From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED] AMB O'Brien trying to reach you
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 12:28:15 PM

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
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Sir ? please call the WHSR ? (b)(6) or (b)(6) Thanks.
(b)(3), (b)(6)

In accordance with the restrictions on the handling of classified information, the following text has been redacted.

From: Richard Grenell
To: [Redacted]
Subject: [Redacted] - [Link to Attachment(s)]
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 11:03:13 AM
Attachments: IMG-3167_converted.pdf

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

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Hi 👋

I am to pass the information about the ongoing United Nations Health and Service Cash Grant, And have you participated in the program?

Nop

It's a new program from the United nation, and it's mainly for people to help create small and large scale business, getting a new house, including both retired and disabled people in the society

I'm not qualifying for any of those

It's a cash empowerment program and it's randomly selected among the people. I thought you might have heard about it

Double tap to like
Hello AMB Grenell, happy Sunday.
This afternoon we learned that an ODNI employee at LX received a positive
diagnosis for COVID-19. This employee is located on the 4th floor.
As previously discussed, and with your approval, recommend you work from the
RQEB office for the foreseeable future. I will not reach out to DPS until you
are ok with that. We also know that the individual did not have any
interaction with you, but their leadership was in attendance in
a meeting with you last week.
I am headed to LX shortly, as the cleaning crews have been deployed and we
are getting a message out to the workforce.
 anything, I will be available by cell phone until about 3. After then I will be in my office at
I will keep you apprised as the situation develops.
Thank you, Deirdre
CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

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BEGIN FORWARDED MESSAGE:

From: [b](3), [b](6)
Date: 5 May 2020 at 2:47:54 PM GMT-4
To: Richard Grenell
Subject: draft SPD nukes oped (edits)

I would just change this sentence:

(b)(5)

To this:
The purpose of NATO's nuclear share is to keep non-nuclear member states involved in the planning of NATO's deterrence policy. Germany's participation in nuclear share ensures that its voice matters. If Germany seeks to a true power for peace, now is the time for solidarity. Will Germany bear this responsibility, or will it sit back and simply enjoy the economic benefits of security provided by its other Allies?
Turkey's president said on Saturday that he will meet with the leaders of Russia, Germany and France on March 5 to discuss the recent situation in Syria and Libya.

Referring to Friday's phone calls with Russian President Vladimir Putin, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Emmanuel Macron on Syria, Recep Tayyip Erdogan said: The Idlib issue is as important as Afrin and the Peace Spring region. We will meet again on March 5 to discuss the same issues.

Erdogan's remarks came during his visit to the western Turkish province of Izmir where he attended several opening ceremonies and held speeches.

He underlined that Turkey's operations brought peace to the areas that were held by the [YPG/] PKK terrorist group for a while, and Turkey aims to establish the same peaceful environment in Idlib.

In its more than 30-year terror campaign against Turkey, the PKK -- listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, the U.S. and EU -- has been responsible for the deaths of 40,000 people, including women and children. The YPG is the PKK's Syrian offshoot.

"Hopefully, we will achieve the most relevant result that works best for the interests of our country and our Syrian brothers in this matter," he added.

During his visit, he also stressed that Turkey's policies on Syria and Libya are "neither an adventure nor an arbitrary choice."
If Turkey avoids struggling in Syria, Libya, the Mediterranean and generally in the region, those would return to the country with a heavier toll in the future, he said.

Stressing the power changes in the region, Erdogan underlined the importance of locating Turkey in a right position, and said that the country has been fighting for a new war of liberation as a country and nation.

Sometimes, the interests of our country and other powers conflict in this struggle. [?] Turkey has enough power and capacity to pursue an independent policy and implement this on the ground, he said.

Referring to Turkey's strategy in the region, Erdogan said that after phone calls with Putin, Macron, and Merkel on Friday, a roadmap was drawn.

In a phone conversation on Friday, Erdogan told Putin that the Assad regime must show restraint and the humanitarian crisis must end in Idlib.

He added that resolving the crisis unfolding in Idlib hinges on full implementation of the 2018 Sochi deal.

Both leaders reiterated their commitment to all agreements reached concerning Syria.

In the phone call with Macron and Merkel, Erdogan also said the aggression by the Syrian regime and its supporters in Idlib should come to an end.

Idlib, near Turkey's southern border, falls within a de-escalation zone laid out in a deal between Turkey and Russia in late 2018.

The Syrian regime and its allies, however, have consistently broken the terms of the cease-fire, launching frequent attacks inside the territory where acts of aggression are expressly prohibited.

The de-escalation zone is currently home to about 4 million civilians, including hundreds of thousands displaced in recent years by regime forces throughout the war-torn country.

Some 1 million Idlib refugees have moved towards the Turkish border in recent months, fleeing attacks by the Assad regime and its allies, and causing a desperate humanitarian situation.

Turkey has called for an immediate halt to the attacks on Idlib, and for the cease-fire to be followed, warning that if the attacks do not stop, Turkey will take action.


