

Electronic Submission

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type of record memos, emails, policy papers, cables and other written or email communications
timeframe of record • 3 tranches: please search first for April and May 2016 and send them when they are available. • Please search second for June 2016 to the present send them when they are available. • Please search third for November 2009 to April 2016. specific subject matter, country, region, person and/or organization subject: William F. Browder, Sergei Magnitsky, Ken Dilanian, Kyle Parker countries: Russia, USA persons: communications to and from: Robert Otto, Russia Domestic Affairs Division Chief, Office of Analysis for Russia and Eurasia [INR/REA], Bureau of Intelligence and Research [INR], John P. Williams, Office of Analysis for Russia and Eurasia [INR/REA], Bureau of Intelligence and Research [INR], • Offices, Bureaus, Embassies, or Consulates originating or receiving the record Office of Analysis for Russia and Eurasia [INR/REA], Bureau of Intelligence and Research [INR], • particular event, policy, or circumstance that led to the creation of the record The claims by William Browder about the death in 2009 of Sergei Magnitsky, who did accounting work for Browder but whom he calls his lawyer. NBC journalist Ken Dilanian's attempt to get Browder to answer questions about the above, as well as Browder's tax evasion in Russia and his successful campaign to get the US Congress to pass the Magnitsky Act in 2012. Browder's threat of a lawsuit, which got NBC to kill the Dilanian investigation in 2016. • reason why you believe the records exists The above were discussed by Otto and Williams using private emails; I have copies of some of their messages. But it is likely they also provided their knowledge and views on the situation to other State Dept officials using their official emails. OttoRC@state.gov and Williams, John P WilliamsJP@state.gov . Their private emails included robertcotto@verizon.net, robertotto25@gmail.com, John Williams willijp1@yahoo.com. Others in the State Dept loop included Reynolds, Nathaniel L ReynoldsNL@state.gov and Curry, Dennis L CurryDL@state.gov. • if requesting information involving a contract with the Department of State, the

contract number, approximate date, type of contract and name of contractor No contract is involved. I am a journalist writing on this topic for 100Reporters (100R.org) and therefore request your waving of any fees. I am happy to receive documents by email if that is more convenient for you and will result in receiving documents more rapidly. Lucy Komisar LK@lucykomisar.com 100 West 12th Street New York, NY 10011 212 929-1610

I have a compelling need for expeditious handling:

- An urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity exists.

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Expedited Handling	- The Magnitsky Act, which William Browder got passed by the US Congress, has become a major domestic and foreign policy issue. Domestic because it is part of the Russiagate controversy embroiling the Republican and Democratic parties and the Presidency. Foreign because it has roiled relations between the US and Russia. It is very important that citizens understand what the State Department knew and discussed about this in recent years. I know from emails by and from Mr. Otto and Mr. Williams from third parties that they discussed this matter. It's important to know also what was officially discussed. This is issue is of immediate concern, in the headlines daily.
Maximum Fee	I am willing to pay \$0 for my request.
Requester Category	A representative of the news media seeking information as part of a news gathering effort and not for commercial use. Additional documentation or comments will be required.
Fee Waiver	I represent 100Reporters I request a waiver of all fees for this request. Reason: I am a full-time journalist covering this story for 100Reporters (100R.org), an investigative news site which has already run several of my articles on the subject of Wm Browder.
Additional Comments	As indicated, I would like to get groups of files as you get them. You would most likely get the April-May 2016 files together. I'd like them when you get them. Second, the files from June 2016 to the present. Third the files from Dec 2009 to April 2016. LK@lucykomisar.com 212 929-1610

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