



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 16, 2020

Case No. FL-2020-00025

Sean Dunagan  
400 Scott Ave.  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80521

Dear Mr. Dunagan:

As we noted in our letter dated November 4, 2020, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department has identified an additional 12 responsive records subject to the FOIA. We have determined the 12 records may be released in part.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable exemptions are marked on each document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released and is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Trial Attorney Liam Holland at (202) 514-4964 or [Liam.C.Holland@usdoj.gov](mailto:Liam.C.Holland@usdoj.gov). Please refer to the case number, FL-2020-00025, and the civil action number, 19-cv-03563, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeanne Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeanne" and last name "Miller" clearly distinguishable.

Jeanne Miller  
Chief, Programs and Policies Division  
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated

## **The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)**

### **FOIA Exemptions**

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:
- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
  - 1.4(b) Foreign government information
  - 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
  - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
  - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
  - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
  - 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
  - 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:
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|----------------|---|
| ARMSEXP        | Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)                    |
| CIA PERS/ORG   | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)      |
| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT         | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004                    |
| INA            | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN           | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505      |
- (b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Personal privacy information
- (b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
  - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
  - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
  - (D) disclose confidential sources
  - (E) disclose investigation techniques
  - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

### **Other Grounds for Withholding**

- NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thu, 6 Oct 2016 01:49:56 -0400  
**To:** Kent, George P; Yovanovitch, Marie L  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Let's talk about when paper gets to me.

I've already started sending new taskings out with deadlines farther in advance, so if you would like to start getting things 48 hours in advance (when possible) we can discuss the best way to do that.

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Best,

SBU  
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**From:** Kent, George P  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 06, 2016 7:34 AM  
**To:** Yovanovitch, Marie L; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Let's talk about when paper gets to me.

Everyone works on deadline. If we move the deadline up, people will adjust...except for late breaking meetings like Lutsenko, with Chris in Kramatorsk, and POL not able to adjust in time, as happened yesterday.

Of course, on any given day, you may be run ragged for half the day outside, with no read time apart from car time.

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Yovanovitch, Marie L  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 6, 2016 7:05 AM  
**To:** Kent, George P; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Let's talk about when paper gets to me.

I know that COB works for the drafter, but in reality that means I'm looking at something for the first time quite late since there are often evening events.

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**From:** Yovanovitch, Marie L  
**Sent:** Sun, 4 Sep 2016 05:39:41 -0400  
**To:** Kent, George P  
**Subject:** Re: Lutsenko now likely not to go to DC with Blue Star, other Ukr issue comments

Or frownie face!

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Kent, George P  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 4, 2016 11:14 AM  
**To:** Yovanovitch, Marie L  
**Subject:** Re: Lutsenko now likely not to go to DC with Blue Star, other Ukr issue comments

Any time we can find for you to take a breath, I'll be ready :)

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**From:** Yovanovitch, Marie L  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 4, 2016 8:39 AM  
**To:** Kent, George P  
**Subject:** Re: Lutsenko now likely not to go to DC with Blue Star, other Ukr issue comments

Thanks George. At some point, appreciate discussing in more detail some of the folks referenced.

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**From:** Kent, George P  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 3, 2016 8:14 PM  
**To:** Smith, Christopher W; [REDACTED] Yovanovitch, Marie L; Purcell, Alan S  
**Subject:** Lutsenko now likely not to go to DC with Blue Star, other Ukr issue comments

Lutsenko's request to meet one on one after I'd SMSed him regarding stories that he was using a third party lobbyist to pull together a planned trip to DC turned into a chat over thai food at the DCR.

We talked thru options of trip planning for his notional Aug 25-27 visit. He confirmed he had been pitched by Blue Star, not sought them out. He said he honestly didn't know how Blue Star was to get paid - he didn't have funds - and that some BPP MP that we probably didn't know "and that's good" ([REDACTED] ??) had introduced them to him. Blue Star CEO Tramontano's pitch was that she could gain him access to high levels of the Clinton campaign (GPK note: she was Podesta's deputy as deputy COS the last year of Bill Clinton's tenure), and that was appealing- to meet the possible next Presidential Chief of Staff.

But I pointed out that wasn't too likely 6 weeks before the election, and that the embassies could arrange meetings at DOJ and State, and the Ukr embassy on the Hill. As

for the Hill, not many members would be around 6 weeks before an election when Congress would be in recess, and the attention of the chattering think tank class would be on UNGA. Not the best timing, apart from DOJ and State.

In connection to Blue Star, I noted their representation of Burisma/Zlochevsky, mentioned the various money flows from Ukraine to lobbyists that had been prominently in the news this past month, whether Manafort/Klueyev via Brussels to Podesta Group and Weber/Mercury, Yanu's Justice Minister Lavrynovych to Skaden/arsps-and Greg Craid--and Pinchuk to Clinton Foundation, and the media attention being paid at present to the Kyiv/Washington lobbyist gravy train....

...and he got the drift. Not ideal timing, little receptive audience, and wrong facilitator. He said he'd figure out a better time when there would be more traction/better audience.

