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Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2015 5:13 PM
To: Eric Schwerin
Subject: RE: Quotes

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To: Bedingfield, Kate J. EOP/OVP
Subject: Re: Quotes

All good here.

Eric D. Schwerin
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Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 7, 2015, at 6:08 PM, Bedingfield, Kate J. EOP/OVP <Katherine_J_Bedingfield@ovp.eop.gov> wrote:

Ugh

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From: Eric Schwerin [<mailto:eschwerin@rosemontseneca.com>]
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WSJ article is out.

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On Dec 4, 2015, at 4:32 PM, Bedingfield, Kate J. EOP/OVP
<Katherine_J_Bedingfield@ovp.eop.gov> wrote:

Ukraine, alas

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From: Eric Schwerin [mailto:eschwerin@rosemontseneca.com]
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2015 4:04 PM
To: Bedingfield, Kate J. EOP/OVP
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Subject: Re: Quotes

Are you going to Ukraine or will you be here?

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<mailto:Katherine_J_Bedingfield@ovp.eop.gov> > wrote:

Thx --

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Sent: Friday, December 4, 2015 3:33 PM
To: Bedingfield, Kate J. EOP/OVP
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Risen said story won't run until Monday or Tuesday. I didn't talk to him directly. FTI spoke to him again.

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Ah! Thank you

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Thanks. I notice one typo FYI. "in meetings in with Ukrainian
leaders" Probably want to lose the second "in". Sure you caught that -
just in case.

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VP signed off on this -- will give this quote to both reporters in my name shortly:

"Hunter Biden is a private citizen and a lawyer. The Vice President does not endorse any particular company and has no involvement with this company. The Vice President has pushed aggressively for years -- both publicly with groups like the US-Ukraine Business Forum and privately in meetings in with Ukrainian leaders -- for Ukraine to make every effort to investigate and prosecute corruption in accordance with the rule of law. It will once again be a key focus during his trip this week."

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Will you call me when you get a chance? I am in office or on cell.

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Got it, thank you

From: Eric Schwerin [mailto:eschwerin@rosemontseneca.com]
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To: Bedingfield, Kate J. EOP/OVP
Subject: Quotes

Let me know if you get this - wasn't sure of your email.

From a spokesperson for Hunter.....

“Hunter Biden joined the Board to strengthen corporate governance and transparency at a company working to advance energy security for Ukraine. These are also goals of the United States. Far from being out of sync with the policies of the United States, the Board is working to bring this privately held energy company into the kind of future that is critical for a free and strong Ukraine. These are goals that attracted not just Hunter to the effort, but respected American and European political and business leaders.”

From former President Kwasniewski.....

“I joined the board of Burisma to highlight that this is a new era in Ukraine, where companies can be organized around sound business principles and free of corruption. I support a democratic Ukraine, one that has a functioning and independent energy sector with best practice corporate governance. Burisma, its management and its Board are committed to these same goal and I am proud of my role with the company. If we speak seriously about energy independence in Ukraine we must support such independent companies such as Burisma.”

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Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 9:40 AM
To: Eric Schwerin
Cc: Bedingfield, Kate; Bedingfield, Kate
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All the best,
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