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May 9, 2018

Private

The Honorable Michael Pompeo
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Pompeo:

I wanted to bring to your attention an interaction that I recently had with individuals regarding the current U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine.

As you likely know, Marie Yovanovitch is the U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine. She previously served as Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia (2008-2011) and the Kyrgyz Republic (2005-2008). I have received notice of concrete evidence from close companions that Ambassador Yovanovitch has spoken privately and repeatedly about her disdain for the current Administration in a way that might call for the expulsion of Ms. Yovanovitch as U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine immediately.

I kindly ask you to consider terminating her ambassadorship and find a replacement as soon as possible. If you would like to discuss this matter further, I can be reached directly at 214.215. or p@petessions.com

Thank you for reviewing this matter.

Sincerely,

Pete Sessions
Member of Congress

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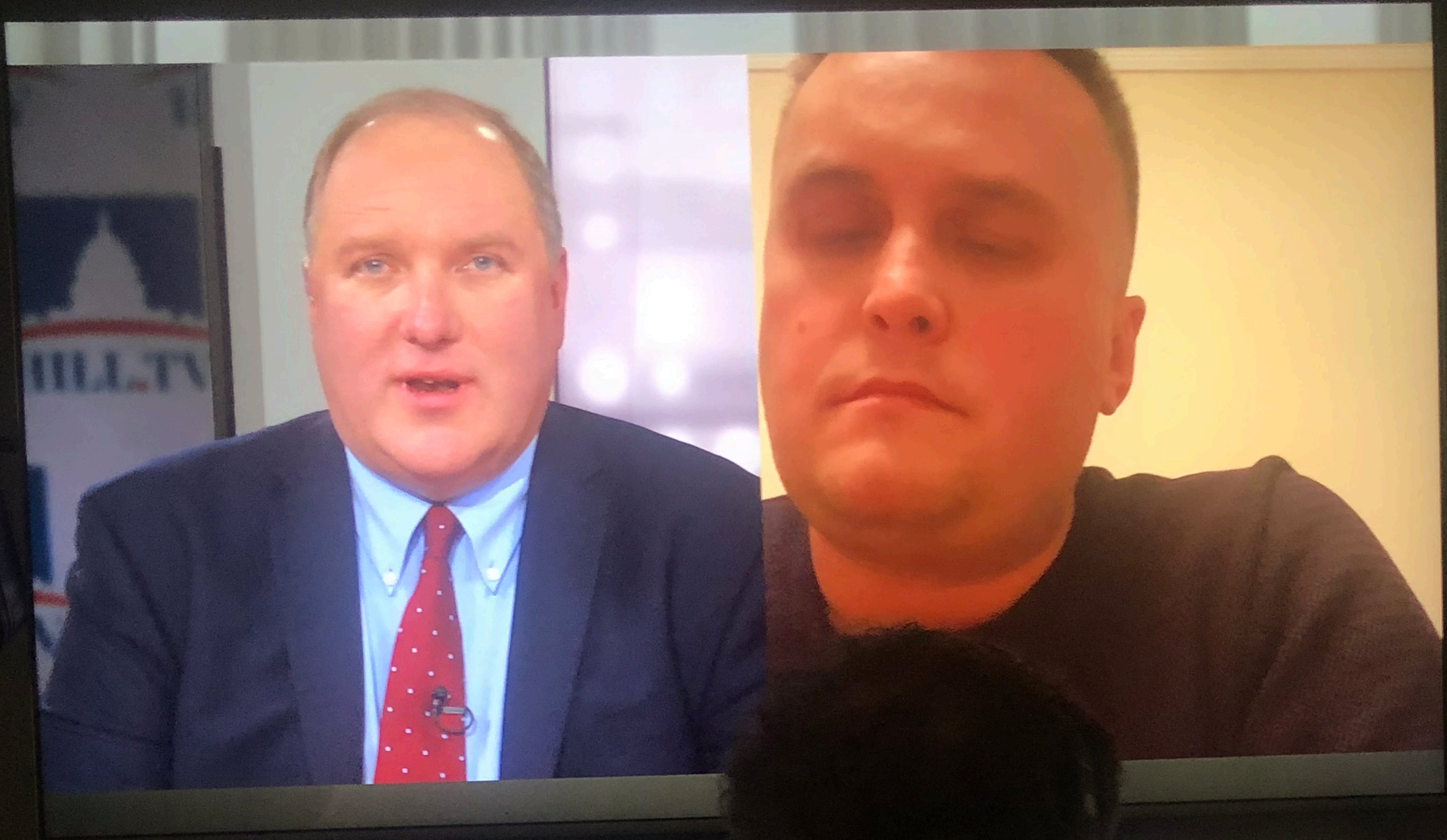












