

STATEMENT OF CHARLES J. COOPER

Earlier this afternoon, a lawyer for President Trump read into the record of the Senate impeachment trial the full text of a January 23rd letter sent to me, as counsel to Ambassador John Bolton, by the Senior Director of the NSC Access Management Directorate, advising that the manuscript submitted by Ambassador Bolton for pre-publication review contained classified information that could not be published or otherwise disclosed publicly. To ensure that the record is complete, a copy of my response, sent the following day by electronic mail, is attached. My email response speaks for itself, but it is important to note that I have received no response whatever to my urgent request for the NSC's immediate guidance as to any concerns it may have with respect to the chapter of the manuscript dealing with Ambassador Bolton's involvement in matters relating to Ukraine.

Chuck Cooper

From: Chuck Cooper
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2020 4:32 PM
To: Knight, Ellen J. EOP/NSC
Subject: RE: Correspondence concerning Prepublication Review Submission

Ellen,

Following up on the voicemail I left you earlier today, thank you for your letter of yesterday afternoon pledging again to perform your prepublication review of Ambassador Bolton's book manuscript "as expeditiously as possible." As you are no doubt aware, the House Managers in the Senate impeachment trial have made clear their intention to seek Ambassador Bolton's testimony at trial, and although no one yet knows whether the Senate will subpoena him to testify, he is preparing for that possibility. If he is called to testify, it seems certain that he will be asked questions that will elicit much of the information contained in the chapter of his manuscript dealing with his involvement in matters relating to Ukraine. We do not believe that any of that information could reasonably be considered classified, but given that Ambassador Bolton could be called to testify as early as next week, it is imperative that we have the results of your review of that chapter as soon as possible. Please do give me a call to let me know how we can work together toward that end.

Many thanks,

Chuck

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Good afternoon Mr. Cooper,

Please find attached correspondence pertaining to the prepublication review request submitted to NSC Access.

Thank you,
Ellen

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