V/R

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(b)(3),(b)(6)
Senior Watch Officer
Office Of the Director of National Intelligence
Phone: (b)(3),(b)(6)
E-Mail: (b)(6)
Let's discuss.

Begin forwarded message:

From: [b][6]
To: Richard Grenell
Subject: fake Facebook page

I just happened on this fake Facebook page under the name Richard Grenell. Looks like it was set up in October 2019.

I know you are busy, so do you want me to see if [6] can take care of getting it taken down? I would, but I don't know how to do that.
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Can you print this attachment for me? In full color and send two copies to me?

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Jonathan Levine >
Date: Mon, Apr 6, 2020 at 2:12 PM
Subject: NYP Story
To: >

Hey Ric,
Let me know if this works. I can PROBABLY hunt down an actual physical copy of
that paper if you want to cut it out yourself, but that will take more time.
Best, Jon

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JON LEVINE
REPORTER, New York Post1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, NEW YORK, NY 10036
PHONE: (b)(6) <>@LevineJonathan

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Don’s Cabinet makes history.

Highest fed office for gay man

By JON LEVINE

President Trump made history this week with the appointment of Richard Grenell as acting director of national intelligence.

The job, a Cabinet-level position, makes Grenell the highest serving openly gay man to hold federal office in United States history.

“He is a faithful patriot and an extraordinary student of our national security apparatus and foreign policy. He has led the United States at the UN, the Foreign Service and for several presidential campaigns. He is unshackled and completely qualified for the DNI,” Billy White, a former president of the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum in Manhattan who has known Grenell for three decades, told The Post.

“I know I speak for so many in the LGBTQ community who love and support this courageous appointment by President Trump,” added White, who is gay.

President Barack Obama never appointed an openly gay Cabinet member, a source of bitterness for LGBT activists at the time.

Grenell is taking the job in an acting capacity from Joseph Maguire, so he will not require what would no doubt be a bruising Senate confirmation.

Trump has said he will nominate a full-time candidate “very soon.”

FAITHFUL PATRIOT: Ambassador to Germany and openly gay man Richard Grenell (above with Angela Merkel) is now acting director of national intelligence.

The DNI, a title created after 9/11, oversees all the intelligence agencies.

In his current role as America’s top envoy to Germany, Grenell, 53, has been called America’s “Trumplastic ambassador.” The Republican operation-turned-diplomat has long been a lightning rod online.

Once an adviser to then-Gov. George Pataki, Grenell has been part of a record number of blocked on Twitter by at least four New York Times reporters, including their former Frankfurt Bureau chief Mark Landler.

His most eyebrow-raising tweets included comments about the physical appearance of women. “Rachel Maddow needs to take a breath and put on a necklace,” he wrote in 2011. Grenell has been a long-time advocate of the cause of global LGBT rights and has pushed the Trump administration to tackle the issue publicly.

Last December, just hours before his boss was impeached by the House of Representatives, Grenell led the United Nations in condemning 69 countries which will outlaw homosexuality.

“I want them to understand that you cannot put someone in jail or kill someone simply for being gay,” he told assembled representatives, some from nations where LGBT people are targeted.

Grenell insists Donald Trump is a good friend to the LGBTQ community.

“After thirty years in American politics it has been by far the most welcoming administration in my lifetime,” he said.

Prez–Nazi school ‘propaganda’

Republican lawmakers in Maryland are criticizing a history lesson at a high school near Baltimore that compared President Trump with Nazis and communists.

A slide used in an Advanced Placement history class at Loch Raven HS in Towson shows pictures of Trump above pictures of a Nazi swastika and a flag of the Soviet Union. Two captions read “wants to round up a group of people and build a giant wall” and “oh, that is why it sounds so familiar?”

“It is horrific. It is educational malfeasance,” state Delegate Kathy Szeliga said Friday at a meeting of the county’s delegation.

Baltimore County Councilman Wade Kach called it “a piece of propaganda.”

The school system said the slide was not part of the resources it provides for AP history teachers.
Thank you!

ric
On Feb 23, 2020, at 10:48 PM, Beth E. Sanner wrote:

Ric,

Just wanted to share how we support POTUS on his trips.

Kash is there of course and can attest.

Beth

He was very engaged and I covered some other items/topics that went outside of the prep stuff because he wanted a quick rundown of that as well. I’ll have a full write up when I get to the office or provide another update if I get pulled in again.

Good. That sounds like it worked out really well. I’d always prefer that we brief in person. So glad you got in!!!
I know you made us all proud.
I’ll be on late me this evening but I didn’t not think you will be at that point. Time diff is confusing to me.

