a September meeting he told the vice president that he was concerned that the held-up \$400 million in aid to Ukraine "had become tied to the issue of investigations."

Mr. Sondland said the vice president didn't appear confused by his question or ask what investigations he was referring to.

— *Rebecca Ballhaus*

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