

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 30, 2020

The Honorable Michael R. Pompeo
Secretary of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Pompeo:

As we explained to you in our letter on November 6, 2019, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Finance (the Committees) continue to examine potential conflicts of interest relating to the Obama administration's policy decisions with respect to Ukraine and Burisma Holdings. In addition, the Committees are examining the extent to which representatives of Burisma used individuals with close personal connections to high-level officials within the Obama administration to gain access to and potentially influence U.S. government agencies.

Based on the Committees' review of material produced by the State Department and by other agencies and related entities, we respectfully request the following additional records¹ and information related to this matter:

1. Please make the following State Department employees available for an interview:
 - a. Ambassador Bridget Brink;
 - b. Ambassador Geoffrey Pyatt;
 - c. George Kent; and
 - d. Elisabeth Zentos.
2. All records, including call transcripts and summaries, related to then-Vice President Biden's phone calls with then-President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko from March 2015 through April 2016, especially with regard to any mention of the Ukrainian Prosecutor General's investigation of Burisma or Viktor Shokin.
3. All records between then-Vice President Biden or his office and President Poroshenko or his office after the raid on Mykola Zlochevsky's home on February 2, 2016, until the dismissal of Prosecutor General Viktor Shokin on March 29, 2016.
4. Please provide all State Department records related to the Department's assessment of Viktor Shokin, the former Prosecutor General of Ukraine, including, but not limited to:
 - a. The decision to seek his removal from office, including when that decision was made;

¹ "Records" include any written, recorded, or graphic material of any kind, including letters, memoranda, reports, notes, electronic data (emails, email attachments, and any other electronically-created or stored information), calendar entries, inter-office communications, meeting minutes, phone/voice mail or recordings/records of verbal communications, and drafts (whether or not they resulted in final documents).

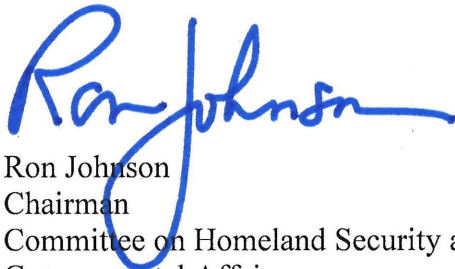
- b. When and how that decision was communicated to the Ukrainian government;
 - c. Discussions relating to the Department's or the administration's view of Shokin's effectiveness as prosecutor general;
 - d. Discussions regarding whether Shokin was implementing anti-corruption measures in Ukraine; and
 - e. Whether officials believed Shokin was an obstacle to Ukrainian reforms.
5. Former Vice President Biden previously expressed that he wanted Prosecutor General Viktor Shokin fired.² When did the United States government determine that Shokin should be removed? Please explain the justification for that decision and how and when that determination was communicated to the Ukrainian government.

We request this material and to arrange interviews with these individuals as soon as possible but no later than May 14, 2020.

We anticipate that your written response and most of the responsive documents will be unclassified. Please send all unclassified material directly to the Committees. In keeping with the requirements of Executive Order 13526, if any of the responsive documents do contain classified information, please segregate all unclassified material within the classified documents, provide all unclassified information directly to the Committees, and provide a classified addendum to the Office of Senate Security. The Committees comply with all laws and regulations governing the handling of classified information. The Committees are not bound, absent their prior agreement, by any handling restrictions or instructions on unclassified information unilaterally asserted by the Executive Branch.

If you have any questions about this request, please ask your staff to contact Brian Downey and Scott Wittmann of Chairman Johnson's staff at (202) 224-4751, and Joshua Flynn-Brown of Chairman Grassley's staff at (202) 224-4515. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Ron Johnson
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs



Charles E. Grassley
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Committee on Finance

² Erielle Davidson, *Watch Joe Biden Brag About Bribing Ukraine to Fire The Prosecutor Investigating His Son's Company*, The Federalist, Sept. 24, 2019, <https://thefederalist.com/2019/09/24/watch-joe-biden-brag-about-bribing-ukraine-to-fire-the-prosecutor-investigating-his-sons-company/>.