B

From: (b)(3),(b)(6)
Date: Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 4:11:54 PM
To: "Beth E. Sanner" >
Subject: 35 mins

Hey Beth,
I had 35 min briefing with POTUS and O’Brien. (b)(3)

(b)(3)

O’Brien gave a huge thumbs up at the end. (b)(3)
Ok. Thanks.
Amanda J. Schoch
Assistant DNI for Strategic Communications
Office of the Director of National Intelligence

From: "Grenell, Richard A" >
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 8:35:19 PM
To: "Amanda J Schoch" >,
"Richard Grenell" >,
"Grenell, Richard A" >,
"Richard Grenell" >,
Cc: [b](3),(b)(6)
Subject: Re: CNN queries
I'd leave it - no confirmation. Let it linger.
Ric Grenell From: Amanda J Schoch
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 8:31:53 PM
To: [b](3),(b)(6) ; Grenell, Richard A ;
"Richard Grenell" ; [b](3),(b)(6)
Cc: [b](6), [b](6)
Subject: Re: CNN queries  Thanks Maura

Amanda J. Schoch
Assistant DNI for Strategic Communications
Office of the Director of National Intelligence

From: [b](5)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 7:42:36 PM
To: "Amanda J Schoch" >,
"Grenell, Richard A" >,
"Richard Grenell" >,
Cc: [b](3),(b)(6)
Subject: Sir the New York Times story is out, link below.

Thanks, Maura

Maura Beaud Public Affairs Chief Office of the Director of National Intelligence
From: "Amanda J Schoch" >
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 6:10:30 PM
To: "Grenell, Richard A" >,
"Richard Grenell" >,
Ok. (Got your VM. I can call if need be)

Ric Grenell

We recommend including these additions, please advise.

Thanks.

Maura

Maura Beard

Public Affairs Chief

Office of the Director of National Intelligence
Thank you.

On 25. Feb 2020, at 4:41 PM, [b](3),(b)(6) wrote:

Sir, yes we have provided those to him, but I am happy to reemphasize when I send these quotes.

Thanks,
Maura

Maura Beard
Public Affairs Chief
Office of the Director of National Intelligence

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[b](3),(b)(6)

These are good. [b](5)

Ric Grenell

[b](3),(b)(6)

[b](3),(b)(6)

[b](3),(b)(6)

[b](3),(b)(6)

[b](3),(b)(6)

[b](3),(b)(6)

[b](3),(b)(6)

Sir,

All went well. [b](5)
Thanks,
Maura

Maura Beard
Public Affairs Chief
Office of the Director of National Intelligence
(b)(3),(b)(6)

From: Richard Grenell
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 4:12 PM
To: [b](3),(b)(6) Richard Grenell
Cc: Amanda J Schoch; [b](3),(b)(6)
Subject: Re: CNN queries

How did it go with Shelby and nyt?

On 25. Feb 2020, at 1:50 PM, MAURAAB wrote:

Sir -

We have received two queries from CNN (one at 11 pm last night and one just now) regarding the status of Shelby Pierson. Last Friday, our guidance (on background) was there had been no change in her status. [b](5) I'm also happy to come talk quickly if you prefer. I'll be in at 8.

CNN Zach Cohen:
Hoping someone can confirm whether Shelby Pierson still maintains her leadership position of the Election Interference team.

CNN Alex Marquardt:
I've heard Shelby Pierson may have been removed from her election security post. If so, was she/will she be replaced by anyone?

Thanks,
Maura

Maura Beard
Public Affairs Chief
Office of the Director of National Intelligence

(b)(3),(b)(6) (direct)
(main)
Great. Thank you.

From: "Richard Grenell"
Date: 2020 at 5:47:20 AM
To: [b](3),(b)(6)
Subject: Fwd: INVITATION IN HONOR OF AMBASSADOR MOSBACHER IN DC

I will go to this.

Begin forwarded message:

From: [b](3),(b)(6)
Date: February 20, 2020 at 7:14:14 AM EST
To: Richard Grenell, "Richard Grenell"
Subject: INVITATION IN HONOR OF AMBASSADOR MOSBACHER IN DC

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(b)(3) Technical data related to classified networks; no email content
Zach sounds like a drama queen with poor sources.
Ric Grenell From: Amanda J Schoch
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 6:58:48 PM
To: Grenell, Richard A ; (b)(3),(b)(6)
Cc: "Richard Grenell"
Subject: [AIN] Re: CNN

'S Ri
Maura talked to Zach Cohen at CNN to find out what he had and she didn’t come away with the impression that the sourcing was solid or from the white house. We will keep tracking and let you know if we hear more.

Sincerely,
Amanda

Amanda J. Schoch
Assistant DNI for Strategic Communications
Office of the Director of National Intelligence

From: Amanda J Schoch
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 5:50 PM
To: 'Grenell, Richard A' ; (b)(3),(b)(6)
Cc: "Richard Grenell"
Subject: CNN

Sir -

Wanted to flag that CNN is calling around to the community saying they have a
WH source saying that Shelby is going to be fired tonight. We are still waiting on the NYT piece to publish. Wanted to make sure you are aware that CNN’s is saying their sourcing is at the WH. We’ll share if we get more insight or clarity on that sourcing.

