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ITEM 1

BRIEFING FOR THE FIRST MINISTER

Meeting with Jack Hillmeyer, US Consul General

19 June 2024

Key message	The Scottish Government's relationship with the US is strong and remains vitally important in promoting our economic growth.
What	An informal farewell meeting for Jack Hillmeyer, the outgoing US Consul General and active member of the Consular Corp
Why	To thank Jack and his team for their hard work in supporting the American community in Scotland.
Who	Jack Hillmeyer , US Edinburgh Consul General
Where	Bute House
When	19 June 2024 15:00 – 15:45
Likely themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack's three year tenure in Edinburgh and the positive impact he has made on US-Scotland and wider relations during this time. • Reflections on the work he has done, including COP26, the visitors he has brought to Scotland and his work with the Consular Corp. • A gift will be supplied by Visits & Events to be given to Jack at this meeting.
Media	FMPO/Comms proposing a photographer to take photos at the start of the meeting, Consulate is ok with that and will arrange tweet with FM Comms.
Supporting official	[redacted], International Relations [redacted]

Attached documents	Annex A: Summary Page Annex B: Summary of Jack Hillmeyer's Time in Post Annex C: Biography Annex D: US/Scotland Key Achievements
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To be aware that the Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture will meet him on 25 June at Parliament for a farewell meeting, the day before the Consulate's Independence Day Reception. Officials are also planning an informal farewell gathering ahead of his departure. Along with Jack's posting finishing this summer, the Consuls General for Spain and India, and the Deputy Consul General for Ukraine will also end.

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Asks

- For Jack to share any reflections on his time in Scotland, and to convey our thanks for all he did during his time here.
- To gather any information that might help us understand areas to focus on during the term of the incoming Consul General, Kathryn Porter.
- Please wish Jack well for his next posting and to not be a stranger to Scotland.

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- We stand by to work together with the incoming Consul General in support of wider US interests.
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Highlights of Jack's Time in Post

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Consulate Expansion

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 - Further meetings were made possible with Secretaries of State, including the first **Native American Secretary (Interior, Deborah Haaland)** who visited Loch Lomond along with the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero.

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- During Jack's tenure, he has encouraged several visitors to Scotland from the US Embassy in London. In this time we have received the **Ambassador Jane Hartley** twice (August 2022 & 2023) who met with the First Minister each time, namely in Bute House and at the V&A Dundee. He has facilitated two visits from the **Embassy Chargé de Affaires Matt Palmer**, as well as US visitors, including the Congressional Transport and Infrastructure Congressional Committee.

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Meeting with First Minister and US Consul General, Jack Hillmeyer	
Minister	First Minister, John Swinney MSP
Type of engagement	Bilateral meeting
Date	19 June 2024
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack Hillmeyer, US Consul General, Edinburgh • [redacted], [redacted], US Consulate Edinburgh
Key points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack Hillmeyer (JH) confirmed he will depart in July and his successor will join in August. • The First Minister (FM) invited Jack's reflections on his time here in post. JH reflected his time in Scotland was marked by positive interactions at all levels, from Government to citizens. He praised Scotland's reputation, that 'Brand Scotland' is appealing to US visitors and investors, but the relationship goes well beyond the traditional (golf, whisky, tartan, haggis). • JH also reflected that the Consulate had grown in capacity since he joined, therefore too has reporting back to DC and so his colleagues in Washington understand Scotland better. By growing the head count at the Consulate, JH has been able to get out to more engagements and events, which he has warmly welcomed. • When he reports back about Scotland, he incorporates coverage which includes our focus on Net Zero, Green Energy Transition, Space Sector and Life Sciences, so Washington is getting a fuller picture of Scotland. FM said this aligns with priorities for himself and the Deputy First Minister, and is keen to increase economic development across these areas. • FM noted he is keen to develop Scotland's University and business collaborations, which Jack welcomed and confirmed this will be a priority for the incoming Consul General too. • Jack noted he is proud that the US is still Scotland's number one investor, this being owed in part to the oil and gas sector. Both agreed that this sector's interests must be incorporated with the movement towards net zero. • JH also referenced the latest Visit Scotland tourism statistics which once again confirm, the US is Scotland's single largest visitor group who stay longer and spend the most money. FM recalled meeting Americans in Stornoway recently and welcomed the Scottish Government's investment to increase the size of the port there, which will allow larger cruise ships to dock, as another way to encourage US tourism. • The meeting ended with agreement that there are many areas of collaboration which work well and we can continue to develop in the new Consul General's term. FM thanked JH warmly for his personal energy

	and the visibility he has brought to the role and wished him all the best for his future on his return to Washington DC.
Attending official	[redacted], [redacted], International Relations
Comment	The meeting was a warm and effusive reflection of Jack's time here in Scotland. The First Minister stressed the importance of the US – Scotland relationship, which has grown during Jack's tenure. These sentiments were reciprocated. The First Minister gifted JH a quaich made by the Grassmarket Project charity in Edinburgh. JH presented FM with a tie and scarf set in the Consulate's own tartan design.
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To set up a welcome meeting for the First Minister and the incoming US Consul General once in post
Copy list	<p>First Minister Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture Shona Riach, Director, Culture and External Affairs John Primrose, Deputy Director, International Division [redacted], International Relations Team Leader [redacted], International Relations Team Leader [redacted], Head of Office, Washington DC [redacted], Deputy Head of Office, Washington DC [redacted], International Communications Manager</p>

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Why	To thank Jack and his team for their hard work in supporting the American community in Scotland.
Who	Jack Hillmeyer , US Edinburgh Consul General [redacted], Political/[redacted]
Where	Scottish Parliament T4.43
When	26 June 2024 13:00 – 13:30
Likely themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack's three year tenure in Edinburgh and the positive impact he has made on US-Scotland and wider relations during this time. • Reflections on the work he has done, including COP26, the visitors he has brought to Scotland and his work with the Consular Corp.
Media	DEXA Comms will issue a tweet following the meeting.
Supporting official	[redacted], International Relations [redacted]
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Minister	Angus Robertson (AR) , Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture
Type of engagement	Bilateral meeting
Date	26 June 2024
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jack Hillmeyer, Consul General, U.S. Consulate General Edinburgh
Key points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jack Hillmeyer (JH) confirmed he will depart in July and his successor will join in August. He noted that he had a positive farewell meeting with the First Minister and that he had recently been reflecting on his time in Scotland and considering how he can best set up the post and incoming postholder for success. He remarked that he would communicate to his successor, Kathryn Porter, the importance of being visible as the next US CG and showing deference to Scotland noting that the relationship between the two nations goes beyond traditional concepts of Scotland and that there are commercial interests for the US with opportunities in key sectors such as aerospace and renewables. JH reflected on his efforts to improve US consular services in Edinburgh including increasing staff resource to offer expanded and improved services, for example emergency passports and registration of births and deaths. He also noted the improved infrastructure at the US Consulate such as more disabled friendly access and electric car charging points. JH also noted that he has raised the profile and understanding of Scotland in Washington DC through regular diptels and reporting as well as collaborating more closely with the US Embassy in London. AR reflected on the positive impact that Jack has had on the wider consular corps and that his efforts have elevated the work, engagement and visibly of the corps overall. [redacted] JH noted he is proud that the US is still Scotland's number one investor, this being owed in part to the oil and gas sector. Both agreed that this sector's interests must be incorporated with the movement towards net zero. JH also referenced the latest Visit Scotland tourism statistics which once again confirm that the US is Scotland's single largest visitor group. JH and AR discussed topical matters such UEFA Euro 2024 and recently reported road traffic accidents on the West Coast 500 route involving American tourists, as well as global issues such as just transition and energy security and the importance of the Scottish Council on Global Affairs.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JH and AR also discussed US-Scottish diaspora links with reference to the memorial topped with a statue of Abraham Lincoln commemorating the Scots who fought and fell in the American Civil war and the potential for a Frederick Douglass memorial in Edinburgh. The meeting ended with agreement that there are many areas of collaboration which work well and we can continue to develop during the new Consul General's term. AR thanked JH warmly for the visibility he has brought to the role and wished him all the best for his return to Washington DC.
Attending official	[redacted], International Relations Team Leader
Comment	This was an informal farewell meeting with the outgoing US CG to thank him for supporting American citizens in Scotland and strengthening ties between the two nations. The meeting was a warm and effusive reflection of Jack's time here in Scotland. The Cabinet Secretary stressed the importance of the US – Scotland relationship, which has grown during Jack's tenure. These sentiments were reciprocated.
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officials to set up a welcome meeting for the Cabinet Secretary and the incoming US Consul General once in post.
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ITEM 5

What	US Consulate Independence Day Reception
Where	Port of Leith Distillery, 11 Whisky Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6FH
When	27 June 2024 6:00 – 8:00pm
Key Message(s)	The Scottish Government’s relationship with the US is strong and remains vitally important in promoting our economic growth. We are keen to celebrate the deep, long-standing cultural and personal ties of our citizens.
Who	Jack Hillmeyer , US Consul General Edinburgh The audience will also comprise Jack’s team, event sponsors, US stakeholders and Parliamentarians. More information can be found in Annex A.
Why	An opportunity to address the audience at the US Consulate’s Independence Day celebrations and highlight the theme of the evening, the US Consulate’s homecoming.
Supporting official	[redacted] , International Division [redacted]
Briefing contents	Annex A: Overview & Running Order Annex B: Jack Hillmeyer Biography Annex C: US/Scotland Key Achievements Annex D: Speaking Note (sent separately)
Social Media	Photos will be taken at the event. Tweet suggestion from @ScotGovInt: ‘The First Minister John Swinney spoke at @USAinScotland’s Independence Day Reception to celebrate the strong links Scotland has had with the US since its founding. Happy #FourthofJuly to all who celebrate! [fireworks emoji].’
Dress code	To add to the spirit of the evening and showcase our own diverse stories, you are encouraged to wear items that represent your own family history or ties to Scotland.
Greeting Party and specific meeting point on arrival	You will be greeted by official support, then take a lift up to the Distillery Bar and be met by consulate officials.

Annex A**Event Overview**

The US Consulate have organised their Independence Day Reception this year as 'homecoming' celebration. In 1798, President John Adams appointed Harry Grant as the first U.S. Consul to Leith. The Consulate remained in Leith until 1883. This will be Consul General Jack Hillmeyer's final Independence Day Celebration in Scotland.