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Rest of conversation went over more regular Ukr ground. He did--you'll be pleased to learn (b)(6), since I have to walk back my previous strong position - indicate that there were indeed some issues regarding (b)(6) lack of legal education degrees. (b)(6) still hoped (b)(6) could be an effective bridge to NGOs via the advisory council, but that had not happened yet. (b)(6) also did not see the young investigator (b)(6) hoped would help clean out oblast prosecutors on tax/asset related grounds being as aggressive or successful as hoped. And the local level renewal also was on a slow track. But the IG unit would hopefully be the showcase new element of the PGO missing to show some institutional forward progress. Felt (b)(6) was edging towards retirement, really wanted to head the new national investigative bureau and was trying to romance (b)(6) to get NatFront MP support, but didn't think that would fly. Was trying to find an exit strategy for easing (b)(6) out, and had 2-3 candidates in mind to replace (b)(6) as overseer for the investigations division.

Said that his PG presentation on Illovaisk yesterday had ruffled feathers with P2's team, b/c in addition to the Russian invasion as the real cause, the PGO had declared mistakes were made by the General Staff, and that pointed a finger at Muzhenko, even if not harshly/directly. Lutsenko had been a (b)(6) on (b)(6) a week before the Russians arrived, and thus had a better feel than most for the personalities involved. (b)(6) attended the parade (b)(6) but did not return to the front to reassume direction until the night of (b)(6) without any explanation for the interim (probably a drunken bender, he added). Who was agreeing with whom on what terms for withdrawal before the turkey shoot by the Russians was not entirely clear.

He said to send his regards to "Madam Ambassador" and that he looked forward to paying respects in person when it would be possible. I mentioned that you had lived in the same apartment 15 years ago as DCM. He said he had visited the apartment in the

late 1990s when the previous owner/occupant was still there - a diminutive but noted political scientist, he said.

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**From:** Kent, George P  
**Sent:** Wed, 5 Oct 2016 03:10:18 -0400  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Purcell, Alan S  
**Subject:** RE: Lutsenko to DC week of Oct 17

EU has some visitor Friday that will give them reason/access to Lutsenko – so they took our ideas under advisement but did not follow up with: yes, let's do.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 05, 2016 9:54 AM  
**To:** Kent, George P  
**Cc:** Purcell, Alan S  
**Subject:** FW: Lutsenko to DC week of Oct 17

George,  
 Any word from the EU on next steps?

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**From:** Yovanovitch, Marie L  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 05, 2016 7:06 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] Purcell, Alan S  
**Cc:** Kent, George P; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Lutsenko to DC week of Oct 17

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I need to see Lutsenko before he goes to Washington – preferably this week.

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**To:** [REDACTED] Kent, George P; Smith, Christopher W.; [REDACTED] Purcell, Alan S  
**Cc:** Yovanovitch, Marie L; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Lutsenko to DC week of Oct 17

Thx - need your rec on [REDACTED] Thanks.

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**From:** Kent, George P

**Date:** October 4, 2016 at 4:12:38 PM GMT+2

**To:** Smith, Christopher W

Purcell, Alan S

**Cc:** Yovanovitch, Marie L

**Subject:** RE: Lutsenko to DC week of Oct 17

+ Amb, for visibility

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We should meet him.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 04, 2016 3:20 PM

**To:** Kent, George P;

Smith, Christopher W; Purcell, Alan S

**Subject:** Lutsenko

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**To:**

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**Cc:**

Kent, George P; [redacted] Purcell, Alan S

**Subject:**

RE: Lutsenko to DC week of Oct 17

The letter went out first thing this morning. We'll forward a copy to the Desk.

Additionally [redacted] is working with Protocol to set up your meeting with Lutsenko.

Related question: [redacted]

Best,

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**Date:** October 4, 2016 at 4:12:38 PM GMT+2

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**To:** (b)(6), Purcell, Alan S <(b)(6)>

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Kenichiro (Ken) <TokoKE@state.gov>

**Cc:** Yovanovitch, Marie L <(b)(6)>  
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**Sent:** Mon, 10 Oct 2016 03:57:11 -0400  
**To:** (b)(6) Kent, George P; Purcell, (b)(6)  
**Subject:** (b)(6) Smith, Christopher W  
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**Sent:** Sunday, October 9, 2016 4:45 PM  
**To:** Yovanovitch, Marie L; Kyiv, EXEC; Kent, George P; Purcell, Alan S; (b)(6); Smith, Christopher W  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting with PG of Ukraine

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**Subject:** Re: Meeting with PG of Ukraine

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**Sent:** Sunday, October 9, 2016 12:07 PM  
**To:** Kent, George P; Purcell, Alan S; (b)(6)  
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**Sent:** Sunday, October 9, 2016 9:40 AM  
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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 7, 2016 7:59 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)

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**Subject:** Meeting with PG of Ukraine

Dear colleagues,

Please find attached the letter of invitation for the meeting with Prosecutor General of Ukraine Mr.Yurii Lutsenko.

Best regards,

Department for International Legal Cooperation and  
European Integration  
Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine

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**From:** Yovanovitch, Marie L  
**Sent:** Mon, 10 Oct 2016 13:22:19 -0400  
**To:** [redacted] Kent, George P; Kyiv, EXEC; Purcell, Alan S  
**Cc:** [redacted] Smith, Christopher W  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting with PG of Ukraine G7 on tuesday, time TBD

Academy award winning!