Amanda

Amanda J. Schoch
Assistant DNI for Strategic Communications
Office of the Director of National Intelligence

(b)(3),(b)(6)
Sir, working on a solution, but it won't happen today. Will advise soonest. It'll happen one way or the other by Friday per your request.

Travis

I have 4 boxes packed. It should be ok to send today - as I'm official for part of the day. Can you have the boxes picked up, taped up good and sent?
Sir, I've copied the unclassified email for DNI Ratcliffe in the event you wish to forward any unclassified emails.

Travis M. Burrs
Executive Secretary and Chief, Executive Secretariat
Office of the Director of National Intelligence
Thanks Ryan, unless there were any fireworks or unexpected events, I think we are good to go. Appreciate it

kash

From: Ryan Crumpler
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 10:30 AM
To: Sanner; Richard Grenell
Subject: RE: Gang of 8 Staff

Kash ?

To come full circle, this is the SVTC I mentioned in our high side call yesterday. Can give you a read out later today if you like.

Ryan

From: Beth E. Sanner
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 9:50 PM
To: Richard Grenell; Ryan Crumpler
Subject: Fwd: Gang of 8 Staff

This is basically the monthly update that provides to gang of 8 staff on Iran/Iraq. They wanted an update on the threat stuff.
From: (b)(3)(b)(6)  
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 at 8:52:26 PM  
To: "Beth E. Sanner">

Subject: Gang of 8 Staff  

Beth,

Wanted to make sure that you, Kash, and the Amb were aware that I was asked to update the Gang of 8 staff on the current threat. ( Couldn’t find their low side addresses. ) Will take place tomorrow - final details being worked.

Low threat in my view (no pun intended) and consistent with where DIRNSA and I left it at the most recent update, but wanted to make sure that you all were tracking.

Vr
Lawyers are on it. Thanks. Have a good weeekend.

ric
On Feb 21, 2020, at 5:39 PM, Amanda J Schoch wrote:

Amanda J. Schoch
Assistant DNI for Strategic Communications
Office of the Director of National Intelligence

(b)(3), (b)(6)

From: Eli Clifton
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2020 2:19 PM
To: DNI-Media
Subject: request for comment re: DNI Richard Grenell's foreign clients

Hello,

I'm working on an article for ResponsibleStatecraft.org regarding work undertaken by Richard Grenell and Capitol Media Partners for various foreign-linked entities.

An archived version of Grenell's website shows his firm conducting work for Zalan and the government of Somalia.

I'd like to pose the following questions to Grenell:
Can you confirm that this information is correct and provide any details about Capitol Media Partners work for these foreign entities?

The Magyar Foundation of America listed Capitol Media Partners as a contractor. Can you provide details about your work for The Magyar Foundation? Were you aware that the Hungarian government was a primary funder of the organization?

Finally, have you and/or Capitol Media Partners filed under FARA for any of your work for non-U.S. entities?

Please confirm receipt of these questions.

All the best,

Eli Clifton

Director, Democratizing Foreign Policy Program
Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft

(b)(6)

QuincyInst.org | @QuincyInst
| @EliClifton

ResponsibleStatecraft.org | @RStatecraft
On Feb 24, 2020, at 7:59 PM, Amanda J Schoch wrote:

Thank you for the quick response (and kind words.)

Sincerely,

Amanda

Amanda J. Schoch
Assistant DNI for Strategic Communications
Office of the Director of National Intelligence

From: Richard Grenell
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 6:35 PM
To: Amanda J Schoch
Subject: Re: Query -- Hill Briefing

Agree. (You are good!)

On 24. Feb 2020, at 6:24 PM, Amanda J Schoch wrote:

Sir –
Got the following in just a bit ago from Catherine Herridge (CBS). Her questions go into details (b)(5)

On when the briefing was requested (b)(5)

I'd also like to share the below with Beth and Shelby for situational awareness.

Let me know your thoughts.

Amanda

Amanda J. Schoch
Assistant DNI for Strategic Communications
Office of the Director of National Intelligence
(b)(3), (b)(6)

From: Herridge, Catherine
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 5:41 PM
To: Susan Meisner
Cc: DNI-Media
Subject: Query -- Hill Briefing

Good evening --

Sue I got VM on both numbers, so sending via email and to the group list.
Hope you can help or get the query to the right person.

I have developed new information, as part of our investigations unit, about the scheduling of the house briefing, and requested materials. Recognizing this is a classified setting, I am sending details in the event you wish to comment or provide background guidance.

We are asking for a response by 10a Tuesday.

Thank you for the consideration.

Catherine V. Herridge
Senior Investigative correspondent
CBS News Washington
1. CBS News has learned the briefer was challenged at least twice by lawmakers over the Russia/Trump findings, with a specific request, at the briefing, for ODNI to provide underlying records to back up the Russia/Trump findings, to specifically include red team analysis.

