

Oct. 2, 2019

VIA E-MAIL

The Honorable Eliot L. Engel
Chairman, House Committee on Foreign Affairs

The Honorable Adam Schiff
Chairman, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings
Chairman, House Committee on Oversight and Reform

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Ambassador Kurt Volker

Dear Chairman Engel, Chairman Schiff, and Chairman Cummings:

I write on behalf of our client Kurt Volker. Designated majority and minority staff for the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and Committee on Oversight and Reform will receive a secure file transfer today that contains Ambassador Volker's first production of documents bearing labels KV00000001 to KV00000065 in response to your letter dated September 27, 2019.

The electronic files have been encrypted for data security purposes. The password to access the files will be provided to staff via separate email.

You will note the entire production is labeled "Confidential." These documents contain sensitive diplomatic conversations with foreign officials and internal discussions between State Department employees, which, if disclosed, could adversely impact our nation's diplomatic relationships. In addition, although these documents are currently unclassified, we have been informed by the State Department that Ambassador Volker's discussions with foreign officials may be classified. We request that this information be treated as confidential and protected from disclosure in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

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We have not been authorized to waive any applicable privilege or other legal basis under which this information may be exempt from public release. Accordingly, this letter and the enclosed materials are not intended to, and do not, waive any such privilege or legal basis.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margaret Daum', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Margaret Daum

cc: The Honorable Michael McCaul
Ranking Member, House Committee on Foreign Affairs

The Honorable Devin Nunes
Ranking Member, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

The Honorable Jim Jordan
Ranking Member, House Committee on Oversight and Reform