Purpose:

- To celebrate the 248th anniversary of independence in the USA
- An opportunity to celebrate the strong relations between Scotland and the US and to thank the Consul General and his team for their commitment to serving US citizens in Scotland, and increasing ties between our two countries.

Key Points:

- The relationship between Scotland and the US is deep and strong. Historically, Scotland and Scots have played a profound role in US political & commercial life.
- I am grateful to the Consul General and his staff for their continued commitment to engagement here in Scotland. I welcome the visitors they have brought to Scotland this year so far, and look forward to welcoming more.
- The US is Scotland's biggest source of inward investment and biggest export market: £5.14bn in 2021, an increase of £480m from £4.66bn in 2020.

Scottish Connections

- I was delighted the Scottish Government expanded on the Scottish Connections Framework at New York Tartan Week this year. The US is one of our key diaspora countries.
- I welcome the US Embassy and Consulate's support in deepening our links with the US's Scottish community and working together to expand our understanding of diaspora.
- The Scottish Connections Framework is the first time that work across the Scottish Government and partners has been brought together into a cohesive approach. It outlines a series of commitments and ambitions to strengthen and expand our relationships with, and between, Scotland's international communities.

Edinburgh Festivals

- I hope the US will again have a significant presence at this year's Edinburgh Festivals in August.
- The US was well represented at last year's Edinburgh Festivals across all art forms, with artists, creatives and company members from the US or working with the US based companies. US citizens constitute the largest international audience visiting the Festivals.

Running Order

On arrival, official support and the consulate team will meet you by the main outdoor entrance. There will be a signage (and others registering) marking where to go.

Running order: Main guests arrive from 6:00pm. A piper will pipe Jack, yourself and a national anthem singer to the front of room at 6:30 pm. The national anthem will be played first, followed by Jack's speech. You are scheduled to speak around 6:40pm.

This will be a more informal occasion than Fourth of July events in years past. Food, drinks and networking will commence after your remarks. Only Jack and yourself will speak.

Guests arrive	6:00pm
National Anthem & Introductory Remarks	6.30pm
Cabinet Secretary Speaks	6:40pm
Drinks reception commences	6:45pm
Performance by band	7:15pm
Event Ends	8:00pm

Audience Profile

There will be a range of Scottish and US groups represented. These range from business contacts, MSPs, think tanks, Edinburgh International Festival, Consular Corp members and media contacts.

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Biography

Jack Hillmeyer – US Consul General, Edinburgh



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Consul General, distinguished guests, friends old and new; good evening. It is my pleasure to join you all at this year's US Consulate's Independence Day Reception.

Just look at our surroundings, the world's first vertical distillery, here in Edinburgh.

Scotland has long been a nation of innovators, and that trend looks set to continue. I hope you all enjoy the festivities and the wonderful views of the Forth.

The Scottish Government is proud of its strong and time honoured relationship with the US Consulate here in Edinburgh. We have long welcomed Americans in Scotland, be they visitors, holiday makers, investors, students or Consuls General! Who would have

thought in 1798 when John Adams appointed the first Consul General to Leith in 1798, you would return here to celebrate your independence. Welcome home.

The desire to come back to your roots is a powerful one. The United States has always been a strong partner and friend of Scotland and we are linked by our common heritage and history. Scotland has deep and longstanding ties of family, friendship and business with the United States, which we do not take for granted.

We must look after and nurture these connections as they mature and grow. This is something the Scottish Government has encouraged with the Scottish Connections Framework, which I launched at Tartan Week last year. Since then, our online directory has connected Scots in the US and all over the world. We have funded research and projects that deepen our understanding of those with links to Scotland, and in doing so we will help these connections flourish into the future.

We can't yet know how that future will look. But as long as we look out for each other and honour the threads that connect us, we can still look forward to our days ahead.

Jack, your time in Edinburgh is coming to an end this summer. You have been the ideal advocate for Scotland. Myself, my colleagues and the people you have helped will remember the opportunities created and support given during your time here.

You have increased your operating team, facilitated some excellent visits, not least the 1000 plus delegation during COP26 in Glasgow. You looked after the interests of American citizens living in and visiting Scotland, and you did so tirelessly. I hope during this last month of your duties you will find time to look back on, and enjoy, the best moments of what you have given to Scotland.

And while we look forward to working with your successor in continuing to nurture the US-Scotland relationship, we will take time tonight to celebrate all you have done.

To everyone tonight, who is Scottish by inclination, lineage, birth or preference; whether you are visiting for a short time or staying longer; I hope you feel at home here and enjoy tonight's celebrations. Happy Independence Day, when it comes.

Ends – 479 words

Approx 3.5 mins

ITEM 7

CABINET SECRETARY FAREWELL DINNER WITH CONSULS

What	Event to mark the departure of 4 Consuls from Scotland
Where	Hotel du Vin , 11 Bristo Place, Edinburgh
When	Wednesday 26 June, 19.45 – 21.45
Key Messages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank the Consuls for their contributions to our international work and their collaboration during their tenure in Scotland. • Recognizing their outstanding service and dedication to Scotland as the Consul General . • Acknowledging their dedication and commitment which have significantly enhanced the relationship between their country and Scotland. • Appreciating their efforts in fostering mutual understanding, cooperation, and cultural exchange with Scotland.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commending their exemplary leadership and profound impact across the diplomatic community in Scotland. • Reiterate our commitment to strengthen the relationships with their successors.
Who	<p>Jack Hillmeyer – Consul for the US Bijay Severaj – Consul for India Ignacio Cartagena – Consul for Spain Yevhen Mankovskyi - Former Acting Consul for Ukraine Christoph Crepaz – Consul for Austria/Dean of the Consular Corps Christiane Hullmann – Consul for Germany/Deputy Dean Andrii Kuslii – Consul for Ukraine [redacted]– Executive Director of EIF [redacted]- Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain (AUGB) [redacted]- International Dean for South Asia and Director, Edinburgh India Institute at The University of Edinburgh. Rick Minchom -International Trade Development Lead at Glasgow Chamber of Commerce Emma Marcus - Head of Global Networks Scottish Enterprise [redacted]– Head of Operations for the Scottish Council of Global Affairs</p>
Supporting officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shona Riach – Director for DEXA • Donna Mackinnon – DD for European Relations - [redacted] • [redacted] Barnes – Deputy Director for Trade Policy
Attached documents	<p>Annex A – Biographies Annex B – Speaking topics</p>

BIOGRAPHIES

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Ignacio Cartagena Núñez, Spanish Consul General in Edinburgh

Ignacio Cartagena Núñez, a career diplomat, holds a PhD in Public International Law, a Diploma in Advanced European Studies from the College of Europe in Bruges and a Masters in Energy Geopolitics from the Graduate Institute in Geneva.

Throughout his career he has held various diplomatic posts in the Spanish Embassies in Rome, Tirana (Albania) and Moscow, as well as in the Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva.

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Shri Bijay Selvaraj, Consul General, Edinburgh is from Tamil Nadu. He graduated in



Electronics and Communications Engineering in 1997 from Kumaraguru College of Technology. The Consul General joined the Indian Foreign Service in 2006. He began his diplomatic career in Cairo where he learnt Arabic and served as Second Secretary (Press and Political) from 2010-13. He later moved to Bangladesh as the First Secretary (Commercial) in 2013 and served there till 2016. He worked as Deputy Secretary (Policy Planning and Research) from 2016-18 and as the Protector of Emigrants in Trivandrum from April 2018. Shri Bijay Selvaraj speaks English, Arabic, Tamil, Malayalam, and Hindi.

Christoph Crepaz
Honorary Consul for Austria and Dean of the Consular Corps

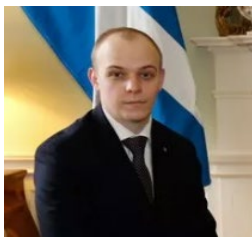


Christoph is a dynamic serial entrepreneur with a diverse portfolio across multiple business sectors. He also has a long association with the arts and has managed many recording artists over the years. He has a passion for classical and baroque music and has done much to promote this music throughout Europe. He is an advocate for music education and supports a number of charitable programmes. Christoph is the Honorary Consul for Austria. As the Dean, Christoph holds the key responsibility for the development of the Corps, working in close collaboration with the Secretary and the Committee.



Christiane Hullmann has been the German Consul General in Edinburgh since August 2023. Christiane has a degree in law studies (Bonn and Geneva) and joined the Foreign Office in 2003, initially serving in the Department for European Affairs and later at the Embassy in Kyiv as Head of Legal and Consular. In 2013, she served at the Permanent Mission to the UN in New York, working on human rights. From 2020-23, she was the Head of the Western Balkans Division in Berlin. Christiane's partner is Ukrainian.

[redacted]



Yevhen Mankovsky – *former acting Consul of Ukraine*



Andrii Kuslii – Consul of Ukraine

Highlights of Ignacio's time in post

Relationship building

Since Ignacio's arrival to Edinburgh, the relationship between Scottish Government and the Spanish Consulate and Embassy shifted and became much closer.

Spain Visit

Ignacio was an invaluable asset during the planning of your visit to Madrid in 2022. He helped us build the programme, contacting different Ministries in Madrid as well as accompanying us to Madrid during the visit itself. His presence there was certainly appreciated and made the visit smoother with the Spanish Government as well as the FCDO.

Rural Depopulation

Ignacio has been heavily involved in the Rural Depopulation work that colleagues in the Population and Migration team have developed with the Government of Aragon. He helped building the relationship with officials and colleagues in Aragon and keeps being involved in the delivery of the project.

Official meetings

In his 5 year tenure, Ignacio has been one of the most active Consuls. He has attended most of the Consular Corps briefing sessions, including 3 Castle receptions. He has had meetings with a number of Ministers, including the First Minister in a number of occasions.

He has also hosted the Spanish Ambassador in Edinburgh a number of times, enabling us to build the relationship with the Embassy.

Highlights of Jack's Time in Post

Consulate Expansion

- Jack's appointment marked a new phase of the US Consulate in Scotland. His appointment as **Consul General** was a step up in responsibility from Scotland by the US. He has also increased the staffing in the Consulate, adding a Counsellor for Consular Affairs and an [redacted].