Does ODNI agree or disagree with the characterization of events?

Does ODNI plan to provide the underlying records to house intel, including red team analysis, and if so on what timeline?

2. On timing, we understand the first indications of an election security briefing came on or around January 16. Did ODNI initiate or respond to a request from a house intel leadership for the election security brief?
You are Cordially Invited
to join us for a
Reception for our Dear Friend
The United States Ambassador to Poland
Georgette Mosbacher

Wednesday, February 26, 2020
Cocktail Reception
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

The Home of

RSVP to this email or Business attire
Thanks, Washington is highly toxic these days.

ric
On Feb 21, 2020, at 5:58 PM, wrote:

All,

I detest highlighting this story to you, but I feel that it is necessary.

My most sincere apologies that some of the content of your first day here has been disclosed to the media. You deserve better... ODNI as an organization deserves better.

I did confirm that the story was NOT discussed with our StratComs team prior to release, so there was no opportunity to weigh in or shape the narrative. Again, my apologies.

Richard Grenell Begins Overhauling Intelligence Office, Prompting Fears of Partisanship

The new acting director of national intelligence also asked to see the facts underlying the finding that Russia is interfering in the 2020 election and favors President Trump’s re-election.
By Julian E. Barnes, Adam Goldman and Nicholas Fandos

Feb. 21, 2020, 4:26 p.m. ET

WASHINGTON — Richard Grenell’s tenure as the nation’s top intelligence official may be short-lived, but he wasted no time this week starting to shape his team of advisers, ousting his office’s No. 2 official — a longtime intelligence officer — and bringing in an expert on Trump conspiracy theories to help lead the agency, according to officials.

Mr. Grenell has also requested the intelligence behind the classified briefing last week before the House Intelligence Committee where officials told lawmakers that Russia was interfering in November’s presidential election and that President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia favored President Trump’s re-election. The briefing later prompted Mr. Trump’s anger as he complained that Democrats would use it against him.

Joseph Maguire, the former acting director of national intelligence, and his deputy, Andrew P. Hallman, resigned on Friday. Mr. Grenell told Mr. Hallman, popular in the office’s Liberty Crossing headquarters, that his service was no longer needed, according to two officials. Mr. Hallman, who has worked in the office or at the C.I.A. for three decades, expressed confidence in his colleagues in a statement but also referred to the “uncertainties that come with change.”

The ouster of Mr. Hallman and exit of Mr. Maguire, who also oversaw the National Counterterrorism Center, allowed Mr. Grenell to install his own leadership team.

One of his first hires was Kashyap Patel, a senior National Security Council staff member and former key aide to Representative Devin Nunes, Republican of California and the former chairman of the House Intelligence Committee. Mr. Patel will have a mandate to “clean house,” CBS News reported, citing a person close to the matter.

Mr. Patel was best known as the lead author of a politically charged memo two years ago that accused F.B.I. and Justice Department leaders of abusing their surveillance powers to spy on a former Trump campaign adviser. The memo was widely criticized as misleading, though an inspector general later found other problems with aspects of the surveillance.

Working with Mr. Nunes, Mr. Patel began what they called Objective Medusa to examine the F.B.I.’s investigation into whether anyone associated with the Trump campaign conspired with Russia’s election interference in 2016.

“I hired him to bust doors down,” Mr. Nunes told the author Lee Smith for his book “The Plot Against the President,” which chronicles Mr. Patel’s investigations on behalf of the Republicans on the House Intelligence Committee. Mr. Patel was interviewed extensively in the book, which claims without proof that journalists, diplomats, law enforcement and intelligence officials engaged in a vast plot to undermine Mr. Trump’s campaign and then bring him down as president.

As acting director of national intelligence, Mr. Grenell has access to any secrets he may want to review. And he has requested access to information
from
the C.I.A. and other intelligence agencies, according to two people familiar
with the matter.

The revelations about last week’s briefing reignited fears about Russia’s
continuing efforts to interfere in the American election, including in the
Democratic primary races.

During the briefing, which was supposed to focus on coordination between
government agencies to fight election interference, not the acts themselves,
Republicans challenged the intelligence agencies’ conclusion that the
Russians continue to favor Mr. Trump. Some officials said the briefing was not meant
to be controversial and that intelligence officials intended to simply reiterate
what they have been telling Congress for months.

Intelligence officials have already documented instances of the Kremlin
trying to influence American politics, namely attempts by Russian military
intelligence officers to hack

into the Ukrainian energy company that once employed the son of former Vice
President Joseph Biden Jr. Officials want to know whether the breach was an
effort to help Mr. Trump, whose efforts to persuade Ukraine to announce
investigations into Mr. Biden helped prompt his impeachment.

And during the congressional impeachment hearings, Fiona Hill, a former
senior White House official who worked on Russia issues, warned about
Moscow’s
continued efforts
to spread disinformation.