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**To:** Kent, George P; Yovanovitch, Marie L; Kyiv, EXEC; Purcell, Alan S; [redacted] Smith, Christopher W  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
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Thank you Ambassador/George.

Hopefully the separate G7 mtg will also happen sometime this week.

I imagine Lutsenko's expanded mtg tomorrow will be along the lines of the 2 hour presentation he gave the Amb last week...

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Ready/willing.

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**Sent:** Monday, October 10, 2016 10:57 AM  
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**Subject:** Re: Meeting with PG of Ukraine

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Sat, 8 Oct 2016 14:53:18 -0400  
**To:** Purcell, Alan S; Yovanovitch, Marie L; [redacted] Kent, George  
**P:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Suggestion of a joint G7 reaction

I think the G7 statement should wait until after the G7 mtg with Lutsenko on Tue or Wed and can be adjusted depending on the outcome of that mtg. (The NABU bills likely won't come up in the Rada until the week of Oct 17, so we have a little time). (b)(5)

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**From:** Purcell, Alan S  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 8, 2016 5:35 PM  
**To:** Yovanovitch, Marie L; (b)(6) Kent, George P; (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Suggestion of a joint G7 reaction

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I thought the text was OK but I believe [redacted] may have some further thoughts how to edit, based on being in the Lutsenko meeting.

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**From:** Yovanovitch, Marie L  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 8, 2016 4:00 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) Kent, George P; Purcell, Alan S; (b)(6)  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Suggestion of a joint G7 reaction

What do you guys think of this proposal? (b)(5)

(b)(6) Appreciate your comments as I will see Japanese Amb first thing on Monday am (b)(5)

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**From:** Aronson, Victoria  
**Sent:** Friday, October 07, 2016 6:26 PM  
**To:** Yovanovitch, Marie L; Kent, George P; Purcell, Alan S; Toko, Kenichiro (Ken)  
**Subject:** Suggestion of a joint G7 reaction

FYI

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**From:** SUMI SHIGEKI (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 07, 2016 5:54 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Suggestion of a joint G 7 reaction

Dear colleagues,

I would like to arrange the G7 ambassadors meeting with MR. Lutsenko either on Tuesday or Wednesday next week. I would like to discuss Ernst's proposal based upon that meeting.. I understand the US and EU have already initiated actions and I also include that elements to our reaction. I will let you know our time of the meeting once it is fixed.

Shigeki

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**Von:** .KIEW L-VZ Steingrueber, Uta  
**Gesendet:** Freitag, 7. Oktober 2016 12:03  
**An:** (b)(5)  
(b)(6)  
**Betreff:** Suggestion of a joint G 7 reaction

Dear Colleagues,

For your kind consideration, I would like to suggest the following declaration by the G 7-Ambassadors:

*"We welcome Ukraine's efforts and achievements in creating a comprehensive system aimed at preventing and fighting corruption. Over the past two years, Ukraine has set up several key anti-corruption bodies such as the National Anti-Corruption Bureau (NABU) or the Specialized Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office (SAPO); the recent establishment of the National Agency for the Prevention of Corruption and the launch of the electronic asset declaration are of similar importance.*

*Several legislative initiatives that have been made public over the past weeks, however, put this anti-corruption system in jeopardy. We view with particular concern draft bills which would weaken the electronic asset declaration and curtail NABU's and SAPO's competences in investigating and prosecuting high-level corruption cases. In fact, rather than limiting specialized anti-corruption bodies' authority, those institutions should be ensured adequate means and resources, such as independent wire-tapping.*

*On a more general note, we note with concern recurrent efforts to introduce amendments to reform bills only passed recently, aiming at walking back reform steps just taken. Such initiatives contribute to undermining international confidence."*

I would suggest Shigeki as our chair co-ordinates your comments.

Kind regards,

Dr. Ernst Reichel  
Ambassador

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wed, 5 Oct 2016 15:29:13 +0000  
**To:** Kent, George P  
**Subject:** RE: Attempts to water down anticorruption legislation - how to engage/deliver message (b)(6)

Thanks, if anything interesting emerges let us know; our visitors (b)(6) and (b)(6) are scheduled to see him on Friday (they could follow-up on anything perhaps).

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**From:** Kent, George P (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 05, 2016 6:20 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Attempts to water down anticorruption legislation - how to engage/deliver message (b)(6)

Thanks for sharing. Our Ambassador will see Lutsenko for the first time tomorrow.

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 05, 2016 4:07 PM  
**To:** Kent, George P  
**Subject:** RE: Attempts to water down anticorruption legislation - how to engage/deliver message

George, the attached has gone out this afternoon.

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Lets hope our various efforts will bear fruit!

Best (b)(6)

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**From:** Kent, George P (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 04, 2016 6:27 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Attempts to water down anticorruption legislation - how to engage/deliver message

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– Ambassador Yovanovitch augmented the text in final review – so this is what we are translating/she will sign/send tomorrow, cc:ing Lutsenko and Sytnyk. Standing by for consideration of a joint meeting with someone!

Kyiv, Ukraine  
October 4, 2016

Dear President Poroshenko,

I am writing to express our deep concern over the Prosecutor General's proposed draft law which would eliminate NABU's

exclusive jurisdiction over high-level public sector corruption cases. This draft legislation would appear to threaten NABU's independence, remove key powers, and render it incapable of successfully pursuing its anti-corruption mission.