COP 26

- He was posted to Scotland just ahead of **COP26** – he and his team were instrumental in liaising with the US Embassy London to help maximise the opportunities for Scottish Government engagement with an incoming delegation of 1000+.
 - Examples include helping secure First Minister meetings with Special Presidential Envoy for Climate **John Kerry**; and with Speaker of the House **Nancy Pelosi** and her Congressional Delegation. This in turn led to further engagement when FM visited Washington DC the following year and an improved relationship on The Hill for our Office in Washington DC.
 - Jack was crucial in securing diary time for the **COP26 Edinburgh Castle US Reception** – attended by US Congressmembers, Governors, Members from the Senate and House of Representatives, alongside Ministers, MSPs and other key representatives. The event helped showcase Scotland's culture, food and drink, and thank the delegation for their efforts in attending.

- Further meetings were made possible with Secretaries of State, including the first **Native American Secretary (Interior, Deborah Haaland)** who visited Loch Lomond along with the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero.

Increase in Visitors

- During Jack's tenure, he has encouraged several visitors to Scotland from the US Embassy in London. In this time we have received the **Ambassador Jane Hartley** twice (August 2022 & 2023) who met with the First Minister each time, namely in Bute House and at the V&A Dundee. He has facilitated two visits from the **Embassy Chargé de Affaires Matt Palmer**, as well as US visitors, including the Congressional Transport and Infrastructure Congressional Committee.
- Jack helped facilitate the Edinburgh Dialogues event in August 2023, in which the **US Special Envoy for Climate John Kerry** returned to Edinburgh to speak at the Signet Library.

Consular Corp

- Jack was temporarily Dean of the Consular Corp and surrounding this he has taken an active role in the Corp.

Highlights of Bijay's Time in Post

Neil Gray visit to India & Follow up

Bijay worked closely with SG Officials to support the first post pandemic ministerial visit to India, feeding into the program, and arranging post visit meeting with Archaeological Survey of India. This led to the current Memorandum of Understanding that is being organised by Culture and the ASI – focusing on: Curation of exhibitions, conservation and management of monuments, and preservation of sites.

COP26 & Water

Working with the Asia Scotland Institute arranged and participated in the Expert Panel discussing how Scotland & India can collaborate to address Water & Climate Change related issues. Following this Bijay brought together Water experts, and representative from the Clean Ganga programme to explore possible solutions and potential for Scottish Companies involvement.

Diaspora

Thanks to his close working with the India diaspora in Scotland, raising issues facing the diaspora to SG allowing us to work collaboratively. Including the concerns around university accommodation, and the impact this has been having on Indian Students in Scotland.

75th Anniversary of India Independence

Bijay and the Consulate arranged events to celebrate the 75th year of Indian independence, including hoisting the National Flag & cultural performances. In 2022 the celebration showcased groups of performers who took to the stage depicting the journey of the last 75 years – with reenactments of hockey and cricket [redacted]ies, and dance groups performing traditional dances from each state in India.

Highlights of Yehven's time as Active Consul

Before the Ukraine War, our relationship with the Consulate was limited. Once the war broke, Yehven became a valued asset to engage with their Consulate and community offering support and intelligence on the situation.

Yehven has been integral to the establishment and success of the Warm Scots Welcome programme, which offered sanctuary in Scotland to many thousands of Ukrainians whose presence here is enriching our communities, society and economy.

Yehven was very active engaging with Scottish Government as well as other members of the Consular Corps, especially Romania and Poland due to their proximity to the Ukraine War.

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From: Edinburgh, CG <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 4:23 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Rescheduled - FM Meeting with Jack

Hi [redacted],

Jack will be accompanied by [redacted][redacted], our Political/[redacted].

Many thanks for letting us know about the token of appreciation. Much appreciated 😊 I have prepared something for Jack to bring with him for the First Minister.

Kind regards

[redacted]

[redacted]

Executive Assistant

United States Consulate General Edinburgh

3 Regent Terrace, Edinburgh EH7 5BW

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 2:59 PM
To: Edinburgh, CG <[redacted]>
Subject: RE: Rescheduled - FM Meeting with Jack

Hi [redacted]

Thanks again! I just wanted to follow up separately to check if anyone will be accompanying Jack from the Consulate? Just for your awareness too, First Minister's Private Office have organised a small token of appreciation for Jack's work here during his time in Scotland that he will give him tomorrow.

I wasn't sure if Jack planned to bring something along, and it is certainly not expected or necessary, but if you're aware of anything please do let me know.

All best,

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 2:55 PM

To: Edinburgh, CG <[redacted]>

Cc: [redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]>; [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]@state.gov>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Rescheduled - FM Meeting with Jack

Hi [redacted]

Thanks once again to you and Jack for your flexibility in this. It is hugely appreciated and I've confirmed this with Private Office now.

All best,

[redacted]

From: Edinburgh, CG <[redacted]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 1:58 PM

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]>; [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]D@state.gov>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Rescheduled - FM Meeting with Jack

Hi [redacted],

No worries. We can do 3pm tomorrow. In Jack's diary.

Kind regards

[redacted]

[redacted]

Executive Assistant

United States Consulate General Edinburgh

3 Regent Terrace, Edinburgh EH7 5BW

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 1:34 PM

To: [redacted]@gov.scot; Edinburgh, CG <[redacted]>

Cc: [redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]>; [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]D@state.gov>; [redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: Rescheduled - FM Meeting with Jack

Hi all

With apologies from the First Minister's Private Office, they have asked if the meeting could be moved tomorrow to 3pm please? Still a 45 minute meeting and at Bute House. I'm so sorry to ask, especially given it's Juneteenth. Please let me know what you think.

With thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 8:34 AM

To: Edinburgh, CG <[redacted]>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]>; [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh)

<[redacted]@state.gov>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Rescheduled - FM Meeting with Jack

Hi [redacted],

Thank you for confirming and for being so flexible. Apologies for having to schedule the meeting on Juneteenth.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

International Relations Team Leader | Directorate for External Affairs | Scottish Government |
[redacted]

Pronouns [redacted]

From: Edinburgh, CG <[redacted]>

Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 8:30 AM

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]>; [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh)
<[redacted]D@state.gov>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Rescheduled - FM Meeting with Jack

Hi [redacted],

Thank you for letting us know and no apologies needed. We understand the schedules can be ever changing and hectic at times. Thank you for finding the alternate time for Jack to meet the First Minister.

Wednesday 19th June at 1pm would work for Jack. He's looking forward to the meeting at Bute House.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Executive Assistant

United States Consulate General Edinburgh

3 Regent Terrace, Edinburgh EH7 5BW

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Sunday, June 16, 2024 3:58:46 PM

To: [redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]>; [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]D@state.gov>

Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: Rescheduled - FM Meeting with Jack

Hi all

With huge apologies for the late notice, FM's office have made me aware of an urgent update to FM's schedule that impacts his meeting with Jack this week. Unfortunately he is unable to make the meeting on Tuesday, and he has asked if Jack can meet instead on Wednesday 19th June at 1pm? I'm told there is immense pressure on his diary at the moment and it may be difficult to find an alternative time to meet if the 19th doesn't suit, so very grateful if this can be accommodated, and I'm very sorry to have to ask at short notice.

I will be travelling and unable to pick up emails tomorrow, so please when responding copy all in your reply, [redacted] or [redacted] be able to pass on to FM's team.

Best wishes,
[redacted]

[redacted] ([redacted]) | [redacted], International Relations | Scottish Government | Email: [redacted]@gov.scot | M: [redacted] | Address: 2H South, Victoria Quay, Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 9:33 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: COMMS // FM <> US C-G

Thanks [redacted]. Happy to remove those sections on your advice.

If there no further returns on the below I will send up for clearance shortly, given the meeting is this afternoon

[redacted] | Senior Media Manager
 First Minister's Communications

Scottish Government, St [redacted]'s House

e: [redacted]@gov.scot

m: [redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 3:55 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: COMMS // FM <> US C-G

Hi [redacted]

Thanks for sharing this. I'm not sure all of this would be appropriate for release, the lines that have been used are for briefing FM and not necessarily media lines[redacted]. Copying in my TL's for their thoughts too.

Thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 12:13 PM

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc: Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>; Communications Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

<CommunicationsConstitutionExternalAffairsandCulture@gov.scot>; [redacted]

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<[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]

<[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: COMMS // FM <> US C-G

Apologies, found the briefing – would something like the following work?

First Minister thanks outgoing US Consul General

First Minister met outgoing US Consul General Jack Hillmeyer to thank him for his three year tenure in Edinburgh and the positive impact he has made on US-Scotland relations.

The First Minister said:

“The relationship between Scotland and the US is deep and strong. It is both our largest inward investor, and our largest international export destination.

“I would like to thank Jack and his team for their work supporting the US community in Scotland and enhancing the strong relations between our two countries. [redacted]

“During Jack’s tenure, he has encouraged several visitors to Scotland from the US Embassy in London. He was posted to Scotland just ahead of COP26 – he and his team were instrumental in liaising with the US Embassy London to help maximise the opportunities for Scottish Government engagement with the incoming delegation.

“I wish Jack well for his next posting and hope he will not be a stranger to Scotland. We stand by to work together with the incoming Consul General and enhance our collaboration with the US on areas of shared mutual interest, including climate, green energy, trade, culture and higher education.”

[redacted] | Senior Media Manager

First Minister’s Communications

Scottish Government, St [redacted]’s House

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m: [redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 11:56 AM

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc: Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>;

Communications Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

<CommunicationsConstitutionExternalAffairsandCulture@gov.scot>; [redacted]

<[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]

<[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]

<[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: COMMS // FM <> US C-G

Great, thanks for confirming [redacted].

In addition to the social media content, SpAds were keen for us to issue a proactive statement from the FM to thank the outgoing C-J for his service.

I'd be very grateful for your steer on that also – is there an engagement briefing that can be shared with me please?

Many thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted] | Senior Media Manager
First Minister's Communications

Scottish Government, St [redacted]'s House
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m: [redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 11:41 AM

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc: Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>;
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Subject: RE: COMMS // FM <> US C-G

Hi [redacted]

Yes, the meeting for tomorrow at 1pm is confirmed. Thanks for checking.

All best,

[redacted]

<[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: COMMS // FM <> US C-G

Thanks for this [redacted], I have also heard that the meeting is likely to be re-scheduled – grateful if you can please keep us posted.