Mr. Trump himself wrote in a January letter

accompanied the administration’s national counterintelligence strategy that
“Russia remains a significant intelligence threat to United States interests
employing aggressive acts to instigate and exacerbate tensions and
instability in the United States, including interfering with the security of our
elections.”

Intelligence officials were scheduled to brief the full House and Senate on
election security on March 10, arrangements that were made weeks ago,
accounting to congressional aides.

How long Mr. Grenell will be able to stay as the acting director

is an open question. For him to remain past March 11 — a limit imposed by
federal law — Mr. Trump must formally nominate someone else for the director
of national intelligence post.

Mr. Trump told reporters late Thursday that he was considering Representative
Doug Collins of Georgia, the top Republican on the intelligence committee,
but
Mr. Collins took himself out of the running the next morning.

Mr. Collins, who helped lead the president’s impeachment defense, had
received no advance notice that he was under consideration for the top
intelligence post. He saw no reason to entertain a job he did not want,
especially as he wages a special election battle for a Senate seat in his
home
state of Georgia.

“I know the problems in our intelligence community, but this is not a job
that interests me at this time,” Mr. Collins said on Fox Business
. ‘It’s not one that I would
accept because I’m running a Senate race.”

People close to Mr. Collins have speculated that the president might have
been trying to entice Mr. Collins out of that election to tamp down a messy
intraparty fight that could cost Republicans control of the seat. Party
leaders
have converged around Senator Kelly Loeffler since Gov. Brian Kemp of Georgia appointed her to fill the state’s vacant Senate seat late last year and have made no secret of their disdain for Mr. Collins’s refusal to exit the race.

A nomination to a cabinet-level position would have required Mr. Collins to drop out of the race. But given his lack of intelligence experience and political track record, there was little likelihood the Senate would have confirmed him to the post.

With Mr. Collins off the table, Mr. Trump will need another potential nominee. The White House is considering Pete Hoekstra, the former Republican congressman who is now the American ambassador to the Netherlands, according to three officials.

Whether the Senate would be willing to formally consider Mr. Hoekstra is unclear. But if Mr. Trump were to send a nomination to the Senate it would, under federal law, allow Mr. Grenell to serve for at least another six months.

David E. Sanger contributed reporting from Washington, and Maggie Haberman from New York.


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Matt Lahr
Deputy Assistant DNI for Strategic Communications
(b)(3),(b)(6) Director of National Intelligence
They don’t know how to access our high side. They need to know what system we use.
Get Outlook for iOS  From: Travis M Burrs

Sent: May 16, 2020 2:19:08 PM
To: [b](3), [b](6)

Subject: RE: Standing by to assist. Yes, but they couldn’t explain exactly what you requested. An email on your high side? Who is the email from? What is the subject? Was anybody else on the email?

The camp David team was going to call you. Did they?

Sir, understand you’re trying to get something from your secure email. I’m at the office, so let me know what you’re looking for and I’ll see if I can forward it to one of the guys at Camp David on their secure network.

My desk number is [b](3), [b](6)
Travis
Thanks. Feel free to include me on these types of emails. I like getting them.
On 22. Feb 2020, at 2:11 PM, Beth E. Sanner wrote:

Looping in our Acting Director.

Russia-linked disinformation campaign fueling coronavirus alarm, US says

Arthur MACMILLAN, Shaun TANDON AFP February 22, 2020, 1:46 PM UTC

Washington (AFP) - Thousands of Russian-linked social media accounts have launched a coordinated effort to spread alarm about the new coronavirus, disrupting global efforts to fight the epidemic, US officials say.

The disinformation campaign promotes unfounded conspiracy theories that the United States is behind the COVID-19 outbreak, in an apparent bid to damage the US image around the world by seizing on health concerns.

State Department officials tasked with combatting Russian disinformation told AFP that false personas are being used on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram to advance Russian talking points in multiple languages.

"Russia's intent is to sow discord and undermine US institutions and alliances from within, including through covert and coercive malign influence campaigns," said Philip Reeker, the acting Assistant Secretary of State for Europe and Eurasia.

"By spreading disinformation about coronavirus, Russian malign actors are
once again choosing to threaten public safety by distracting from the global health response," he said.

The claims that have been circulating in recent weeks include allegations that the virus is a US effort to "wage economic war on China," that it is a biological weapon manufactured by the CIA or part of a Western-led effort "to push anti-China messages."

US individuals including Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates, a philanthropist who has spent billions on global health programs, have also been falsely accused of involvement in the virus.

The disinformation campaign was identified by US monitors in mid-January after Chinese officials announced a third death from the new coronavirus in Wuhan, the epicenter of the outbreak.

More than 2,340 people have since died, mostly in China, and the number of cases exceeds 76,000, most are in China.

Several thousand online accounts -- previously identified for airing Russian-backed messages on major events such as the war in Syria, the Yellow Vest protests in France and Chile's mass demonstrations -- are posting "almost near identical" messages about the novel coronavirus, according to a report prepared for the State Department's Global Engagement Center and seen by AFP.