President Porchenko, thanks for joining us here today at The Hill newspaper and the our Hill.TV network.

I know you are in the middle of an election right now, can you tell us what is at stake in the election for you and for relations with the United States?

How do you think you will fare in your re-election bid?

Now when most American think of Ukraine they think of Russia and we're go get to that. But I know there is one important development that doesn't get much attention here but was important to the Ukrainian people. And that is the recent split in the Orthodox Christian Church and the independence that Ukraine now has from Russia within the church? Why has that been so important?

Speaking of Russia, how are relations with your neighbor and are there any new developments on Crimea, the capture pilot, and other bilateral issues.

How is the state of NATO and your efforts to join it?

Do you have evidence that Vladimir Putin is meddling in the current election?

How is your country's relationship with the United States and more specifically with U-S ambassador YO-van-NO-VITCH?

There seems to be a spate of recent comments by our ambassador and some careere State officials lamenting the fight against the corruption. What is your response to that and are you surprised about the timing of those comments so close to an election.

I recently was shown a letter from a member of Congress who suggested Ambassador YO-van-NO-witch was saying derogatory things about president Trump. Do you have any evidence that has happened?

Mr. President I would like to take you back to September 2016 when VP Joe Biden came to visit. I've seen some recent video of Biden talking where he there seemed to be a dispute about loan guarantees. What is your recollection of what happened?

Did he specifically ask you to fire the country's chief prosecutor? Were you reluctant?

Did VP Biden have an interest personally in the prosecutor's office and its activities?

Was the VP's son and his company Barisma Holdings under investigation and how serious were the allegations?

What happened to that case after the vice president's intervention?

What does Ukraine need from its partnership with the United States going forward?



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Laura Ingraham: "In May 2018, former Congressman Pete Sessions sent Secretary of State Pompeo an urgent letter imploring him to remove the U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch. ... She's reportedly demonstrated clear anti-Trump bias." <https://t.co/iHoujSHB1h>



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Time to clean house of all the anti-Trump, Obama holdovers serving as ambassadors. We need more people like @RichardGrenell and less of these Trump haters serving in the admin.
<https://t.co/u2uNrJ43QV>

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Former federal prosecutor Joe diGenova: "The current United States ambassador Marie Yovanovitch has bad mouthed the President of the United States to Ukrainian officials and has told them not to listen or worry about Trump policy because he's going to be impeached." <https://t.co/VOsmslfao>



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@RichardGrenell's and
less of these jokers as
ambassadors.

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Obama's U.S.
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Fwd: Timetable with supporting evidence - key developments in Burisma Holdings

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From: John Solomo [REDACTED]@thehill.com>

Date: On Wed, Mar 13, 2019 at 3:35 PM

Subject: Fwd: Timetable with supporting evidence - key developments in Burisma Holdings

To: Lev Parnas [REDACTED]@globalenergyproducers.com>, Victoria Toensing [REDACTED] digenovatoensing.com>, Joe

diGenova [REDACTED] digenovatoensing.com>

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Lev, Victoria, Joe:

Please see below, Need DOS help on Hunter Biden contacts.

Thanks

John

Key Events in Burisma Investigation

February 2014.

VP Joe Biden named by President Obama to be U.S. point man on Ukrainian crisis. Meets with President Viktor Yanukovich. Yanukovich ousted as president during Maiden uprising.