For now, the text you have suggested below sounds good – just a few small tweaks from me.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted] | Senior Media Manager

First Minister's Communications

Scottish Government, St [redacted]'s House

e: [redacted]@gov.scot

m: [redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 3:25 PM

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc: Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>; Communications Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CommunicationsConstitutionExternalAffairsandCulture@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: COMMS // FM <> US C-G

Adding additional comms colleagues for info.

[redacted]

News | Communications Team Leader

Constitution, External Affairs and Culture Communications

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 2:23 PM

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc: Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>;

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Subject: RE: COMMS // FM <> US C-G

Hi all

Just to flag this meeting is potentially not going to take place due to a diary conflict, I am trying to keep it confirmed and so there's a tweet ready to go how does the below sound –

The First Minister met with outgoing US Consul General Jack Hillmeyer to thank him, **on behalf of the people of Scotland**, for his tireless work during his time here. ~~On behalf of the people of Scotland, we wish~~ **All the best Jack!** [confetti emoji/ US Flag emoji]

Earlier in this chain, [redacted] had asked if the Consulate would be happy for a photographer to be present, the Consulate said yes and said as long as the tweet comes from the FM's SG account which I'm sure has already been taken into account.

Thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 10:32 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>;
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 <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]<[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]
 <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: COMMS // FM <> US C-G

Hi both,

Copying [redacted] from our team for awareness, as I'll be on leave from close tomorrow until after the meeting has taken place.

Also attaching [redacted]'s confirmation that she will lead on drafting, for benefit of the chain.

Thanks,

[redacted] ([redacted])

International Communications Manager

International Communications & Brand Scotland Policy

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 12:49 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>;
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<[redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: COMMS // FM <> US C-G

Apologies – resending to updated copy list.

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted] | Senior Media Manager

First Minister's Communications

Scottish Government, St [redacted]'s House

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 10:00 AM

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc: Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>;

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<[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>;

[redacted]<[redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: COMMS // FM <> US C-G

Good morning all,

Picking this up from [redacted] who is on leave this week – grateful for a steer on some words from FM to thank the outgoing C-G.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted] | Senior Media Manager

First Minister's Communications

Scottish Government, St [redacted]'s House

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m: [redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Friday, June 7, 2024 5:12 PM

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc: Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>;

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<[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]

<[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: COMMS // FM <> US C-G

Hi all,

Just adding other members of FM comms to this chain as I am on leave next week, returning Monday 17/6.

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

m: [redacted]

Senior Media Manager | [First Minister](#) | [Scottish Government](#) |

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From: [redacted]

Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2024 4:59 PM

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>;
Communications Constitution, External Affairs and Culture
<CommunicationsConstitutionExternalAffairsandCulture@gov.scot>; [redacted]
<[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: COMMS // FM <> US C-G

Hi [redacted], [redacted] – hope you're both well?

Getting the jump on planning – I understand the FM is due to meet with the outgoing US Consul General on 18 June at Bute House, and that this is part of transition to the new US C-G.

Chatting with SpAds earlier it was suggested that we issue a proactive quote in FM's name thanking the C-G for their service and wishing them well, as well as a picture and Tweet which we'd usually do to mark these types of meetings.

Grateful if you could suggest some lines that I could form into a quote and social media copy for this? We're also arranging for a SG photographer to attend to take a few snaps at the start of the meeting – could you check that the US side is comfortable with what we're proposing for comms?

Many thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

m: [redacted]

Senior Media Manager | [First Minister](#) | [Scottish Government](#) |

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Any amends to comms products please use **high contrast colours** as I'm colourblind and often miss additions in faint red.

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 11:34 AM

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted] (FCO) <[redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Meeting - US Consul General Tuesday 18 June

Thanks all, really glad this has been sorted. I'll be there tomorrow at Bute House as official support.

Best wishes,

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 8:48 AM

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted] (FCO) <[redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Meeting - US Consul General Tuesday 18 June

Hi [redacted],

Many thanks for your email. I'll confirm the meeting in FM's diary.

Best,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Deputy Private Secretary/Diary Manager to the First Minister

Office of the First Minister

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 8:32 AM

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted] (FCO) <[redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Meeting - US Consul General Tuesday 18 June

Hi [redacted] ,

Jack Hillmeyer has confirmed that he can do 13:00 on Wednesday 19th June at Bute House so no need to consider alternative dates.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

International Relations Team Leader | Directorate for External Affairs | Scottish Government | [redacted]

Pronouns [redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Sunday, June 16, 2024 9:18 PM

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted] (FCO) <[redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Meeting - US Consul General Tuesday 18 June

Hi [redacted] ,

I hope you're keeping well. We've put the Wednesday slot to the consulate but just to flag that it is a public holiday in the US (Juneteenth which commemorates the ending of slavery in the United States) and so they will need to check if the CG is available. Appreciate the diary pressures but are there any alternative slots we could offer considering the importance of the holiday?

Best,

[redacted]

[redacted]

International Relations Team Leader | Directorate for External Affairs | Scottish Government | [redacted]

Pronouns [redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 4:34 PM

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted] (FCO) <[redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Meeting - US Consul General Tuesday 18 June

Hi [redacted],

We've just had a cancellation and are now in a position to offer Wednesday 19th June at 13:00. Grateful for your confirmation if this is suitable.

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 2:05 PM

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted] (FCO) <[redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Meeting - US Consul General Tuesday 18 June

Hi [redacted]

I confirmed earlier that Jack departs on 22 July so the extra availability would need to be earlier than this.

Thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 6:36 AM
To: Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] (FCO) <[redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Meeting - US Consul General Tuesday 18 June

Hi Emily,

I've confirmed with [redacted] earlier this morning that FM will be on leave during the dates suggested below. The first available slot for a meeting at Bute House will be on Monday 22 July.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 10:45 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] (FCO) <[redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Meeting - US Consul General Tuesday 18 June

Hi [redacted],

This wasn't run by me and I would prefer the meeting to take place in Bute House
[redacted]

[redacted] – could you have another look at available diary slots please?

Emily

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 6:26 PM
To: John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] (FCO) <[redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Meeting - US Consul General Tuesday 18 June

Hi all

[redacted] I've also suggested some dates further in July (12, 16, 17th) but not heard back yet from FMPO. Let me know what you think about next steps.

Best,

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 11:06 AM

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Meeting - US Consul General Tuesday 18 June

Hi [redacted],

As per our discussion earlier, the First Minister will no longer be able to meet US Consul General on Tuesday 18th June. [redacted] The only available slot that we can offer is Wednesday 26th June at 1:30 p.m., however, there is a possibility that FM will be travelling to Glasgow that day and the meeting could take place in AQ.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 11:14 AM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Meeting - US Consul General Tuesday 18 June

Hi [redacted] ,

We could potentially make this meeting, however Mr Robertson is going to an event hosted by the US Consulate on the 27th, so I'm not sure if it would be necessary?

Best Wishes,

[redacted]

[redacted] ([redacted])

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 11:10 AM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024
<CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>
Cc: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Subject: Meeting - US Consul General Tuesday 18 June

Good morning,

The First Minister is due to meet with US Consul General on Tuesday 18th June at 12:00 pm. Regrettably, he will be unable to undertake that meeting due to more pressing commitment and I wonder if the Cabinet Secretary will be content and available to attend of FM's behalf?

Many thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 8:35 PM
To: Edinburgh, CG <[redacted]>
Subject: RE: Jack's Availability for Farewell Reception

Hi [redacted]

Thanks again for coming back to me, I've fed this back to colleagues for their planning.

All best

[redacted]

From: Edinburgh, CG <[redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 10:28 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]@state.gov>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Jack's Availability for Farewell Reception

Hi [redacted],

Jack will be departing Edinburgh on Monday 22nd July 2024. He's currently available on July 12, 16 and 17. He is also available after 14:00 on June 26.

Hope that helps.

Kind regards

[redacted]

[redacted]

Executive Assistant

United States Consulate General Edinburgh

3 Regent Terrace, Edinburgh EH7 5BW

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 3:08 PM

To: Edinburgh, CG <[redacted]>

Cc: [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]@state.gov>;

[redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: Jack's Availability for Farewell Reception

Hi [redacted]

Thanks for the further update on this, I'm just copying in colleagues who are exploring dates at the moment. Are you able to confirm please when Jack is departing? I know you also mentioned 26th June was a possibility, if this is any clearer please do let me know. I really appreciate all your help with this!

Best wishes,

[redacted]

From: Edinburgh, CG <[redacted]>

Sent: Friday, June 7, 2024 8:06 AM

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]@state.gov>

Subject: RE: Jack's Availability for Farewell Reception

Hi [redacted],

I'm afraid he's all booked out for early July. The only availabilities in July would be the evening of the 11, 12 and 15. If that helps at all.

Kind regards

[redacted]

[redacted]

Executive Assistant

United States Consulate General Edinburgh

3 Regent Terrace, Edinburgh EH7 5BW

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2024 4:48 PM

To: Edinburgh, CG <[redacted]>

Cc: [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]@state.gov>

Subject: RE: Jack's Availability for Farewell Reception

Thanks [redacted]!

I totally understand Jack's time will be in demand even more as he begins to wrap up. I'll pass that on, sorry to be a pest but do you know if there would be any scope in early July?

Thanks also [redacted] for the feedback, hopefully we can get something that works



All best,

[redacted]

From: Edinburgh, CG <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2024 3:58 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Jack's Availability for Farewell Reception

Hi [redacted],

Jack is currently available in the evenings of June 17 – 22 and the evening of June 28.

Sorry we're a bit tied up towards the end of June.

There might be a window on the evening of June 26. I will let you know once I know more.

Kind regards

[redacted]

[redacted]

Executive Assistant

United States Consulate General Edinburgh

3 Regent Terrace, Edinburgh EH7 5BW

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]@state.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2024 1:56 PM
To: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted] (London) <[redacted]@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Jack's Availability for Farewell Reception

Hi [redacted],

I think that is a great idea and thank you for thinking of this thoughtful gesture. [redacted] will look into potential dates and get back to you. I would flag that Jack will be traveling to London from June 24-25 and we will have our Fourth of July event that Thursday.

Best,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2024 12:48 PM
To: [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]@state.gov>; [redacted] (London) <[redacted]@state.gov>
Subject: Jack's Availability for Farewell Reception

Hi [redacted], [redacted]

Myself and colleagues are currently exploring options for an informal farewell gathering/reception involving Jack and some other Edinburgh based Consuls General who will be departing this summer.

