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an interesting connection between George Kent and alleged whistleblower Eric Ciaramella. On Dec 9, 2015, exactly as Biden effort to link IMF \$1 billion to Shokin removal was coalescing, Ciaramella met Daria Kaleniuk of the StateDept+Soros funded Anti-Corruption Action Center.

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2/ two weeks later, ANTAC stated "one of [its] major goals for 2016 is to force Shokin to resign". ANTAC had already opposed Shokin, but their efforts seem to have ratcheted up after meeting with Ciaramella.

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— AntAC (@ANTAC_ua) [December 25, 2015](#)



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3/ in March 2016, as pressure on Shokin intensified, Shokin launched a counter-investigation on ANTAC and US role in directly funding opposition to the Ukrainian administration. On very day of Shokin's removal (Mar 29), Ukr Prosecutor General Office sent letter to US embassy.



4/ in George Kent's Oct 15 testimony, he repeatedly purported to rationalize US interference in internal affairs and staffing of Ukrainian Prosecutor General Office because they were using US taxpayer money

A Right. Again, as I've stated before, U.S. State Department officials feel when we're spending taxpayer money in a country we have a fiduciary responsibility. So I'd like at this point to explain what we felt our fiduciary responsibility had been and why this became an issue of

So then that was the wasting of U.S. taxpayer resources and so that is the reason why the IMF, the U.S., and the European Union said collectively the justice sector and the prosecutor is so important for the success of this country and it's so important to reform it that Victor Shokin has shown that he's actively wasting U.S. taxpayer dollars and he's preventing reform.

MR. KENT: Yes. Part of our foreign assistance was specifically focused to try to limit and reduce corruption. And we also tried, to the best of our knowledge and abilities, to do due diligence to make sure that U.S. taxpayer dollars are being spent for the purposes that they were appropriated and that they are as effective as they can be.

And so that language about we have the fiduciary responsibility to ensure that U.S. taxpayer dollars are being used appropriately, and when they're not we redirected them to better purposes, that was language that I added.

And so, because we had a strategic interest in seeing the Ukrainian prosecutor system reformed, and because we have a fiduciary responsibility for U.S. taxpayer dollars, it was the consensus view that Shokin needed to be removed so that the stated goal of reform of the prosecutor general system could move forward.

A Mr. Shokin, as I mentioned, was well and very unfavorably known to us. And we felt, under no circumstances, should a visa be issued to someone who knowingly subverted and wasted U.S. taxpayer money. And as somebody who had a fiduciary responsibility for anticorruption programs, I felt personally strongly, Wess

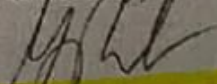
5/ yet when Shokin and Ukr Prosecutor General Office expressed concern about use of US taxpayer money to fund opposition ANTAC, US Embassy told Ukr Prosecutor General not to investigate ANTAC or US-funded cells within the Prosecutor's office

We are completely satisfied that the assistance in question has only been used for those purposes and, as stated above, do not see any grounds from our perspective as the donor who provided the assistance for an investigation into their use. Given the above, we reject allegations that Mr. Sakvarelidze, or anyone within the Prosecutor General's Office with whom we worked, could have misused these funds since they were never under their control. The investigation into the actions of the Anti-Corruption Action Center, based on the assistance they have received from us, is similarly misplaced.

As voiced by European Union Ambassador Jan Tombinski, we are gravely concerned about this investigation for which we see no basis and which appears to us to be an attempt to intimidate those in the Prosecutor General's Office most committed to combatting corruption, as well as non-governmental partners and outspoken anti-corruption activists.

The United States is committed to supporting reforms within the Prosecutor General's Office and to building its capacity to meet citizens' demands to recover stolen assets and counter corruption within the government.