We understand that the new draft law would not only grant the Prosecutor General's Office the authority to decide whether or not NABU can investigate cases in which it has overlapping jurisdiction with the PGO, but would also:

- Compel NABU to notify the PGO about any international requests;
- Eliminate the three day time frame for the PGO to provide international investigative documents to NABU;
- Limit NABU's competence by, for example, eliminating its ability to establish Joint Investigative Teams; and
- Generally expand the powers and authorities of the PGO.

You successfully established NABU in the wake of the EuroMaidan revolution with a unique jurisdiction and guaranteed independence. This was a signature achievement by your administration, and the international community applauded your efforts to respond to the scale and scope of corruption among Ukrainian criminal justice institutions and throughout the public sector. Since its founding, NABU has made increasing progress in its cases. We, along with civil society, the Rada, and the European Union, have made significant financial and human investments in NABU to support its independence and vital mission. Those achievements now appear to be under threat.

Unfortunately, this proposed draft law is but the latest in what appear to be significant efforts to undermine NABU, including the August 12 incident in which PGO employees allegedly illegally held NABU detectives and physically abused them. As Secretary Pritzker mentioned to you last week, the United States eagerly awaits the results of the independent investigation into these allegations.

We ask you to use your influence to have this proposed legislation withdrawn, and publicly underscore your support for

NABU's independence, anti-corruption mission, and exclusive jurisdiction over high-level public sector corruption cases.

Sincerely,

Marie L. Yovanovitch

cc: Prosecutor General Lutsenko  
Director of the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine  
Sytnyk

His Excellency  
Petro Poroshenko  
President of Ukraine  
Kyiv, Ukraine

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 04, 2016 6:22 PM  
**To:** Kent, George P  
**Subject:** RE: Attempts to water down anticorruption legislation - how to engage/deliver message

George, thanks again. Just to let you know that we are working on an EU letter (with EU MS); but it is still in drafting so lets see what happens. Your options below are interesting and we should come back to that as part of our toolbox. I'll keep you posted as reg our letter.

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Best,

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**From:** Kent, George P [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 03, 2016 9:54 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Attempts to water down anticorruption legislation - how to engage/deliver message

Draft text before the Ambassador overnight:

Dear President Poroshenko,

I am writing to express my deep concern over the Prosecutor General's proposed draft law which would eliminate NABU's exclusive jurisdiction over high-level public sector corruption cases. This draft legislation would appear to threaten both NABU's independence and the principles in the legislation that created NABU, which the United States and other donors strongly supported in partnership with you, the Verkhovna Rada, and the people of Ukraine.

NABU was established in the wake of the EuroMaidan revolution with a unique jurisdiction and guaranteed independence. This was done in response to the scale and scope of corruption among Ukrainian criminal justice institutions and throughout the public sector. Since its founding, NABU has made increasing progress in its cases. We, along with civil society, the Rada, and the European Union, have made significant financial and human investments in NABU to support its independence and vital mission.

We understand that the new draft law would not only grant the Prosecutor General's Office the authority to decide which cases NABU would investigate, but would also:

- Compel NABU to notify the PGO about any international requests;
- Eliminate the three day time frame for the PGO to provide investigative documents to the Special Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office;
- Limit NABU's competence by, for example, eliminating its ability to establish Joint Investigative Teams; and
- Generally expand the powers and authorities of the PGO.

Unfortunately, this proposed draft law follows in the wake of the August attacks on NABU, including the August 12 incident in which PGO employees allegedly illegally held NABU detectives and physically abused them. As Secretary Pritzker mentioned to you last week, the United States eagerly



awaits the results of the independent investigation into these allegations.

I ask you to use your influence to have this proposed legislation withdrawn, and publicly underscore your support for NABU's independence, mission, and exclusive jurisdiction over high-level public sector corruption cases.

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

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**From:** Kent, George P  
**Sent:** Monday, October 03, 2016 8:45 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Attempts to water down anticorruption legislation

Have a draft, which I will forward separately when I am on a normal computer.

3 potential options for joint action - letter, statement, meeting. Some concern if we try the G7 route that it could take the week, and a sense we need to get on the record, even if privately, earlier.

Separately, Washington/Toria Nuland read our reported concerns and was thinking maybe our two ambassadors should go in to Lutsenko and/or Poroshenko to raise concerns.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Date:** October 3, 2016 at 2:11:59 PM GMT+3  
**To:** Kent, George P [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Attempts to water down anticorruption legislation

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Hi George, you have any news on this?  
Regards,  
Thomas

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kent, George P [REDACTED]

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Sent Friday, September 30, 2016 8:52 PM

To:

Subject: Re: Attempts to water down anticorruption legislation

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Will forward Monday - once it reaches me.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone

From:

Sent: Friday, September 30, 2016 4:41 PM

To: Kent, George P; .KIEW

Cc: .KIEW POL-4

Subject: RE: Attempts to water down anticorruption legislation

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George, if there is any way you can share the letter, or general lines, that would be most helpful for our own comments on this.