I wonder if you might be able to please indicate some of Jack's availability towards the end of June? We are looking at possibilities from 6-8pm.

Best wishes,

[redacted]

[redacted] ([redacted]) | [redacted], International Relations | Scottish Government | Email: [redacted]@gov.scot | M: [redacted] | Address: 2H South, Victoria Quay, Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 5:21 PM
To: [redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]>
Cc: [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]@state.gov>; [redacted][redacted] <[redacted][redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FM Jack Meeting 18 June

Hi [redacted]

That's great, thanks for confirming! I'm in touch with the FM's comms team so it would issue from there in the first instance, our SG International or US accounts will possibly retweet, but no tweet will come from an MSP/personal account.

All best,
[redacted]

From: [redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 11:32 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]@state.gov>
Subject: RE: FM Jack Meeting 18 June

Hi [redacted],

As long as the tweet comes from the official FM account and not the FM's MSP account with a message that sticks to thanking and wishing Jack farewell, we don't have any issues.

Thanks for checking!

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 6:18 AM
To: [redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]>
Subject: FM Jack Meeting 18 June

Morning [redacted]

I hope you're well! I'm just reaching out ahead of Jack and FM's Farewell meeting next week. FM Comms team are suggesting we issue a tweet afterwards thanking him for his service and have a photographer along to take some snaps at the start of the meeting. Can I please check if that sounds ok with yourselves?

All best,

[redacted]

[redacted] ([redacted]) | [redacted], International Relations | Scottish Government | Email: [\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot) | M: [redacted] | Address: 2H South, Victoria Quay, Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ

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From: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@parliament.scot](mailto:[redacted]@parliament.scot)>
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 11:36 AM
To: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Subject: RE: Cab Sec Meeting in Parliamentwith USCG

Hi [redacted]

Glad the timings work out on this occasion. As Jack's meeting the PO as well, I can arrange for him to come in via Queensberry House. I can liaise with the Consulate over that.

I've noted that the 1:00pm meeting with Mr Robertson will be in T4.43. I *think* I know where that is but I'll find it!

All the best
[redacted]

[redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] | International Relations Office | The Scottish Parliament
Mobile: (+44) (0) [redacted]

From: [\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot) <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 11:19 AM
To: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@parliament.scot](mailto:[redacted]@parliament.scot)>
Subject: RE: Cab Sec Meeting in Parliamentwith USCG

Hi [redacted]

Thanks for this! I'll be supporting Mr Robertson's meeting with Jack and it would be typical for someone from Private Office to escort myself and Jack out of the building, so that won't be a problem. The meeting will be in T4.43 which I'm told is Mr Robertson's room. I'm glad you've been able to arrange for the PO to meet him also!

All best,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@parliament.scot](mailto:[redacted]@parliament.scot)>
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 3:06 PM
To: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Subject: RE: Cab Sec Meeting in Parliamentwith USCG

Hi [redacted]

Just a quick update re below. Given Jack Hillmeyer will be in Parliamenton Wednesday 26th to meet with the Cab Sec, we have arranged a short 'goodbye' meeting with the PO as well (saves him coming in twice). This has been arranged for 12:30pm on Wednesday 26 June so I can take Jack to his 1pm meeting afterwards. If you could let me know the location of that meeting in due course I will ensure he is there for 1pm start.

We would just require a Government passholder to escort Jack Hillmeyer out the building upon conclusion of that 1pm meeting.

All the best
[redacted]

[redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] | International Relations Office | The Scottish Parliament
Mobile: (+44) (0) [redacted]

From: [\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot) <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 4:38 PM
To: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@parliament.scot](mailto:[redacted]@parliament.scot)>
Subject: Cab Sec Meeting in Parliamentwith USCG

Hi [redacted]

I hope you're well! I'm just reaching out to let you know Mr Robertson's office has offered for him to meet with the US Consul General Jack Hillmeyer at his meeting room in Parliamenton 26 June at 1pm. Jack will be leaving Scotland this summer and I wanted to check the meeting will be ok to take place in Parliamentand also to flag to you that he'll be there if so, as you might wish to reach out to organise something following his meeting for your interests.

All best,
[redacted]

[\[redacted\]](mailto:[redacted]) ([redacted]) | [redacted], International Relations | Scottish Government | Email: [\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot) | M: [redacted] | Address: 2H South, Victoria Quay, Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 3:29 PM
To: Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] [redacted] <[redacted].[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: U.S. Consul General Transition

Hi [redacted]

I wondered if you could please forward me the meeting invite? I won't be able to attend on the day but I'm prepping the briefing at the moment and it's helpful for me to see as I look to determine who will support from DEXA.

Many thanks
 [redacted]

From: Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 3:08 PM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] [redacted] <[\[redacted\].\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted].[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Subject: RE: U.S. Consul General Transition

Thanks [redacted] – this suits Mr Hillmeyer.

Emily

From: [redacted] [redacted] <[\[redacted\].\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted].[redacted]@gov.scot)> **On Behalf Of** First Minister
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:34 AM
To: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>
Cc: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; [redacted] [redacted] <[\[redacted\].\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted].[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Subject: RE: U.S. Consul General Transition

Good morning all,

18th post cabinet would work.

I will add a hold 1200-1245.

Let me know if that suits.

Many thanks,
 [redacted]

[redacted] [redacted]
Diary Secretary
Office of the First Minister

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From: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:23 AM
To: Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] [redacted] <[\[redacted\].\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted].[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Subject: RE: U.S. Consul General Transition

Hi all

Thanks Emily for getting this up and running and FMPO for looking into the timeslots. The Consulate had just come back to me with the same dates and times last night but I hadn't sent them up yet.

We have a few things in planning for Jacks departure, as he was also Dean of the Consular Corp John P has started some thinking around a DEXA plan for his leaving, we will draft a letter from FM for Jack on his departure and I had nominated him for an invitation to The Open, that was sent to him yesterday – so hopefully we will help bring a memorable end to his time in Scotland!

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:15 AM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; [redacted] [redacted] <[\[redacted\].\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted].[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Subject: RE: U.S. Consul General Transition

Tea at Bute would be perfect! Thanks [redacted]

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From: [redacted] [redacted] <[\[redacted\].\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted].[redacted]@gov.scot)> **On Behalf Of** First Minister
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:14 AM
To: Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; [redacted] [redacted] <[\[redacted\].\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted].[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Subject: RE: U.S. Consul General Transition

Thanks Emily, we will take forward.

Traditionally the departing US Consuls were invited for tea at Bute, rather than a formal meeting as such, but we will revert back with a slot.

[redacted], can you scope out what is possible please?

[redacted]

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From: Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:59 AM
To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Subject: U.S. Consul General Transition

FMPO,

The US Consul General, Jack Hillmeyer, will leave post at the end of June. Before then, he would like to meet with the First Minister.

My strong recommendation is that this meeting takes place, at Bute House preferably. The Consulate have provided some potential dates below.

Apologies [redacted] – this may already be in train, but hopefully we can get confirmation that FM would like to meet with Mr Hillmeyer as soon as possible.

Many thanks,

Emily

12th, 13th, 14th June 09:00 – 14:00

17th June 09:00 – 15:00

18th June 09:00 – 13:00

21st June 09:00 – 17:00

Emily Mackintosh
Special Adviser to the First Minister
[redacted] / [redacted]
Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot

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ITEM 12

From: [redacted] (London) <[redacted]@state.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 4:07 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: CG Hillmeyer Departure

Many thanks [redacted], much appreciated.

[redacted]
 Executive Assistant
 U.S. Consulate General Edinburgh
 3 Regent Terrace, Edinburgh EH7 5BW
[\[redacted\]@state.gov](mailto:[redacted]@state.gov)

From: [\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot) <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 3:57 PM
To: [redacted] (London) <[\[redacted\]@state.gov](mailto:[redacted]@state.gov)>; [\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)
Cc: [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh) <[\[redacted\]@state.gov](mailto:[redacted]@state.gov)>; John.Primrose@gov.scot
Subject: RE: CG Hillmeyer Departure

Hi [redacted]

That's great news, happy to confirm the meeting will take place in Parliament.

Best wishes,
 [redacted]

From: [redacted] (London) <[\[redacted\]@state.gov](mailto:[redacted]@state.gov)>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 10:56 AM
To: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Cc: [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh) <[\[redacted\]@state.gov](mailto:[redacted]@state.gov)>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: CG Hillmeyer Departure

Hi [redacted],

Yes please, that would be perfect. Could I also ask for the location for the courtesy exit call please?

Kind regards
 [redacted]

[redacted]
Executive Assistant
U.S. Consulate General Edinburgh
3 Regent Terrace, Edinburgh EH7 5BW
[\[redacted\]@state.gov](mailto:[redacted]@state.gov)

From: [\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot) <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 10:49 AM
To: [redacted] (London) <[\[redacted\]@state.gov](mailto:[redacted]@state.gov)>; [\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)
Cc: [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh) <[\[redacted\]@state.gov](mailto:[redacted]@state.gov)>; John.Primrose@gov.scot
Subject: RE: CG Hillmeyer Departure

Hi [redacted]

Mr Robertson's office have suggested he could do 13:00 – 13:30 on Wednesday 26th. Please let me know if this works and I'll get it confirmed.

Many thanks
[redacted]

From: [redacted] (London) <[\[redacted\]@state.gov](mailto:[redacted]@state.gov)>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 9:14 AM
To: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Cc: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh) <[\[redacted\]D@state.gov](mailto:[redacted]D@state.gov)>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: CG Hillmeyer Departure

Hi [redacted],

Many thanks for your email.

Could we suggest alternative dates/time below for your consideration please? I'm afraid CG and his team has other commitments at the Consulate in the afternoon of the 18th and 20th of June.

Monday 17th June: 09:00 – 17:00
Friday 21st June: 09:00 – 17:00
Wednesday 26th June: 09:00 – 17:00

Please let me know if any of these would suit, if not we could move our meetings around to accommodate the indicated date/time.