March 2014

New Ukrainian elections set for May and Petro Poroshenko emerges as top Western-friendly candidate for president.

April 2014:

Devon Archer, business partner of Hunter Biden, son of the VP, and John Heinz, stepson of Secretary Kerry, is named an independent director of Burisma Holdings. https://www.resumonk.com/kVYKE5CEpSjptxE_aGwqYQ

April 18, 2014:

Britain's Serious Fraud Office freezes \$23 million in assets kept in London by Burisma Holdings and its founder, Mykola Zlochevsky, on grounds it was fraudulently transferred from Ukraine.

April 24, 2014:

Joe Biden meets with candidate Poroshenko for the first time. <https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2014/04/petro-poroshenko-interview-ukrainian-presidential-candidate-discusses-putin-the-west-and-ukraine.html>

May 13, 2014

Hunter Biden appointed chief lawyer, and board member for Ukraine's largest natural gas company Burisma Holdings, which is run by Mykola Zlochevsky, a former Cabinet official for ousted president Yanukovich. <https://www.cnn.com/2014/05/13/bidens-son-joins-ukraine-gas-companys-board-of-directors.html>

May 20, 2014

David Leiter, former chief of staff to John Kerry, hired as DC lobbyist for Burisma Holdings, Senate lobbying records show. The firm is paid \$90,000 in 2014 to lobby Congress and the State Department. https://www.opensecrets.org/lobby/client_reports.php?id=F212407&year=2014

May 25, 2014

Poroshenko wins the Ukraine presidential election

Aug. 20, 2014

Ukraine Prosecutor General Shokin's office opens criminal investigation of Burisma Holdings and Mykola Zlochevsky for alleged corrupt award of gas exploration permits and eventual looting of company, according to Ukrainian prosecutor general file. Hunter Biden identified as an American person of interest in the file.

December 16, 2014

Former deputy national security adviser Tony Blinken confirmed by Senate as Deputy Secretary of State under John Kerry.

Jan. 16, 2015

General Prosecutors office in Ukraine declares Burisma Holdings founder Zlochevsky a fugitive "wanted in Ukraine."

March 18, 2015

VP Biden call with President Poroshenko. <https://ua.usembassy.gov/readout-vice-presidents-call-ukrainian-president-petro-poroshenko-6/>

April 15, 2015

VP Joe Biden speaks in Ukraine, praising the decision to appoint a new head of the NABU, the investigative arm of the Prosecutor General's office

May 26, 2015

Hunter Biden meets for breakfast with deputy secretary of state Tony Blinken regarding concerns in Ukraine about Burisma prosecution.

June 12, 2015

VP Biden calls President Poroshenko. <https://ua.usembassy.gov/readout-vice-presidents-call-ukrainian-president-petro-poroshenko-8/>

July 15, 2015

VP Biden and Commerce Secretary Pritzker attend first ever US-Ukraine Chamber of Business meeting. <https://www.uschamber.com/first-annual-us-ukraine-business-forum>

July 24, 2015

VP Biden calls President Poroshenko, raises concerns about anti-corruption efforts in Ukraine. <https://ua.usembassy.gov/readout-vice-presidents-call-ukrainian-president-petro-poroshenko-10/>

Aug. 16, 2015

Devon Archer throws a \$10,000 a plate fund-raiser in New York for the Seed Global Health charity founded by Secretary of State Kerry's daughter, Dr. Vanessa Kerry.