Best,

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From: Kent, George P

Sent: Friday, September 30, 2016 4:31 PM

To:

Cc: .KIEW POL-4

Subject: RE: Attempts to water down anticorruption legislation

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Avakov had just seen Sytnyk (or talked to him) before he saw us, and he said Sytnyk was (predictably) apoplectic/very unhappy.

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Letter will be addressed to Poroshenko. How it is conveyed TBD.

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From:

Sent: Friday, September 30, 2016 4:14 PM

To: Kent, George P; .KIEW V

Cc: .KIEW POL-4

Subject: RE: Attempts to water down anticorruption legislation

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Colleagues, this is very timely, we just had Daria and Vitaliy here and will see Sytnyk later. So lets hope with the news below that on PGO/NABU we are safe for a while. Who are you sending a letter to George, if I may ask?

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On e-declarations the situation is also of concern. We may do comments early next week but that is under discussion still. Seems a call to Yats might help (discouraging PF support for this also) – any scope for US making such a contact?

Best,

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From: Kent, George P

Sent: Friday, September 30, 2016 3:53 PM

To: .KIEW V

Cc: .KIEW POL-4

Subject: RE: Attempts to water down anticorruption legislation

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not good.

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[redacted] told one of our team today that National Front would not support Lutsenko's gambit to weaken NABU. He encouraged us to weigh in with Poroshenko, but do so quickly. We likely will send a letter on Monday.

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From: .KIEW V [redacted]  
 Sent: Friday, September 30, 2016 3:49 PM  
 To: Kent, George P. [redacted]  
 Cc: .KIEW POL-4 [redacted]  
 Subject: WG: Attempts to water down anticorruption legislation

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Dear Colleagues,  
 I believe Olena puts the finger in the wounds. How do you see this?

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Von: [redacted]  
 Gesendet: Freitag, 30. September 2016 15:13  
 An: KIEW V [redacted]; .KIEW POL-4 [redacted]  
 Betreff: Attempts to water down anticorruption legislation

Dear [redacted]

Together with RPR anticorruption experts, we would like to inform you about recent worrying attempts of Ukrainian ruling political elite to backslide anticorruption reform. It seems that presidential political group is seriously preparing to water down legislation on e-declarations and National Anticorruption Bureau, which will most likely be supported by the Narodnyi Front.

First, the President of Ukraine made a decision to limit public access to information from e-declarations of public officials. Draft law of this nature was yesterday registered in the parliament (draft #5192) by the head of presidential faction - its full text should become available online only on Tuesday. The draft law is aimed to close public access to information on cash savings, expensive gifts, expensive movable property and expenditures. Gifts and cash are the most convenient way for corrupt officials in Ukraine to receive and stow illegal assets. Moreover, access to this information will not be public anymore even through information requests, since information will be classified.

There are high chances that the president will try to push this draft law through the parliament already next week (on October 4 or 6) - most likely violating the Rules of Procedure.

Second, the Prosecutor General of Ukraine Yuriy Lutsenko announced that exclusive jurisdiction of NABU over high profile corruption related crimes must be changed. We have information that the draft law on this issue will appear in the parliament early next week. The draft law will change NABU's jurisdiction: instead of exclusive jurisdiction of the Bureau, it will give all law enforcement bodies the right to investigate cases of grand corruption and it will introduce the right for the Prosecutor General to decide which body should investigate this or that case. These provisions undermine the very idea of special institution for independent investigation of high profile corruption. Politically dependent Prosecutor General will receive powers to protect anyone from being brought to justice. Once again, the president and his faction will try to make the parliament adopt this draft law in full next week (October 4 or 6).

We are afraid, that political elite of Ukraine once received IMF funds and loan guarantees, decided to “forget” about key anti-corruption commitments and requirements of our Western partners.

We kindly ask you, should you have an opportunity, to remind our president that rollback of anticorruption reform is unacceptable. Any public statement before Tuesday (even a notification on facebook or twitter) from your side on the issue would help us to protect anti-corruption reform from serious steps back during upcoming days.

Thank you in advance!

Sincerely Yours,  
Olena Halushka

International Relations Manager  
Reanimation Package of Reforms

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<http://rpr.org.ua/en>

<https://twitter.com/OlenaHalushka>

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**From:** Yovanovitch, Marie L  
**Sent:** Wed. 26 Oct 2016 05:12:53 -0400  
**To:** (b)(6); Kent, George P; (b)(6) Smith, Christopher W  
**Subject:** Re: Deputy Prosecutor General Stoliarchuk will still oversee Special Investigations Department, newly created Organized Crime Office - Lutsenko

Let's discuss when I do the debrief.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 26, 2016 10:49 AM  
**To:** Yovanovitch, Marie L; Kent, George P; (b)(6) Smith, Christopher W; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Deputy Prosecutor General Stoliarchuk will still oversee Special Investigations Department, newly created Organized Crime Office - Lutsenko

Ambassador,

I noted at country team today that the Ukraine embassy in the U.S. has been asking USDOJ to try to arrange high level USDOJ meetings for Lutsenko so he can discuss reform, the IG unit and more. (b)(5)

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(b)(5) I need to go back to Washington today on this soon but I wanted to make sure I understand the embassy's position.

