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Trump repeatedly pressured Ukraine's president about eight times during the call to work with Giuliani to investigate Biden's son, national security analyst Andrea Bernstein said. The July 25th phone call was revealed in a whistleblower complaint that was leaked to the media.

Prystaiko confirmed he had been contacted by the US government about the complaint before the complaint was filed. But a source familiar with the matter said it alleged "multiple acts" by Trump.

The source requested anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue.

Prystaiko said Zelenskiy had the right to keep conversations with other leaders confidential.

"I know what the conversation was about and I put pressure on Zelenskiy during the call," Trump said.

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Prystaiko said he appreciated US pressure to help Ukraine.

"This is a very important issue for us," Prystaiko said. "This is why we put pressure on Zelenskiy during the call."