Aug. 28, 2015

VP Biden calls President Poroshenko <https://ua.usembassy.gov/readout-vice-presidents-call-ukrainian-president-petro-poroshenko-082815/>

Sept. 29, 2015

VP Biden meets with President Poroshenko in Ukraine. <https://ua.usembassy.gov/readout-vice-president-bidens-meeting-ukrainian-president-petro-poroshenko/>

Nov. 5, 2015

Biden calls President Poroshenko. <https://ua.usembassy.gov/readout-vice-president-bidens-call-ukrainian-president-petro-poroshenko-110515/>

Dec. 7, 2015

VP Biden meets with President Poroshenko and demands the termination of Ukraine's General Prosecutor Shokin. Biden states the president must make "hard decisions" to eliminate "the cancer of corruption" in his country. <https://ua.usembassy.gov/remarks-vice-president-joe-biden-ukrainian-president-petro-poroshenko-bilateral-meeting/>

Dec. 9, 2015

Hunter Biden and business partner Devon Archer meet at State Department regarding Burisma Holdings prosecution.

Feb. 11, 18, 19, 2016

VP Biden holds series of phone calls with President Poroshenko to check on status of pending items from their December 2015 meeting. Removal of general prosecutor raised again. <https://ua.usembassy.gov/readout-vice-president-bidens-calls-prime-minister-arseny-yatsenyuk-president-petro-poroshenko-ukraine-021916/>

March 15, 2016

1. Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland demands Ukraine "appoint and confirm a new, clean Prosecutor General, who is committed to rebuilding the integrity of the PGO, and investigate, indict and successfully prosecute corruption and asset recovery cases – including locking up dirty personnel in the PGO itself." She offers no proof that special prosecutor's office is corrupt. <https://ua.usembassy.gov/ukrainian-reforms-two-years-maidan-revolution-russian-invasion/>

March 22, 2016

VP Joe Biden engages in phone call from Washington DC with Ukrainian president Poroshenko about U.S. loan guarantees. It is believed in this call that Biden renews his demands that the president fire Prosecutor General Shokin, who is overseeing the Burisma prosecution, but this time Biden warns Ukraine risk losing the next \$1 billion in U.S. loan guarantees. <https://ua.usembassy.gov/readout-vice-president-bidens-call-president-petro-poroshenko-ukraine-032216/>

March 29, 2016

Ukraine parliament fires Prosecutor General Shokin at urging of President Poroshenko. <https://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/30/world/europe/political-stability-in-the-balance-as-ukraine-ousts-top-prosecutor.html>

March 31, 2016

VP Joe Biden arrives in Ukraine and announces \$1 billion in loan guarantees, ending threat to withhold aid and force Ukraine into debt default, and also delivers

\$239 million more in promised aid. <https://ua.usembassy.gov/readout-vice-president-bidens-meeting-president-petro-poroshenko-ukraine-033116/>

April 14, 2016

VP Biden calls President Poroshenko and "stressed the urgency of putting in place a new Prosecutor General who would bolster the agency's anti-corruption efforts. <https://ua.usembassy.gov/readout-vice-president-bidens-call-president-petro-poroshenko-ukraine-041416/>

May 12, 2016

Yurii Lutsenko named the new Prosecutor General of Ukraine, taking over investigations that include Burisma Holdings.

May 27, 2016

VP Biden holds phone call with President Poroshenko. <https://ua.usembassy.gov/readout-vice-president-bidens-call-president-petro-poroshenko-ukraine-052716/>

June 15, 2016

The Ukrainian investigative bureau NABU announces it has uncovered a massive fraud scheme involving Burisma Holdings. <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2016/06/15/7111882/>

June 15, 2016

New Ukrainian prime minister Volodymyr Groysman meets in Washington DC with VP Joe Biden, Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland and a representative of George Soros team.

Aug. 12, 2016

Phone call between VP Biden and President Poroshenko

Sept. 20, 2016

VP Biden meets President Poroshenko on sidelines of UN meeting. Confirms \$1 billion in loan guarantees has been made. <https://ua.usembassy.gov/readout-vice-president-bidens-meeting-president-petro-poroshenko-ukraine/>

Sept. 20, 2016

General Prosecutor's office eliminates "wanted" status of Burisma Holdings founder Zlochevsky in criminal case, ending his status as a fugitive.

Nov. 2, 2016

Prosecutor General's office in Ukraine closes down Burisma Holdings investigation without any formal charges.

Nov. 8, 2016

Donald Trump wins election to become 45th president of United States, ending eight years of Democratic control of the White House.