Kind regards
[redacted]

[redacted]
Executive Assistant
U.S. Consulate General Edinburgh
3 Regent Terrace, Edinburgh EH7 5BW
[\[redacted\]@state.gov](mailto:[redacted]@state.gov)

From: [redacted]@gov.scot <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 4:31 PM
To: [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]@state.gov>; John.Primrose@gov.scot
Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted] (London) <[redacted]@state.gov>
Subject: RE: CG Hillmeyer Departure

Hi [redacted]

The Cab Sec's office have indicated Tuesday 18th or Thursday 20th June from 15:00 – 16:30. If unsuitable they are happy to look for alternative times.

Many thanks,
[redacted]

[redacted]
International Relations Team Leader | Directorate for External Affairs | Scottish Government |
[redacted]
Pronouns [redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 12:34 PM
To: '[redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh)' <[redacted]@state.gov>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] (London) <[redacted]@state.gov>
Subject: RE: CG Hillmeyer Departure

Hi [redacted]

I'll pick this up with the Cab Sec's office just now. Also conscious that I need to get back to you on [redacted] [redacted]'s visit and I am hoping to get confirmation on that today.

Many thanks,
[redacted]

[redacted]
International Relations Team Leader | Directorate for External Affairs | Scottish Government |
[redacted]
Pronouns [redacted]

From: [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]@state.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 12:02 PM
To: John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] (London) <[redacted]@state.gov>
Subject: RE: CG Hillmeyer Departure

Wonderful –

[redacted]/[redacted] – if you could please advise on some appropriate dates/times, that would be great!

[redacted]

From: John.Primrose@gov.scot <John.Primrose@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 11:40 AM
To: [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh) <[\[redacted\]@state.gov](mailto:[redacted]@state.gov)>
Cc: [\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot); [\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)
Subject: RE: CG Hillmeyer Departure

Thanks [redacted], sad times – Jack's been a fantastic CG. Very much looking forward to meeting successor. I'm copying in here [redacted] and [redacted] who I think should be able to help facilitate.

From: [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh) <[\[redacted\]@state.gov](mailto:[redacted]@state.gov)>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 11:06 AM
To: John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>
Subject: CG Hillmeyer Departure

Hi John,

I hope all is well. As you have already heard, we now have confirmation that Jack will be departing post around late July. While I suspect he will be making his farewells with many colleagues during our June 27 Fourth of July celebration, I think it would be ideal if we could arrange for him to have a courtesy exit call with Cab Sec. Robertson earlier that week or in mid-June.

Welcome your thoughts on the appropriate location/date.

Best,

[redacted]

[redacted][redacted] ([redacted])
Consul - Political/Economic Affairs
U.S. Consulate General in Edinburgh
[\[redacted\]@state.gov](mailto:[redacted]@state.gov)

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Hi [redacted],

Sorry yes – the Consulate seem to refer to introductory/exit meetings as calls! I've checked and they're looking for the location so I'll let them know Parliament suits.

Thanks for understanding! I'll also flag to the Parliament IR Team as they might want to have a meeting while he's there.

Many thanks
[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 11:26 AM
To: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Cc: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: US CG Hillmeyer Departure - Farewell call - end of June

Hi [redacted],

Apologies if I have misunderstood but the original requests refers to a short call? I was anticipating this being a short teams meeting but happy to have it in Parliament if that is the preference?

Best Wishes,
[REDACTED]

[redacted] ([redacted])

Assistant Private Secretary to Angus Robertson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture
 Ministerial Private Office
 St [redacted]'s House
 Edinburgh

cabsecCEAC@gov.scot | www.gov.scot |

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From: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 11:00 AM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Cc: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Subject: RE: US CG Hillmeyer Departure - Farewell call - end of June

Hi [redacted]

This suits the Consulate perfectly thank you. Grateful if you can confirm please where the meeting will take place.

Many thanks
[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 11:33 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: US CG Hillmeyer Departure - Farewell call - end of June

Hi [redacted],

We could do 13:00 – 13:30 on Wednesday 26th?

Best Wishes,
[redacted]

[redacted] ([redacted])

Assistant Private Secretary to Angus Robertson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture
Ministerial Private Office
St [redacted]'s House
Edinburgh

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 11:14 AM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: US CG Hillmeyer Departure - Farewell call - end of June

Hi [redacted],

Unfortunately the CG and his team have other commitments at the Consulate in the afternoon of the 18th and 20th of June. They have asked if we could consider any of the below dates:

- Monday 17th June: 09:00 – 17:00
- Friday 21st June: 09:00 – 17:00
- Wednesday 26th June: 09:00 – 17:00

Many thanks,
[redacted]

[redacted]

International Relations Team Leader | Directorate for External Affairs | Scottish Government |
[redacted]
Pronouns [redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 4:27 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: US CG Hillmeyer Departure - Farewell call - end of June

Hiya,

We can offer Tuesday 18th or Thursday 20th 15:00 – 16:30 if that would be suitable?
 Happy to look for more times if necessary

Best Wishes,
 [redacted]

[redacted] ([redacted])

Assistant Private Secretary to Angus Robertson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for
 Constitution, External Affairs and Culture
 Ministerial Private Office
 St [redacted]'s House
 Edinburgh

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From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 4:16 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: US CG Hillmeyer Departure - Farewell call - end of June

PS Cab Sec CEAC

The outgoing US CG Jack Hillmeyer would like to arrange a final farewell call with the Cabinet Secretary either w/c 17 or w/c 24 June. Grateful if you could advise on Mr Robertson's availability for a short call.

Please note that officials are also working on a leaving event for Mr Hillmeyer and further detail will be provided to the Cabinet Secretary.

Many thanks,
 [redacted]

[redacted]

International Relations Team Leader | Directorate for External Affairs | Scottish Government |
 [redacted]
 Pronouns [redacted]

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From: John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 12:27 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Deputy Director European Relations <DeputyDirectorEuropeanRelations@gov.scot>; [redacted] (FCO) <[redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Jack Hillmeyer moving on

Cabsec PO felt July more likely for Cabsec. I think prob better for Jack too, and prospects we can stand something up. What do folks think on this – what have we done in past Donna/Frank?

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 12:25 PM
To: John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Deputy Director European Relations <DeputyDirectorEuropeanRelations@gov.scot>; [redacted] (FCO) <[redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Jack Hillmeyer moving on

Hi John

Thanks for your email on this, lots to think about and would be good to hear views. I understand his availability is going to be better in June versus July but I am happy to

put any dates to both Cab Sec and Jack for consideration once we have developed something.

For my part I wanted to update Jack's farewell meeting with FM has been arranged at Bute House on Tuesday 18 June at 11:30am.

I nominated him for a hospitality invitation to The Open via our Culture/Major events team and he has been offered this on 20 July (he has asked colleagues for more detail on the hospitality so he can get permission from the US Government to receive).

On our US call this week [redacted] also suggested we present a letter from FM to Jack thanking him for all his efforts during his busy tenure here, so I will work on that too.

Thanks

[redacted]

From: John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>

Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 4:52 PM

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Deputy Director European Relations <DeputyDirectorEuropeanRelations@gov.scot>; [redacted] (FCO) <[redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk>; [redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: Jack Hillmeyer moving on

Hi folks,

Jack H is moving on from his tour in Edinburgh. I don't know who is replacing as yet but I think it would be good to do something for him to say thanks, both as a great CG, and also for time served as the Dean. As such I'm pinging round an email rather wide to see what you all thought, and any ideas?

Jack is available from 9th July and then leaves on 22nd July – Cabsec himself I understand may be around from 16th July.

Welcome any and all ideas for what we could do – drinks at party? Rent a little room somewhere?

Also on invitees – could be corps, MSPs concerned on US side, others?

Looping in ER who may also have ideas – I think they are doing something similar for [redacted]. Once we've worked this out, be good [redacted] if you could pull together a note to pitch to cabsec on this, and lock time in diary.

Best

John

John Primrose (he/him) | Deputy Director International | Directorate for External Affairs | Scottish Government | 2H South, Victoria Quay, Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ | ✉: john.primrose@gov.scot | 📞 and Whatsapp: [redacted] | twitter: @John_Primrose

ITEM 15

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 11:29 AM
To: [redacted] (London) <[redacted]@state.gov>
Cc: [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]D@state.gov>; [redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]>
Subject: RE: Jack's Availability - Farewell Meeting with FM / [redacted]

Hi [redacted]

Not being a pain at all! [redacted] will be in that area of town so it suits perfectly to have the meeting there 😊 I'll keep the room in VQ as a back up but I'll join you in the optimism, and hopefully we don't need to use it!

Thanks
 [redacted]

From: [redacted] (London) <[\[redacted\]@state.gov](mailto:[redacted]@state.gov)>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 11:26 AM
To: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Cc: [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh) <[\[redacted\]@state.gov](mailto:[redacted]@state.gov)>; [redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]>
Subject: RE: Jack's Availability - Farewell Meeting with FM / [redacted]

Hi [redacted],

Sorry to be a pain. If it's ok with you and [redacted], would it be possible to invite [redacted] for a meeting at the Consulate? We are making progress and optimistic that the consulate should be open and ready to welcome [redacted] by then. I will send out the invite shortly. [redacted] is planning to join the meeting but we will confirm if there's any changes in attendance.

Kind regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:38 AM

To: [redacted] (London) <[redacted]@state.gov>

Cc: [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]D@state.gov>; [redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]>

Subject: RE: Jack's Availability - Farewell Meeting with FM / [redacted]

Hi [redacted]

Ah yes, Victoria Quay would be grand if you're office is still going to be closed and if Jack doesn't mind travelling here! I've booked a room and since it'll be in VQ I'm happy to send the invites. Would anyone else from the Consulate like to be included?

Thanks also for the dates for Jacks meeting with the FM. I have seen some emails on that this morning so you'll likely hear from us very soon on that!

All best,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] (London) <[redacted]@state.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 8:54 AM

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]D@state.gov>; [redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]>

Subject: RE: Jack's Availability - Farewell Meeting with FM / [redacted]

Good morning [redacted],

Could I ask for the preferred location for the meeting with [redacted] please? Would it be at Victoria Quay?

For the meeting with FM, here are some dates and times for your consideration.

12th, 13th, 14th June 09:00 – 14:00

17th June 09:00 – 15:00

18th June 09:00 – 13:00

21st June 09:00 – 17:00

Hope this helps. If not, please let me know and I can move things around 😊

Kind regards
[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 5:39 PM
To: [redacted] (London) <[redacted]@state.gov>
Cc: [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]D@state.gov>; [redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]>
Subject: RE: Jack's Availability - Farewell Meeting with FM / [redacted]

Hi [redacted]

Thanks so much for coming back to me so quickly. That sounds excellent, thanks for confirming! If you don't mind sending the invite through please, that would be great. [redacted]'s email is [\[redacted\]\[redacted\]@fcdo.gov.uk](mailto:[redacted][redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk).

