

From:	"Kent, George P" <(b)(6)>
To:	Andrews, Jorgan K <(b)(6)> Montgomery, Molly C <(b)(6)>
Subject:	Fw: Meeting request from Ambassador Herbst
Date:	Tue, 22 Nov 2016 00:46:32 -0500

Meet with Herbst, to talk about zlochevsky okay.

Meet with zlochevsky no - not under any circumstances.

I shut down the ill-advised USAID co-branding effort for precisely this perception challenge.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Laitinen, William H <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 7:39 AM
To: Kent, George P
Cc: Benjaminson, Anne W; Purcell, Alan S; Brunson, Anya Y
Subject: FW: Meeting request from Ambassador Herbst

FYI. We will respond on the HS.

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From: Singh, Reggie X
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 12:14 AM
To: Brunson, Anya Y; Benjaminson, Anne W; Laitinen, William H
Cc: Partin, Andrew J
Subject: RE: Meeting request from Ambassador Herbst

We found that he was a minister under Yanukovych & looks like Pyatt called him out by name (see NYT excerpt below). On the other hand, USAID seems to have worked with Burisma on energy efficiency. Feel free to respond on high-side.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/09/world/europe/corruption-ukraine-joe-biden-son-hunter-biden-ties.html? r=0>

“That month, as part of an investigation into money laundering, British officials froze London bank accounts containing \$23 million that allegedly belonged to Mr. Zlochevsky. Britain’s Serious Fraud Office, an independent government agency, specifically forbade Mr. Zlochevsky, as well as Burisma Holdings, the company’s chief legal officer and another company owned by Mr. Zlochevsky, to have any access to the accounts. But after Ukrainian prosecutors refused to provide documents needed in the investigation, a British court in January ordered the Serious Fraud Office to unfreeze the assets. The

refusal by the Ukrainian prosecutor general's office to cooperate was the target of a stinging attack by the American ambassador to Ukraine, Geoffrey R. Pyatt, who called out Burisma's owner by name in a speech in September.

"In the case of former Ecology Minister Mykola Zlochevsky, the U.K. authorities had seized \$23 million in illicit assets that belonged to the Ukrainian people," Mr. Pyatt said. Officials at the prosecutor general's office, he added, were asked by the United Kingdom "to send documents supporting the seizure. Instead they sent letters to Zlochevsky's attorneys attesting that there was no case against him. As a result, the money was freed by the U.K. court, and shortly thereafter the money was moved to Cyprus."

Mr. Pyatt went on to call for an investigation into "the misconduct" of the prosecutors who wrote the letters. In his speech, the ambassador did not mention Hunter Biden's connection to Burisma."

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From: Singh, Reggie X

Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 3:50 PM

To: Brunson, Anya Y; Benjaminson, Anne W; Laitinen, William H

Subject: FW: Meeting request from Ambassador Herbst

Any concerns?

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From: Andrews, Jorgan K

Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 3:39 PM

To: Singh, Reggie X; Partin, Andrew J; Montgomery, Molly C

Subject: FW: Meeting request from Ambassador Herbst

What do we know about Burisma and Zlochevskiy? Should I accept this meeting or beg off?

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From: Geysa Gonzalez [<mailto:GGonzalez@ATLANTICCOUNCIL.ORG>]

Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 11:42 AM

To: Andrews, Jorgan K

Cc: John Herbst

Subject: Meeting request from Ambassador Herbst

Dear Jorgan,

Hope this message finds you well! Ambassador Herbst was wondering if you might have some time to meet tomorrow to chat about Ukraine in general, but also Mr. Nicolai Zlochevskiy, who owns Burisma, one of Ukraine's most significant natural gas producers.

Please let me know if you have any availability.

Best,

Geysa



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