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Jeff

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**From:** Yovanovitch, Marie L  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 26, 2016 10:00 AM  
**To:** Kent, George P; (b)(6) Smith, Christopher W; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Deputy Prosecutor General Stoliarchuk will still oversee Special Investigations Department, newly created Organized Crime Office - Lutsenko

Meanwhile Lutsenko headed to Washington with a "good message" per telcon last night. When is he going? We should do a cable beforehand with description of situation all in one place and suggested tps (or at least themes).

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Kent, George P

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 26, 2016 9:26 AM

**To:** Yovanovitch, Marie L; [REDACTED] Smith, Christopher W;  
Purcell, Alan S

**Subject:** Deputy Prosecutor General Stoliarchuk will still oversee Special Investigations Department, newly created Organized Crime Office - Lutsenko

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**From:** Yovanovitch, Marie L

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 25, 2016 9:22 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] Kent, George P; Kyiv, POL Core; [REDACTED] Smith, Christopher W

**Subject:** Re: Interfax: Deputy Prosecutor General Stoliarchuk will still oversee Special Investigations Department, newly created Organized Crime Office - Lutsenko

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Unfortunate.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 25, 2016 8:09 PM

**To:** Yovanovitch, Marie L; Kent, George P; Kyiv, POL Core; [REDACTED] Smith, Christopher W

**Subject:** Fw: Interfax: Deputy Prosecutor General Stoliarchuk will still oversee Special Investigations Department, newly created Organized Crime Office - Lutsenko

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"Nothing has changed in this regard," Lutsenko said at a briefing in Kyiv on Tuesday.

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** lbi@lbicompany.com.ua

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 25, 2016 7:36 PM

**To:** Kyiv, Media Alerts

**Subject:** Interfax: Deputy Prosecutor General Stoliarchuk will still oversee Special

Investigations Department, newly created Organized Crime Office - Lutsenko

Interfax:

**Deputy Prosecutor General Stoliarchuk will still oversee Special Investigations Department, newly created Organized Crime Office - Lutsenko**

25.10.2016

Deputy Prosecutor General Yuriy Stoliarchuk will continue to oversee the Special Investigations Department and the newly formed Organized Crime Office within the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine, Prosecutor General Yuriy Lutsenko has said.

"Deputy Prosecutor General Stoliarchuk has been and will remain direct supervisor both of [Special Investigations Department Head Serhiy] Horbatiuk and the newly established Organized Crime Office. Nothing has changed in this regard," Lutsenko said at a briefing in Kyiv on Tuesday.

<http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/379019.html>

*With best regards,*

*LBI Team*

[www.lbicompany.com.ua](http://www.lbicompany.com.ua)

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**From:** Kent, George P  
**Sent:** Wed. 12 Oct 2016 11:05:17 -0400

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**To:**

**Cc:**

RaeJean K

**Subject:**

RE: G7 Joint Statement - Anti-corruption

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Okay by me

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 5:33 PM  
**To:** Kent, George P  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** G7 Joint Statement - Anti-corruption  
**Importance:** High

Sir,

At our meeting this morning, Ambassador Yovanovitch said she would like to move forward with a G-7 statement on e-Declaration/anti-corruption as the German ambassador has suggested (his text and email chain below), and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Attached for your clearance are suggested edits cleared through econ, pol, and USAID. I deliberately left changes tracked in the attachment so you can clearly see our changes.

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I look forward to your feedback.

Best regards,

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The text suggested by the German Ambassador:

*"We welcome Ukraine's efforts and achievements in creating a comprehensive system aimed at preventing and fighting corruption. Over the past two years, Ukraine has set up several key anti-corruption bodies such as the National Anti-Corruption Bureau (NABU) or the Specialized Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office (SAPO); the recent establishment of the National Agency for the Prevention of Corruption and the launch of the electronic asset declaration are of similar importance.*

*Several legislative initiatives that have been made public over the past weeks, however, put this anti-corruption system in jeopardy. We view with particular concern draft bills which would weaken the electronic asset declaration and curtail NABU's and SAPO's competences in investigating and prosecuting high-level corruption cases. In fact, rather than limiting specialized anti-corruption bodies' authority, those institutions should be ensured adequate means and resources, such as independent wire-tapping.*



*On a more general note, we note with concern recurrent efforts to introduce amendments to reform bills only passed recently, aiming at walking back reform steps just taken. Such initiatives contribute to undermining international confidence."*

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Saturday, October 08, 2016 9:53 PM

**To:** Purcell, Alan S; Yovanovitch, Marie L; [REDACTED] Kent, George P; [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Suggestion of a joint G7 reaction

I think the G7 statement should wait until after the G7 mtg with Lutsenko on Tue or Wed and can be adjusted depending on the outcome of that mtg. (The NABU bills likely won't come up in the Rada until the week of Oct 17, so we have a little time). [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Purcell, Alan S

**Sent:** Saturday, October 8, 2016 5:35 PM

**To:** Yovanovitch, Marie L; [REDACTED] Kent, George P; [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Suggestion of a joint G7 reaction

I thought the text was OK but I believe [REDACTED] may have some further thoughts how to edit, based on being in the Lutsenko meeting.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Yovanovitch, Marie L

**Sent:** Saturday, October 8, 2016 4:00 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] Kent, George P; Purcell, Alan S; [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Suggestion of a joint G7 reaction

What do you guys think of this proposal? [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I think. Appreciate your comments as I will see Japanese Amb first thing on Monday

at [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 07, 2016 6:26 PM  
**To:** Yovanovitch, Marie L; Kent, George P; Purcell, Alan S; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Suggestion of a joint G7 reaction

FYI

**From:** SUMI SHIGEKI [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 07, 2016 5:54 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Suggestion of a joint G 7 reaction

Dear colleagues,

I would like to arrange the G7 ambassadors meeting with MR. Lutsenko either on Tuesday or Wednesday next week . I would like to discuss Ernst's proposal based upon that meeting..  
I understand the US and EU have already initiated actions and I also include that elements to our reaction. I will let you know our time of the meeting once it is fixed.