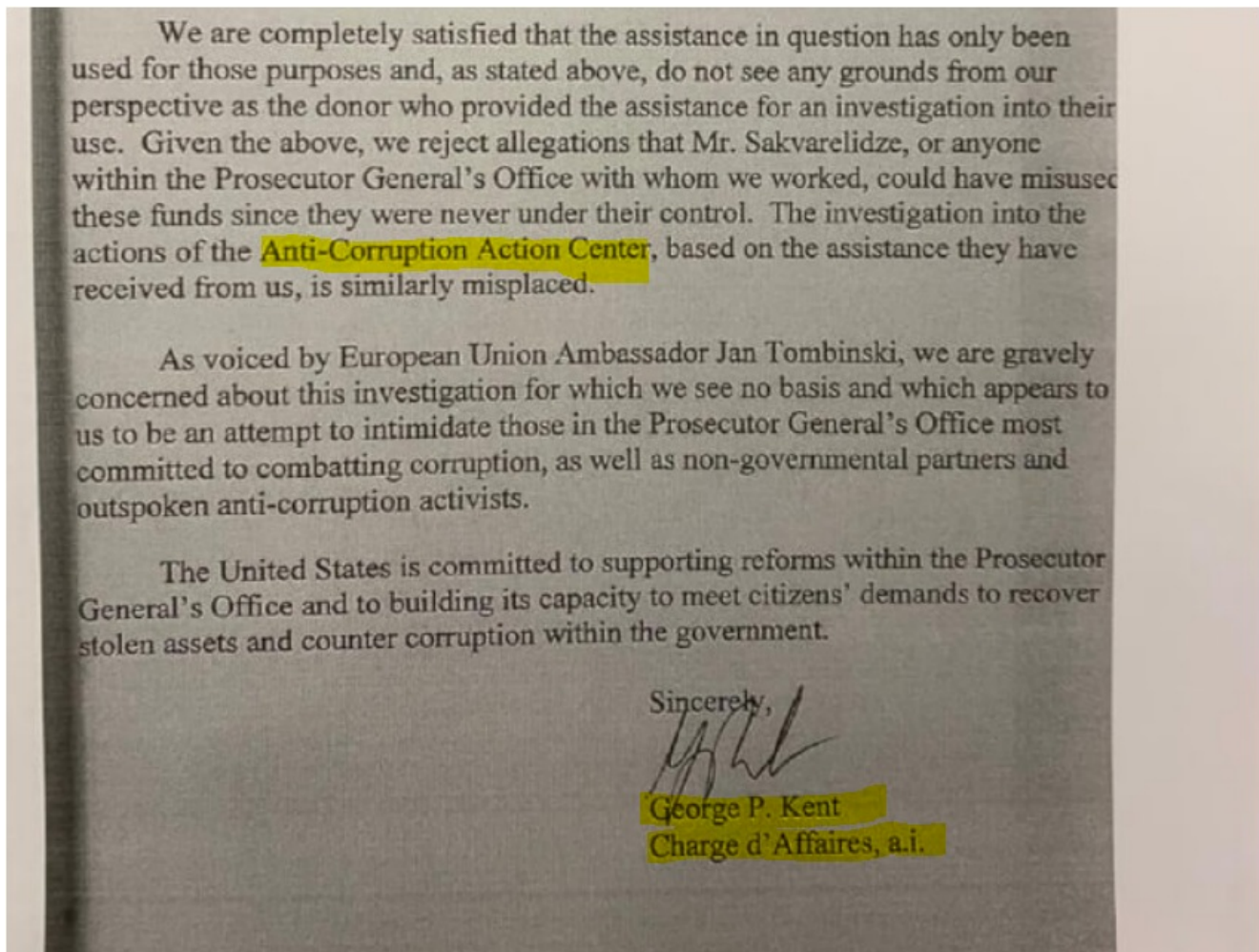
Sincerely,



George P. Kent
Charge d'Affaires, a.i.

6/ who signed the US letter telling Ukr Prosecutor General not to investigate ANTAC, whose leader, Daria Kaleniuk, had been briefed by Eric Ciaramella only a few months earlier in Washington?drumroll: George Kent.

Small world.



7/ readers should also recall that Ciaramella hosted meeting in Washington on Jan 19, 2016 at which designated Ukr prosecutors were informed of planned linkage of IMF \$1 billion to Shokin removal (the Biden quid pro quo). See previous thread

1/ Ciaramella was personally involved in issuing Biden demand that Shokin be fired as condition for IMF \$1 billion. Ukr prosecutors informed of demand by US officials at Jan 19, 2016 meeting in Washington <https://t.co/h50kZRwpzr>, one month before Shokin resignation.

— Stephen McIntyre (@ClimateAudit) November 11, 2019

8/ these seem like they would have been relevant lines of questioning for Republican lawyers and congressmen. Quality of research seems very poor.

9/ just prior to her meeting with Newcombe and Ciaramella, [@dkaleniuk](#) was interviewed by WSJ [archive.is/I5vXG](#) in connection with then breaking news about Hunter Biden. She clearly explained the corruption: the "investigator will be uncomfortable pushing the case forward".

“If an investigator sees the son of the vice president of the United States is part of the management of a company...that investigator will be uncomfortable pushing the case forward,” said Daria Kaleniuk, head of Ukraine’s Anti-Corruption Action Center.

[@dkaleniuk](#) 10/ [@dkaleniuk](#) made more or less identical criticism of Hunter Biden's role in interview with Vice on Dec 7, 2015

[vice.com/en_us/article/...](#) To paraphrase, Burisma was paying Biden as a sort of scarecrow to intimidate Ukrainian prosecutors

Burisma likely hired Biden's son in the hopes that some of the family prestige would rub off on the company in the uncertain times that followed the revolution, Daria Kaleniuk, director of Ukraine's Anti-Corruption Action Center, told VICE News.

"They want there to be less suspicion that they're involved in corrupt under-the-table dealings and are instead seen as operating in line with international standards," Kaleniuk said, adding that Burisma received gas production licenses in questionable circumstances under the former regime.

[@dkaleniuk](#) 11/ [@dkaleniuk](#) responded that she doesn't recall her meeting with Ciaramella as she met "hundreds" of US officials over past 4 years. I'm surprised that she doesn't remember something as exceptional as a visit to the White House. Maybe she has notes that will refresh her memory