Thanks again
[redacted]

From: [redacted] (London) <[redacted]@state.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 1:01 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]D@state.gov>; [redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]>
Subject: RE: Jack's Availability - Farewell Meeting with FM / [redacted]

Hi [redacted],

Many thanks for your email.

Thursday 20th June at 14:00 would be perfect for us?

Feel free to send through an invite or let me know if you would like me to send one out.

Kind regards
[redacted]

From: [redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 12:53 PM
To: [redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: [redacted] (London) <[redacted]@state.gov>; [redacted], [redacted][redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]D@state.gov>
Subject: Re: Jack's Availability - Farewell Meeting with FM / [redacted]

Hi [redacted],

Thanks for this and taking these meetings forward. Just adding Jack's EA [redacted] who can advise on his availability.

Best,

[redacted]

[redacted] [redacted]

Programs Manager

United States Consulate General Edinburgh

Tel: +44 (0)131 556 8315 Ext. [redacted]

Mob: +44 (0)[redacted]

E-mail: [\[redacted\]](mailto:[redacted])

From: [\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot) <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>

Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 12:23 PM

To: [redacted](Edinburgh) <[\[redacted\]](mailto:[redacted])>

Subject: Jack's Availability - Farewell Meeting with FM / [redacted]

Hi [redacted]

I hope you're well and had a good weekend!

I'm going to put a note up shortly to FM's office to get his farewell meeting with Jack set up. I wondered if you could let me know please, if any weeks/days are potentially best to put forward?

Another thing I'm looking at is the programme for [redacted]'s familiarisation visit to Scotland, taking place 17 – 20 June. A couple of possible times I have at the moment are

Tues 18th – 4pm (possibly earlier) or Thurs 20th – 2pm. If either of those suit please let me know and if not, I welcome any suggestions and I'll see where they might fit in with plans in place already.

All best,

[redacted]

[\[redacted\] \(\[redacted\]\)](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot) | [\[redacted\]](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot), International Relations | Scottish Government | Email: [\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot) | M: [\[redacted\]](mailto:[redacted]) | Address: 2H South, Victoria Quay, Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ

ITEM 16

From: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>

Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2024 2:39 PM

To: [redacted] (London) <[\[redacted\]@state.gov](mailto:[redacted]@state.gov)>

Subject: RE: U.S. University Students Visit to Scotland

Hi [redacted]

Thanks so much! Looking forward to meeting with the group shortly. Hope you have a lovely afternoon.

All best,

[redacted]

From: [redacted] (London) <[redacted]@state.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2024 2:02 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: U.S. University Students Visit to Scotland

Hi [redacted],

I have reminded the entire group earlier today to bring their photos ID 😊 They will have their U.S Driver's license with them.

I will let Jack and the group know about the entrance. Many thanks for all your help. Much appreciated.

Kind regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2024 1:58 PM
To: [redacted] (London) <[redacted]@state.gov>
Subject: RE: U.S. University Students Visit to Scotland

Hi [redacted]

That's great – I trust everyone in the group will have their photo ID?

If he just comes to the main reception at VQ, there's just the one and it's half way down the building if that makes sense? Security staff will be able to check the group in and will call on me to come down. I've ordered tea and coffee for all, too.

All best,

[redacted]

From: [redacted] (London) <[redacted]@state.gov>

Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2024 1:00 PM

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: U.S. University Students Visit to Scotland

Hi [redacted],

Just to confirm, it will just be Jack Hillmeyer, Consul General, attending the event with the students today. He will have his ID with him.

For the last-minute question, Jack was wondering which entrance should he goes to for the event today please. Would you be able to advise please?

Kind regards

[redacted]

[redacted][redacted]

([redacted])

Executive Assistant

US Consulate General Edinburgh
3 Regent Terrace, Edinburgh EH7 5BW
Email: [redacted]@state.gov

From: [redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 12:09 PM
To: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot
Cc: [redacted] (London) <[redacted]@state.gov>
Subject: RE: U.S. University Students Visit to Scotland

Thanks, [redacted]! I've CC'd in [redacted] so you have her email.

Correct on the set-up, Jack will speak and then take some questions. Great to have you there.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 12:04 PM
To: [redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]>; [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: U.S. University Students Visit to Scotland

Hi [redacted]

[redacted]

Some logistical points and apologies if you're already aware - reception will notify me when the group arrives. It'd be great if everyone arrives with their photo ID ready.

I can check out the setup of the room ahead of time, the tables are usually arranged in groups and everyone will be able to face Jack at the front. Is it a case of Jack speaking to the group, taking on a Q&A style format of event?

[redacted]

All best,

[redacted]

From: [redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]>

Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 11:53 AM

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: U.S. University Students Visit to Scotland

[redacted],

Quick question – will anyone from the Scottish Government be attending this? I don't believe it is expected, but wondered if anyone might be planning on dropping in.

Thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted](Edinburgh)

Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 9:04 AM

To: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: U.S. University Students Visit to Scotland

Welcome back, [redacted]!

The meeting will be from half 3 to half 4 on Thursday.

I won't be joining the group. It will be Jack Hillmeyer and [redacted][redacted] (our new mat leave EA cover for [redacted]) from the Consulate.

Best,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 2:22 PM

To: [redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]>; [redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: U.S. University Students Visit to Scotland

Hi [redacted]

Thanks for sending these across! If you could please confirm the list is current and the exact timings I'll get all that over to security. Will you be joining the group?

All best,

[redacted]

[redacted] ([redacted]) | [redacted], International Relations | Scottish Government | Email: [redacted]@gov.scot | M: [redacted] | Address: 2H South, Victoria Quay, Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ



From: [redacted](Edinburgh) <[redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 2:00 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: U.S. University Students Visit to Scotland

Thanks, [redacted].

[redacted] – You will find below the list of names of students and staff attending. Consul General Jack Hillmeyer will also attend from the Consulate:

[redacted]

[redacted]

ITEM 17

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 2:30 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Summer 2024 golf events - opportunities - Scotland on the world stage / soft power / diplomacy

Hi [redacted], [redacted],

Sorry to come so late to this – I've just returned from leave. I know that US Consul General Jack Hillmeyer is a very keen golfer and golf is a strong link between Scotland and the US that benefits tourism and subsequent wider spend from US visitors, so the Ambassador would be a potential invitee too. Have the US been kept in mind for any of these events or is there still scope to consider them?

Many thanks,
[redacted]

[redacted] ([redacted]) | [redacted], International Relations | Scottish Government | Email: [redacted]@gov.scot | M: [redacted] | Address: 2H South, Victoria Quay, Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ



ITEM 18

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 10:01 AM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Gift for US Consul General

Hi [redacted],

Perfect – I'll see you at party on Wednesday.

[redacted]

International Relations Team Leader | Directorate for External Affairs | Scottish Government | [redacted]
 Pronouns [redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 10:00 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Subject: RE: Gift for US Consul General

Hi [redacted],

Thanks clarifying – I won't try and source anything additional then. And my understanding is that the 1pm meeting on Wednesday is in person, in Mr Robertson's office in parliament– I think there was some confusion over this but we definitely think it's in person in parliament.

Best,
 [redacted]

Private Secretary

Office of Angus Robertson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture CabSecCEAC@gov.scot

From: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 9:54 AM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Cc: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Subject: RE: Gift for US Consul General

Hi [redacted],

We've got bottles of COP26 Whisky we were going to give all the CGs alongside the certificates. So perhaps an additional gift isn't necessary for the Wednesday meeting? Can I just check if the meeting on Wednesday is in person or a call because I was planning to come through to parly on Wednesday to cover it.

Many thanks,
 [redacted]

[redacted]

International Relations Team Leader | Directorate for External Affairs | Scottish Government |
 [redacted]
 Pronouns [redacted]

From: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 9:51 AM
To: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Subject: RE: Gift for US Consul General

Hi [redacted],

V&E can source gifts, although for future reference the more advance warning the better for ease on logistics. The usual option is a quach, but sometimes they have other things available.

Just to check on this, it's a gift AND the certificate, not that the certificate is the gift? Also he has the farewell call at Wednesday lunchtime but is also seeing Mr Hillmeyer at the leaving dinner in the evening with the Ukrainian, Spanish and I believe Indian consuls who are leaving at the end of July. Which occasion would be better to hand over a gift? The certificate would be in the evening, but obviously if we are not doing separate gifts for the others the earlier occasion may be better.

Thanks,
[redacted]

Private Secretary

Office of Angus Robertson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture CabSecCEAC@gov.scot

From: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 9:31 AM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024 <CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Subject: Gift for US Consul General

Good morning

I had been chatting last week with [redacted] about a gift for Mr Robertson's meeting with Jack Hillmeyer – he has a farewell meeting with him in the diary for Wednesday 25th at 1pm. [redacted] mentioned that V&E could source a gift, if we had nothing in mind, and I think you have a diary call this morning with Mr Robertson so could check his preference on what gift to arrange.

I see [redacted]'s out of office today so I just wanted to send a note across to see if this could be taken forward please. To note Officials have organised the leaving 'certificate' at Mr Robertson's request that I believe will be given at their dinner on the same evening.

All best,
[redacted]

[\[redacted\]](#) ([redacted]) | [redacted], International Relations | Scottish Government | Email: [\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot) | M: [redacted] | Address: 2H South, Victoria Quay, Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ

ITEM 19

From: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2024 1:53 PM
To: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; John Primrose

<John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Frank Strang
 <Frank.Strang@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Deputy Director European Relations
 <DeputyDirectorEuropeanRelations@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: URGENT - Certificate and guest list

I attach below the latest list of invitees - this is on the understanding that all are unlikely to be able to attend. Grateful if you could indicate you are content and if you have any that you think may be missing to enable the invites to issue this afternoon.