Shigeki

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**Von:** .KIEW L-VZ Steingrueber, Uta  
**Gesendet:** Freitag, 7. Oktober 2016 12:03  
**An:** [REDACTED]

**Betreff:** Suggestion of a joint G 7 reaction

Dear Colleagues,

For your kind consideration, I would like to suggest the following declaration by the G 7-Ambassadors:

*"We welcome Ukraine's efforts and achievements in creating a comprehensive system aimed at preventing and fighting corruption. Over the past two years, Ukraine has set up several key anti-corruption bodies such as the National Anti-Corruption Bureau (NABU) or the Specialized Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office (SAPO); the recent establishment of the National Agency for the Prevention of Corruption and the launch of the electronic asset declaration are of similar importance.*

*Several legislative initiatives that have been made public over the past weeks, however, put this anti-corruption system in jeopardy. We view with particular concern draft bills which would weaken the electronic asset declaration and curtail NABU's and SAPO's competences in investigating and prosecuting high-level corruption cases. In fact, rather than limiting specialized anti-corruption bodies' authority, those institutions should be ensured adequate means and resources, such as independent wire-tapping.*

*On a more general note, we note with concern recurrent efforts to introduce amendments to reform bills only passed recently, aiming at walking back reform steps just taken. Such initiatives contribute to undermining international confidence."*

I would suggest Shigeki as our chair co-ordinates your comments.

Kind regards,

Dr. Ernst Reichel  
Ambassador

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**To:** Nuland, Victoria J.; Heffern, John A.; Brink, Bridget A.; EUR-Ukraine-Desk-DL; "eclaramella" (b)(6);  
 "Makanju, Anna A." (b)(6); "Pfleger, Gregory W."  
**Cc:** Yovanovitch, Marie L.; Kyiv, POL Core; Kent, George P.; Kyiv, ECON All; (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: (b)(6)  
**Date:** Thursday, October 13, 2016 1:10:41 PM

On today's joint G7 meeting with PG Lutsenko, NABU and SAPO.

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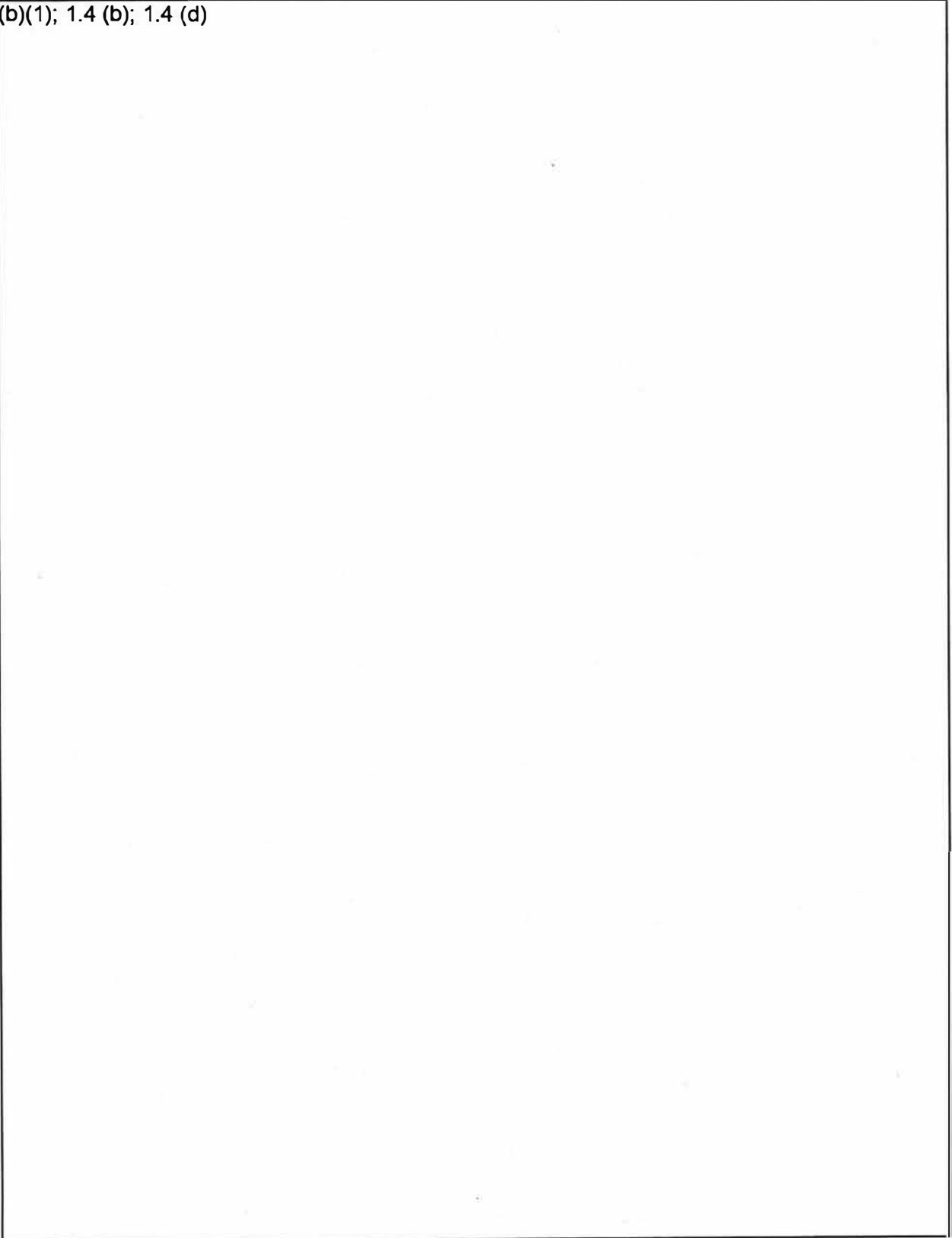