The accounts -- run by humans, not bots -- post at similar times in English, Spanish, Italian, German and French and can be linked back to Russian proxies, or carry similar messages to Russian-backed outlets such as RT and Sputnik, it said.

Russian state-funded media started pushing anti-Western messages about the cause of the epidemic on January 20, with operators of the social media accounts beginning to post globally the following day, US officials say.

"In this case, we were able to see their full disinformation ecosystem in effect, including state TV, proxy web sites and thousands of false social media personas all pushing the same themes," said Special Envoy Lea Gabrielle, the head of the State Department's Global Engagement Center, which is tasked with tracking and exposing propaganda and disinformation.

During many past news events, the accounts would post actively for up to 72 hours. But messages about the new coronavirus have been uploaded every day over the past month -- a sign, US officials said, of Russia's investment in a story unlikely to disappear soon from the headlines.

"In the Russian doctrine of information confrontation, this is classic," said another official from the Global Engagement Center.

"The number of coronavirus cases globally hasn't reached its apex, so the Russian strategy is to very cheaply but very effectively take advantage of the information environment to sow discord between us and China, or for economic purposes."

Experts saw parallels with previous conspiracy theories traced to Moscow, including a KGB disinformation campaign in the 1980s that convinced many around the world that US scientists created the HIV virus that causes AIDS.

US intelligence has also said that Russia interfered through social media manipulation in the 2016 election and seeks to do so again in 2020. The Kremlin has denied the charges and President Donald Trump has scoffed at suggestions of Russian help.

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Scientists believe the COVID-19 illness originated in late December in Wuhan
at a market selling exotic animals for human consumption.

Bats are known carriers of this strain of the coronavirus, whose official name is SARS-CoV-2, but scientists think it spread to humans via another mammal species, possibly pangolins.

The US believes the latest Russian disinformation campaign is making it harder to respond to the epidemic, particularly in Africa and Asia, with some of the public becoming suspicious of the Western response.

The World Health Organization warned Friday that the window to stem the outbreak was narrowing, voicing alarm at a surge of cases with no clear link to China.

A State Department official said that Russian operatives appeared to have been given "carte blanche" to attack the US reputation.

"Whether or not a particular theme is being directed at the highest levels doesn't matter. It's the fact that they have freelance ability to operate in this space to do whatever damage they can, which could have seismic implications."
Thank you.
Amanda J. Schoch
Assistant DNI for Strategic Communications
Office of the Director of National Intelligence

From: "Richard Grenell" >
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 3:39:57 AM
To: "Amanda J Schoch" >
"Ric"
Cc: [b](3)(b)(6)

Subject: Re: VOA’s qs today
thanks! (See below)

ric
On Feb 24, 2020, at 8:58 PM, Amanda J Schoch wrote:

? Sir -

I want them to be able to engage in my absence. Jeff Seldin with Voice of America called with the below questions to one of our Media Relations officers.

I’m checking his deadline but I think we can let these hold until the morning. Included a couple of initial thoughts for reaction to a couple of them that we could deploy on background to get the conversation started.

Anything on A/DNI Grenell’s Hungary work

Will we make briefing info public so American people know what’s going on
President said he's appointing new ambassador to Germany; does that mean Amb Grenell will be nominated?

Do we have a number 2

Sincerely,
Amanda

Amanda J. Schoch
Assistant DNI for Strategic Communications
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From: Susan Meisner
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 7:16 PM
To: DNI-Media
Subject: VOA's qs today

Jeff Seldin jseldin@voanews.com

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Sir – when you have a chance, would you mind sending us the POC for Friday’s evening event. Amanda said she would like to attend and will be glad to travel with you if you wish. She would, of course, get her own ride back. Thanks.

Executive Assistant to the DNI

From: Grenell, Richard A
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 6:45 PM
To: "Richard Grenell"
Subject: Re: ESA Form 2020

Remind me to tell you about Friday at 6:15 for The Untold Story

Ric Grenell

From: "Richard Grenell" ; Grenell, Richard A
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 6:27:41 PM
To: 'Richard Grenell' ; Grenell, Richard A
Subject: RE: ESA Form 2020

Sir – Thanks very much.
From: Richard Grenell
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 6:10 PM
To: Executive Assistant to the DNI
Subject: Fwd [b](6) ESA Form 2020

Begin forwarded message:
From: [b](6) [b](6)
Date: at 5:32:33 PM GMT-5
To: Richard Grenell
Subject: Fwd: [b](6) ESA Form 2020

Begin forwarded message:

From: [b](6) [b](6) >
Subject: [b](6) ESA Form 2020
Date: February 25, 2020 at 8:41:41 PM GMT+1
To: [b](6) [b](6) >
From: Richard Grenell
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [AIN] Re: ODNI Schedule for Monday and Public Affairs engagement
Date: Friday, February 21, 2020 6:53:21 PM

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(b)(3) Technical data related to classified networks; no email content

Thanks really appreciate your help.

ric
On Feb 21, 2020, at 5:46 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Ambassador [REDACTED] and Kash,

and I wanted to provide a notional Monday schedule for your consideration. We are also working high interest meetings for the rest of the week, which we can review with you on Monday, but at least this will give you an opportunity to manage expectations. Please feel free to provide feedback and we can adjust to meet your needs and preferences. I understand that Kash will be out on Monday-Tuesday and [REDACTED] is tentative, but I wanted them to have full visibility and an opportunity to weigh in (I am happy to get them back-briefs on anything needed upon their return).