Dec. 15, 2016

VP Biden holds phone call with Ukraine president and prime minister, praises work of NABU, which prosecutor general's office says refused to investigate Burisma aggressively. <https://ua.usembassy.gov/readout-vice-president-bidens-calls-president-ukraine-petro-poroshenko-prime-minister-ukraine-volodymyr-groysman/>

Jan. 17-18, 2017

Biden makes final appearance in Ukraine with President Poroshenko. <https://ua.usembassy.gov/remarks-vice-president-joe-biden-joint-press-availability-ukrainian-president-petro-poroshenko/>

Jan. 25, 2018

Former VP Biden boasts at Council of Foreign Relations events in Washington DC that he strong armed Ukrainian president to fire the General Prosecutor, using loan guarantees as leverage. Does not mention his son's company was under investigation.

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From: jay sekulow <@claglaw.com>

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To: John Dowd <@johnmdowd.com>

Subject: Re: Lav Parnas and Igor Fruman-

John,

I have discussed the issue of representation with the President. The President consents to allowing your representation of Mr. Parnas and Mr. Furman.

Jay Sekulow

Counsel to the President

Sent from my iPhone

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October 3, 2019

[REDACTED]
House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
Democratic Congress of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20515

Subject: Your letters of September 30, 2019, to Lev Parnas and Igor
Fruman

Dear [REDACTED]

This letter will confirm our recent telephone conversation of October 1, 2019, in response to the Committees' extensive and detailed letters which the Committees unfortunately caused to be published on the internet in violation of all norms of fairness and decency.

In that call, I advised you of my anticipated retainer by Lev Parnas and Igor Frumas. I now represent Lev Parnas and Igor Fruman with respect to the alleged impeachment investigation referenced in your letters of September 30, 2019.

I will meet with Mr. Parnas and Mr. Fruman beginning this weekend to get acquainted with them, the facts and documents requested in your detailed letter in order to prepare a response to the Committees' requests. This effort will take some time.

Be advised that Messrs. Parnas and Fruman assisted Mr. Giuliani in connection with his representation of President Trump. Mr. Parnas and Mr. Furman have also been represented by Mr. Giuliani in connection with their personal and business affairs. They also assisted Joseph DiGenova and Victoria Toensing in their law practice. Thus, certain information you seek in your September 30, 2019, letter is protected by the attorney-client, attorney work product and other privileges. Given the breadth and detail of your request for information, an appropriate privilege review cannot reasonably be conducted by October 7, 2019, the date you have set to produce documents and communications. The amount of time required is difficult to determine. but we are happy to keep you advised of our progress and engage in a rolling production of non-privileged documents.

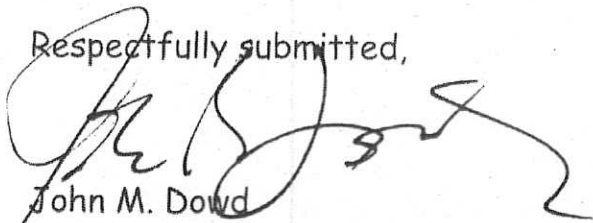
Your request for documents and communications is overly broad and unduly burdensome. The subject matter of your requests is well beyond the scope of your inquiry. This, in combination with requiring immediate responses, leads me to the inescapable conclusion that the Democratic Committee members' intent is to harass, intimidate and embarrass my clients.

The "Committees" and its Democratic members are well aware that my clients are entitled to retain counsel and counsel is entitled to an adequate period of time to get acquainted with the clients, review documents, consult with the clients and prepare the clients for any

potential testimony and document production. Requesting production of documents within seven days and requiring testimony within fifteen days is unreasonable and not in keeping with your Committees' standard procedures.

Considering the important factual questions and legal issues attendant to the alleged whistleblower, your investigation, your authority and requests for information, your charter should be amended to exhibit some semblance of due process, fairness, justice and common decency.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Dowd", written over the typed name.

John M. Dowd

Counsel to Messrs. Parnas and Fruman