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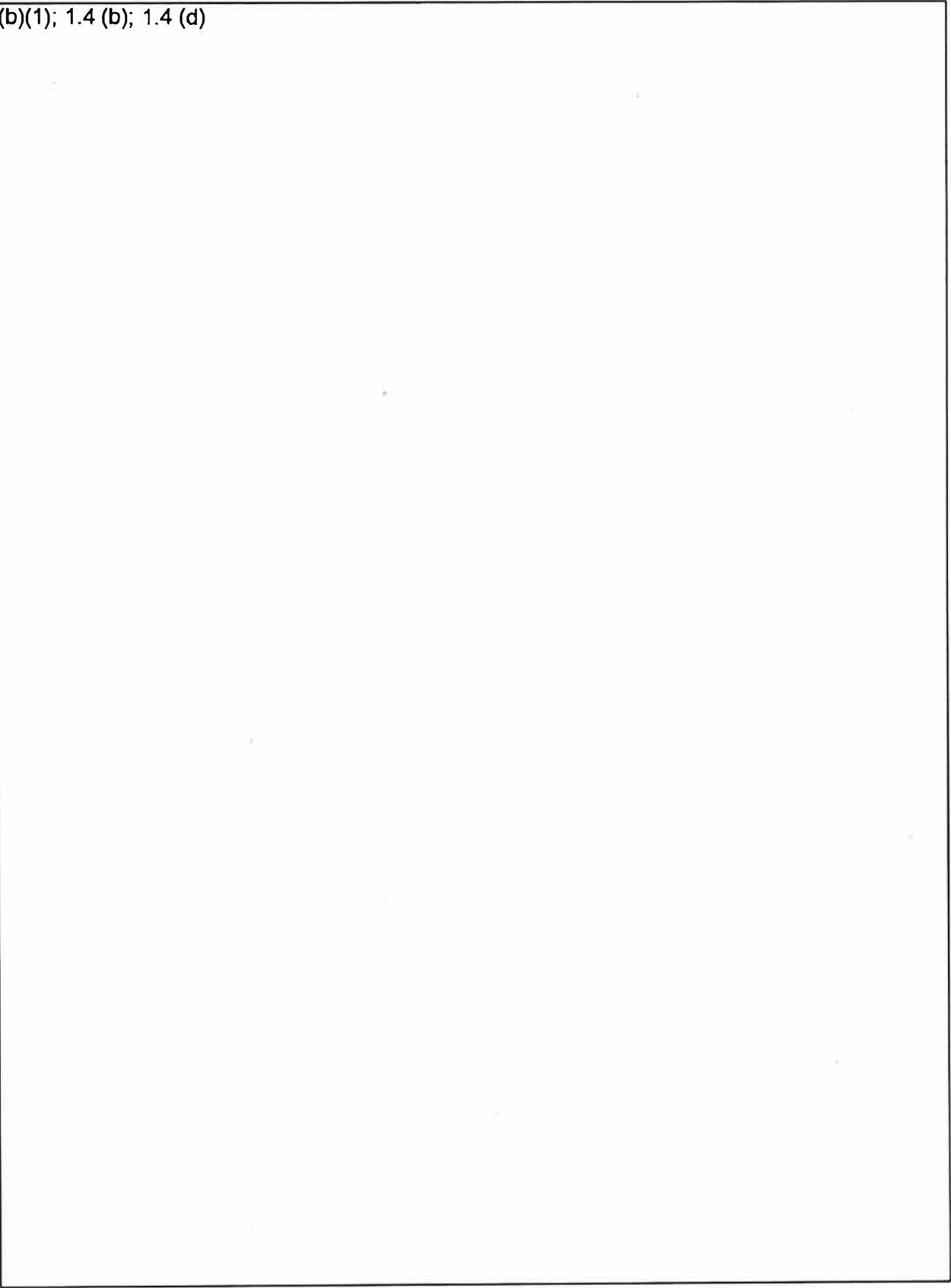
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