Thanks

[redacted]

[out of scope]

[redacted] | Europe Division | European Relations
 Area 2H (South) | Victoria Quay | Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ | 📞 [\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot) | 📠 Office +44 (0)131 244 4470
 | Mobile [redacted]



From: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2024 12:12 PM
To: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; John Primrose
 <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Cc: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; [redacted]
 <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Subject: RE: URGENT - Certificate and guest list

Hi [redacted],

I will circulate the final guest list as we have it within the next 30 mins for final clearance and the invites will issue following that. Just looking for confirmation on Indian CG and invites and have asked [redacted] and [redacted] (added to the circulation)

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[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2024 11:59 AM
To: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Cc: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Subject: RE: URGENT - Certificate and guest list

Hi [redacted],

Can I just check what your plans are with the guest list? Are you sending save the dates out to all invitees or just the ones for your country geographies? Ideally a save the date needs to go out today to give them enough notice.

Many thanks,
[redacted]

[redacted]

International Relations Team Leader | Directorate for External Affairs | Scottish Government |
[redacted]
Pronouns [redacted]

From: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 5:12 PM
To: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Cc: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Subject: RE: URGENT - Certificate and guest list

Hi [redacted]

[out of scope]

Best,
[redacted]

[redacted]

International Relations Team Leader | Directorate for External Affairs | Scottish Government |
[redacted]
Pronouns [redacted]

From: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 10:18 AM
To: John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Cc: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Subject: URGENT - Certificate and guest list

Hello!

As CabSec has ok'd the document, can I please get any of you to populate this for Jack? Something short on the "contribution" bit will do. Need this ASAP so I can send to APS.

Also, could I get a 3-4 names and contact details for guests relating to Jack?

The invite I'm planning to send out will be something like this:

To mark the forthcoming departure of [names and titles] we would like to invite you to an informal dinner, hosted by Angus Robertson, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture at Hotel du Vin, 11 Bristo Place, Edinburgh on Wednesday 26 June at 19:45.

I would be grateful if you could confirm if you will be able to attend by close on Monday 24 June and if you can attend if you could also advise if you have any food allergies, religious requirements that you may have.

Thank you.

[redacted] [redacted]

Policy Adviser – Desk Officer for Southern Europe | European Engagement Team | European Relations | Scottish Government |
2H-South, Victoria Quay | Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ |



ITEM 20

From: John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>

Sent: Friday, June 21, 2024 12:28 PM

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: URGENT - Certificate and guest list

Sorry for late commentary here – just noticing text, it doesn't mention Jack's leadership over the consular corps. Can this still be added or is this all with the printers [redacted]?

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 11:05 AM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: URGENT - Certificate and guest list

Hi [redacted]

Please find a draft text attached, to note this hasn't been signed off so grateful if John/[redacted] can comment before this goes to print.

Thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 10:18 AM
To: John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: URGENT - Certificate and guest list

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Thank you.

[redacted] [redacted]

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ITEM 21

Primer for Allied Forces Foundation Dinner

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Running Order:

1800-1830	Arrivals and drinks reception in hotel
1830-1900	Seating and music from Royal Military Band
1900	Meal
2100	Serve the port for speeches and toast the King
2105	Speeches from Senior Soldier, UK and US, John Primrose (if available) and Jack Hilmeyer, Consul General US
2200	National Anthems
2010	Retire to bar

Biography

[out of scope]

Top Lines

[out of scope]

ITEM 22

From: [redacted]@gov.scot <[redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of**
CabSecCEAC@gov.scot
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2024 4:19 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] (FCO) <[redacted]@fcdo.gov.uk>
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024
<CabSecCEAC@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: INVITATION: U.S. Consulate General Edinburgh Independence Day
Reception (June 27, 2024)

Hello,

Grateful if you could advise if this is something Mr R should attend or if you could point me in the right direction of someone who can. Thank you!

Best Wishes,

[REDACTED]

[redacted] ([redacted])

Assistant Private Secretary to Angus Robertson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for
Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

Ministerial Private Office

St Andrew's House

Edinburgh

cabsecCEAC@gov.scot | www.gov.scot |

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From: U.S. Mission Events <edinburgh-rsvp@state.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2024 3:51 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture 2024
<cabsecceac@gov.scot>
Subject: INVITATION: U.S. Consulate General Edinburgh Independence Day Reception
(June 27, 2024)

Dear Angus,

Consul General Jack Hillmeyer & the Staff of the United States
Consulate General Edinburgh

Invites you to celebrate the 248th anniversary of the

Independence of the United States of America

Thursday, June 27, 2024

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Port of Leith Distillery

11 Whisky Quay

Leith

Edinburgh

EH6 6FH

In 1798, Harry Grant was appointed as the first U.S. Consul to Leith by President John Adams. The Consulate remained in Leith until 1883. We hope you are able to join us for "our homecoming."

Dress Code: Smart casual. To add to the spirit of the evening and showcase our own diverse stories, you are encouraged to wear items that represent your own family history or ties to Scotland.

[Click Here to RSVP](#)

Please RSVP using the above link no later than Friday, June 21st.

This email was sent by the U.S. Department of State. Please email Edinburgh-RSVP@state.gov to remove your name from future mailings.

ITEM 23

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 6:11 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted][redacted] <[redacted][redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Communications Constitution, External Affairs and Culture <CommunicationsConstitutionExternalAffairsAndCulture@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted]<[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Comms // FM at U.S. Consulate General Edinburgh Independence Day Reception - 27 June

Hi [redacted]

Happy for my interests.

Best,
[redacted]

[redacted]
International Relations Team Leader | Directorate for External Affairs | Scottish Government | [redacted]
Pronouns [redacted]

From: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 5:44 PM
To: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; [redacted][redacted] <[\[redacted\]\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted][redacted]@gov.scot)>; [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>
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Subject: RE: Comms // FM at U.S. Consulate General Edinburgh Independence Day Reception - 27 June

Thank you [redacted],

I've reached out to outline our comms plans and drafted the below post copy to accompany based on Mr Robertson's briefing pack. Grateful for any views on the content.

XScotGovFM (247 / 280)

Last night, First Minister @JohnSwinney celebrated the strong links between Scotland and the US at an Independence Day Reception held by @USAinScotland alongside US Consul General Jack Hillmeyer. [SCOTLAND FLAG] [USA FLAG]

First Minister's speech  <https://bit.ly/45GbNtK> (PLACEHOLDER LINK)
ATTACH PICTURES

Many thanks,
[redacted]

[redacted]

m: [redacted]

Senior Media Manager | First Minister | Scottish Government |

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From: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>

Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 5:06 PM

To: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; [redacted][redacted] <[\[redacted\]\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted][redacted]@gov.scot)>; [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>

Cc: Communications First Minister <CommunicationsFirstMinister@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; Communications Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

<CommunicationsConstitutionExternalAffairsandCulture@gov.scot>; [redacted]

<[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; [redacted]<[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; [redacted]

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[redacted] [redacted] <[\[redacted\].\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted].[redacted]@gov.scot)>

Subject: RE: Comms // FM at U.S. Consulate General Edinburgh Independence Day Reception - 27 June

Hi [redacted],

I've copied you into a separate chain about the photographer. Yes, I can try and take an audio recording and send it to you on the night. [redacted] [redacted] (now in copy) is currently reworking the speaking note.

Best,

[redacted]

[redacted]

International Relations Team Leader | Directorate for External Affairs | Scottish Government |

[redacted]

Pronouns [redacted]

From: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>

Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 4:56 PM

To: [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; [redacted][redacted] <[\[redacted\]\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted][redacted]@gov.scot)>; [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>; [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted]@gov.scot)>

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Subject: Re: Comms // FM at U.S. Consulate General Edinburgh Independence Day Reception - 27 June

Thanks [redacted] - that would be excellent if the US C-G photographer could share some pix of FM with SG Comms that we could post on social media afterwards. Could you put me in touch with them please?

If FM is making a speech we'll most likely check it against delivery and upload copy to website too (standard for FM speeches). Would you be able to take an audio recording on the night and I can do the checking the following day prior to upload please?

Many thanks
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Hi [redacted],

There will be a photographer at the event taking pictures of speakers and so we should be able to get some shots of FM.

Best,
 [redacted]

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Hi [redacted],

I will be attending as will my Director Shona Riach. I'll check with the consulate on photography and get back to you.

Best,
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Thanks [redacted], helpful to see.

Are any officials attending? And do we know whether the US C-G side has a photographer booked to attend the event?

Many thanks,
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Hi [redacted],

I am waiting to hear back from FMPO to confirm if FM wants to do a speaking slot – the US consulate have requested it. I've attached that briefing and speaking note that was pulled together for Mr Robertson (who is now unable to attend). I'm also waiting for the full guest list from the US Consulate which I likely won't receive until late this afternoon.

I'll loop you in to any further discussions.

Best,
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Hi [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], [redacted],

Hope you're all well?

I've seen from FM's diary that he is due to attend an Independence Day reception hosted by US Consulate General tomorrow evening.

As you assisted [redacted] with the quote and social content for the FM meeting the outgoing US C-G, can I check if you are able to assist with some background on this event? Will FM be speaking at it or attending as a guest?

At first glance it feels like something we would mark with a Tweet on xScotGovFM but happy to discuss any comms handling required.

Many thanks,
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Subject: FW: Domestic engagement work

[out of scope]

I'm also aware that the incoming US Consul General will be starting on 1 August and if you think it would be a good opportunity to engage with her, could you find out if she would be available to come to the Opening of the EIF festival on the 2nd? Would you also be able to have a think about our engagement with her in the margins of the event (what topics we would want to cover; in addition to Mr R, Shona, Joe and someone from the international division, would we want her to meet any other officials/ministers or someone from SDI, for example?). I can go back to EIF colleagues to ask them to hold a ticket to the opening event for her if you think this would be a good idea.

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Thanks,

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Subject: Domestic engagement work

Frank, colleagues,

Please see below an update (and some asks of colleagues) related to progress made on domestic engagement work.

Following conversations with policy officials and external stakeholders, we have identified four events which we could potentially target as part of this work. More detail is below - this also includes some requests of policy colleagues for further information to address gaps in thinking.

- **2 August: Opening event of Edinburgh International Festival**
 - We haven't identified a specific theme but believe this will be a great opportunity for Mr Robertson, Joe Griffin and Shona Riach to engage with some senior culture stakeholders and to build closer relationships with the incoming Consuls Generals.
 - @[redacted] / @[redacted] / @[redacted] / @[redacted] – grateful for a steer on the idea of inviting incoming Consuls General to the event
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Thanks,

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