

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Burisma-ENR Meeting in Washington
Date: Thursday, October 26, 2017 9:27:51 AM

[REDACTED], see below email draft for reply to ENR:

Hi [REDACTED]

Below is some additional information and a bit more of the backstory to help inform your recommendation:

We know Blue Star to be a legitimate lobbying firm, but Blue Star's COO interestingly assured our DCM this time last fall that Blue Star did not represent Burisma in the U.S. (and thus was not registered as a foreign agent/lobbyist). Additionally, Burisma has a reputation as a somewhat dirty player in Ukraine's gas industry:

- Burisma is owned by former Minister of Ecology (under Yanukovich) Mykola Zlochevskyi.
- Following Yanukovich's 2014 ouster, the USG was involved in a joint British and American effort to seize \$23 million belonging to Zlochevskyi. The USG involvement included FBI investigative support that developed information indicating two companies controlled by Zlochevskyi transferred almost \$13 million in funds through U.S. financial institutions.
- As of March 2014, the Ukraine's Prosecutor General Office (PGO) had an ongoing corruption and bribery investigation in which Zlochevskyi was a subject. In April 2014, the British Government issued a restraining order to freeze \$23 million in an account traceable to Mr. Zlochevskyi. In order to keep the money restrained or frozen, the British requested information, evidence or at least a letter from Ukraine's PGO stating that Zlochevskyi was the subject of a criminal investigation in Ukraine. In August 2014, the PGO merged the Zlochevskyi investigation into a larger-scale inquiry of the Ministry of the Ecology and Natural Resources as a whole. This action effectively resulted in the closure of the individual criminal investigation in which he was a subject. In November 2014, the PGO issued a certification to the attorney representing Zlochevskyi in the British case stating that there were no grounds for Zlochevskyi's prosecution in Ukraine. Also in November, the PGO provided a letter to the British authorities advising, erroneously and in contradiction to this, that a criminal investigation was still underway, even though Zlochevskyi had not yet been notified of suspicion in this case. A British Court ultimately ruled on or about January 20, 2015 that the British Government had provided insufficient evidence that the funds were illegally obtained. Soon after the ruling the money was transferred to Cyprus.
- In January 2017, Burisma claimed in an announcement that "all legal proceedings and pending criminal allegations against its President Mykola Zlochevsky and operating companies of Burisma Group have been closed."

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 3:09 PM
To: Kent, George P
Cc: [REDACTED] Y
Subject: RE: Burisma-ENR Meeting in Washington

George,

Thanks for this. We'll be sure to let ENR know the backstory so they are fully informed.

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From: Kent, George P
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 2:56 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Burisma-ENR Meeting in Washington

Funny that the Blue Star COO swore up and down to me this time last fall that Blue Star did not represent Burisma in the US (and thus wasn't registered as a foreign agent/lobbyist).

ECON should ensure the ENR/desk folk know the full back story of Burisma's reputation as a somewhat dirty player in the gas industry here, and the background on Zlochevsky's frozen \$23 million assets that were unfrozen in Britain in late 2014 after the FBI, British SCO, and Ukrainian authorities had built a case to freeze/try to recover the assets.

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Subject: Burisma-ENR Meeting in Washington

George,

We wanted to flag that Blue Star Strategies is trying to facilitate a meeting between a Burisma rep and an ENR DAS in Washington to discuss domestic energy sector issues in Ukraine. The Burisma rep is Vadym Pozharskyi, advisor to the board of directors responsible for global projects. He's not that senior within the company. We've flagged for ENR that Burisma is owned by Zlochevskyi, and that

we normally don't meet with the company here.

ENR is planning to offer Pozharskyi a working level meeting rather than an ENR FO meeting.

Do you have any concerns with an ENR-Burisma working level meeting taking place?

Thank you,

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@bluestarstrategies.com>

Date: October 24, 2017 at 11:47:17 PM GMT+8

To: McCarrick, John E [REDACTED]@state.gov>

Subject: Meeting with Ukraine Energy company

Importance: High

Dear Mr. Deputy Assistant Secretary,

I hope this note finds you well. I am writing to request a meeting with you with the largest privately owned gas company, Burisma. The advisor to the board of directors at Burisma who is responsible for global projects, Vadym Pozharskyi, will be in Washington October 31st through November 2nd. If you are available, we would like to meet with you to brief you on some recent developments in Ukraine and the domestic energy sector. Would you be available for a short meeting sometime next week between October 31st and November 2nd?

Many thanks in advance for your consideration.

Best regards

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