8:00-8:30 Enroute to LX2
8:30-8:45 Initial IT Log In
9:00-9:30 PDB Review w/ [REDACTED] (we are going to try to push through this quickly to begin to get
10:00-10:30 Mtg w/National Intelligence Managers (this is a bi-weekly mtg with your senior intelligence leaders highlighting priority topics)
11:00-12:00 Ethics Briefing (lawyers providing some administrative guidance for the position/ODNI)
12:00-12:45 Lunch
1:00-1:30 Directors Protective Service (DPS) Update
2:00-2:30 Sync Up w/Deirdre Walsh (she wants to begin reviewing some personnel items and other potentially sensitive topics)
3:00-3:45 5G Deep Dive (rescheduled from Friday)
4:00-5:00 Sr. Staff Mtg (this is the weekly mtg with ODNI senior leaders)
6:00-6:30 Enroute to Residence

We left a few "holes" for you to read, check email, use the facilities, and I will also need to fit in some paperwork processing. Another option during the week is to reserve some time for a quick walk around the building (it may be good to get a feel for the space, to see some of the workforce, and to be seen by the workforce).

I spoke with [REDACTED] and we are coordinating on the draft press release and workforce announcement your arrival at ODNI- we will have that prepared for you soonest.

Finally, I spoke to Amanda Schoch, our head of Strategic Communications and she wanted to see if you were interested in receiving alerts throughout the weekend on breaking media stories. She doesn't want to inundate nor annoy you, but with so many press reports moving quickly, she wanted to be available to provide you with timely support. I would recommend, with your approval, that she reach out to you directly via email to begin that dialogue and see what volume/style of engagement you would like.

I hope you have a restful weekend. I will be available via this email account or my personal account [REDACTED]. My personal cell phone is [REDACTED] (feel free to call or text). I will be local all weekend and flexible to accommodate your needs, so please do not hesitate to reach out.
This should be easy to clear. Stand by.

ric

On Feb 22, 2020, at 2:59 PM, Beth E. Sanner wrote:

Pls include [b](3),[b](6) in all notes to me. She is finding out availability of Gina so we can touch base after we decide our game plan.

Kash, do you have enough here to clear this concept with the WH bc exec privilege per our convo? I would like to add that we have brought in experts from around the Community to brief multiple times in addition to our regular briefings, and each one was in-depth and productive

I would also like to add that the efforts by some to mischaracterize and misrepresent the intelligence community's efforts to keep senior policy makers and Congress fully informed about the threats to our national security is making it harder for us to do our jobs. That said, intelligence community officers have taken an oath to the Constitution and will not shrink from our duties to keep our nations leaders fully informed.

From: "Amanda J Schoch" >
Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 2:43:47 PM
To: "Patel, Kash P. EOP/NSC" <
Cc: "Beth E. Sanner" >, "Corin R Stone" >
Subject: WP story under development

WP is writing a piece that is going to assert that POTUS does not want to hear intel that upsets him. Details on inquiry below. I’ve spoken with Beth and we'd like to propose a backgrounder with Beth and Shane Harris. They are publishing soon so we have to move if we want to get in. Beth would speak to her role in being the briefer. In her direct experience providing intel. Provide the context that we have briefed multiple election sec
briefings that were productive. That at no time has she been given the message
to hold back intelligence. And that the IC is committed to continuing to provide the president with the most insightful intel in support of this Nations security.
we'd need to get this cleared by the WH since it is exec privlde but I have not been able to connect with Adam today. If you think this is the right approach could Kash help us connect and get the WH view on this.

Good morning, all. We're preparing a story for Sunday that will examine whether President Trump has sent a message to intelligence community personnel that if they present him with information about election interference, particularly when it concerns his campaign and assistance from foreign actors, they risk retaliation by the president or the White House. The story will closely examine the conversation Trump had with former acting DNI Maguire and Beth Sanner in the Oval Office on Feb. 14. We will also quote current and former national security officials (some on the record, and some on background), who will say that the president has chilled intelligence personnel from speaking candidly to him. Some will also say they believe Trump has given intelligence officers an incentive to withhold information from him if they feel he will react angrily to it.

I welcome any comments the ODNI would like to make, on behalf of the office and its personnel, as well as the broader IC.

Thanks for your consideration.

Shane

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