

**AMENDMENT TO THE REPORT ISSUED BY THE CHAIR,
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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 Zelensky was not Pressured**
2 On three separate occasions Ukrainian President
3 Volodymyr Zelensky has denied that he felt pressured by
4 U.S. President Trump to investigate former Vice
5 President Joe Biden's son's professional engagements in
6 Ukraine. As reported by TIME USA, on September 25th,
7 2019, Zelensky said, "I'm sorry, but I don't want to be
8 involved to democratic, open elections of U.S.A. No, you
9 heard that we had good phone call. It was normal, we
10 spoke about many things. I think, and you read it, that
11 nobody pushed me."¹ Later on October 10th, 2019, as
12 reported by the Wall Street Journal, President Zelensky
13 declared in a press gathering in Kyiv that "[t]here was no
14 blackmail" and "I do not want to interfere in any way
15 with the elections of an independent country called the

¹ <https://time.com/5686305/zelensky-ukraine-denies-trump-pressure/>

16 United States of America.”² In a December 2nd 2019
17 interview with TIME USA, President Zelensky said that
18 he “never talked to the President from the position of a
19 quid pro quo.”³

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21 President Trump has invited President Zelensky to meet
22 in person at the White House three times, each time
23 without conditions.

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25 On April 21, 2019, President Trump called President
26 Zelensky to congratulate him on his electoral success.
27 During the call he invited President Zelensky to visit the
28 White House, saying “When you're settled in and ready,
29 I'd like to invite you to the White House. We'll have a lot
30 of things to talk about, but we 're with you all the way.”⁴

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32 On May 29, President Trump wrote to President
33 Zelensky to invite him to Washington, D.C. “as soon as
34 we can find a mutually convenient time.”⁵

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36 On July 25, 2019, President Trump called President
37 Zelensky and again offered a visit to the White House,
38 saying “Whenever you would like to come to the White

² <https://www.wsj.com/articles/ukrainian-president-denies-trump-pressured-him-during-july-call-11570707164>

³ <https://time.com/5742108/ukraine-zelensky-interview-trump-putin-europe/>

⁴ <https://cdn.cnn.com/cnn/2019/images/11/15/4-21-19.trump-zelensky.call.pdf>

⁵ Letter from President Donald J. Trump to His Excellency Volodymyr Zelenskyy, President of Ukraine (May 29, 2019).

39 House, feel free to call. Give us a date and we'll work
40 that out. I look forward to seeing you.”⁶

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42 On September 25, 2019, President Trump and President
43 Zelensky were able to have an in-person meeting while
44 they were both attending the United Nations Assembly in
45 New York.⁷

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47 In addition to the multiple times President Trump has
48 invited President Zelensky to visit the White House,
49 Ukrainian officials interacted often when senior
50 American officials.

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52 On June 4, 2019, President Zelensky attended an
53 Independence Day dinner at the U.S. mission to the E.U.
54 hosted by Ambassador Sondland and also attended by
55 White House Senior Advisor Jared Kushner.⁸

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57 On July 9, 2019, Oleksandr Danylyuk, then-Secretary of
58 the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine,
59 and Andrey Yermak, a senior adviser to President
60 Zelensky, met with LTG Keith Kellogg, Vice President
61 Pence’s National Security Advisor; Jennifer Williams, a

⁶ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Unclassified09.2019.pdf>

⁷ <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/25/world/europe/zelensky-trump.html>

⁸ Sondland deposition, *supra* note **Error! Bookmark not defined.**, at 26-27, 148-49.

62 special advisor covering European issues for Vice
63 President Pence; and NSC staff member LTC Alexander
64 Vindman.⁹

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66 On July 10, 2019, Danylyuk and Yermak met at the
67 White House with National Security Advisor John
68 Bolton, Secretary Perry, Ambassador Volker,
69 Ambassador Sondland, Dr. Hill, and LTC Vindman.¹⁰

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71 On July 26, 2019, President Zelensky met with
72 Ambassador Volker, Ambassador Sondland, and
73 Ambassador Taylor in Kyiv.¹¹

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75 On August 27, 2019, President Zelensky met with
76 National Security Advisor Bolton in Kyiv.¹²

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78 On September 1, 2019, President Zelensky met with Vice
79 President Pence in Warsaw, Poland, after an event
80 commemorating the 80th anniversary of the beginning of
81 World War II.¹³ On September 17, 2019, Secretary of

⁹ Williams deposition, *supra* note **Error! Bookmark not defined.**, at 51-53.

¹⁰ Volker transcribed interview, *supra* note **Error! Bookmark not defined.**, at 66-67; Hill deposition, *supra* note **Error! Bookmark not defined.**, at 62-63.

¹¹ Volker transcribed interview, *supra* note **Error! Bookmark not defined.**, at 312-33; Sondland deposition, *supra* note **Error! Bookmark not defined.**, at 29.

¹² Taylor deposition, *supra* note **Error! Bookmark not defined.**, at 229-30.

¹³ The White House, Readout of Vice President Mike Pence's Meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy (Sept. 1, 2019); Taylor deposition, *supra* note **Error! Bookmark not defined.**, at 34-35.

82 State Pompeo had a telephone conversation with
83 Ukrainian Foreign Minister Vadym Prystaiko.¹⁴
84 On September 18, 2019, President Zelensky and Vice
85 President Pence spoke by telephone.¹⁵

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87 During his public testimony, Ambassador Sondland made
88 clear that President Trump never instructed him to
89 pressure the Ukrainians to announce investigations in
90 return for the release of aid.¹⁶ In fact, President Trump
91 told Ambassador Sondland the opposite. On September
92 9, 2019, the President stated that he wanted no quid pro
93 quo and he simply wanted President Zelensky to fulfill
94 the anti-corruption promises he campaigned on.¹⁷
95 Ambassador Sondland further testified that he was not
96 told by anybody, and he simply assumed, that aid was
97 tied to a public statement from Ukraine about
98 investigations.¹⁸

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100 Ambassador Sondland also testified that this was one of
101 the few conversations he has ever had with President
102 Trump.¹⁹ In response to a suggestion that Ambassador

¹⁴ U.S. Embassy in Ukraine, Secretary Michael R. Pompeo's Call with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Vadym Prystayko (Sept. 17, 2019), <https://ua.usembassy.gov/secretary-michael-r-pompeos-call-with-ukrainian-foreign-minister-vadym-prystayko/>.

¹⁵ The White House, Readout of Vice President Mike Pence's Phone Call with President of Ukraine (Sept. 18, 2019).

¹⁶ *Impeachment Inquiry: Ambassador Gordon Sondland: Hearing before the H. Perm. Select Comm. on Intelligence*, 116th Cong. 118 (2019).

¹⁷ *Id.* at 74.

¹⁸ *Id.* at 107; *see also Id.* at 151.

¹⁹ *Id.* at 53.

103 Sondland had direct access to the President, he stated that
104 he only “had occasional access when he chose to take my
105 calls.”²⁰ Ambassador Sondland also disputed the contents
106 of his July 26th call with the President, allegedly
107 overheard by an individual seated across the table at an
108 outdoor café.²¹ Contrary to the suggestion of David
109 Holmes, Ambassador Sondland testified that he did not
110 mention the Bidens on that call.²²

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²⁰ *Id.*

²¹ *Id.* at 50.

²² *Id.* at 197.