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From: [REDACTED] (Sensitive)  
Sent: 07 April 2017 19:51  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Matthew Rycroft CBE

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. I am replying as [REDACTED] to the United Nations.

In their meeting on 5 April, Ambassador Matthew Rycroft and Nicola Sturgeon discussed the UK's work with the United Nations.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

UK Mission to the United Nations  
1 Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, 885 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017

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[REDACTED] (Sensitive)

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 06 April 2017 14:54  
To: [REDACTED] KMIS New York) (Sensitive) [REDACTED] (Sensitive) [REDACTED]  
Subject: The first Minister Visit yesterday

Hi.  
Just wanted to thank you for the hard work you put in to make the UN visit yesterday a success. I know you have just come off the back of a very busy month. Without your experience and knowledge the events would not have happened.

[REDACTED]  
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Dh'fhaodadh gum bi teachdaireachd sam bith bho Riaghaltas na h-Alba air a chlàradh neo air a sgrùdadh airson dearbhadh gu bheil an siostam ag obair gu h-èifeachdach neo airson adhbhar laghail eile. Dh'fhaodadh nach eil beachdan anns a' phost-d seo co-ionann ri beachdan Riaghaltas na h-Alba.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04 April 2017 22:58  
**To:** [REDACTED] (UKMIS New York) (Sensitive)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (Sensitive); [REDACTED] (Sensitive); [REDACTED] (Sensitive)  
**Subject:** Re: MEDIA

Thanks [REDACTED] that's all fine.

As discussed earlier, the only media we have invited directly are BBC and photographer so anyone else has come through the accreditation process- it would need to be [REDACTED] for UN media who got in touch with media around notifying them of the timing.

Thanks [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 4 April 2017 17:36  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** MEDIA

Hi [REDACTED]

So we've contacted the Media Accreditation Liaison Unit (MALU) to ask for their permission for the BBC to film the FM getting out of the car. They've turned us down for security reasons and instead suggested that she be filmed inside the UN building immediately as she enters. This is apparently what's done with visiting Heads of State during UN General Assembly week.

[REDACTED] Our Head of Security will meet you at 47 st/1<sup>st</sup> at the UN visitor's entrance at 1145. He'll escort you and the BBC team to the MALU office (S-0250, 2nd floor near the escalators/near protocol office) to pick up the MALU escort for the BBC. We'll leave it to you and the BBC to agree the details for filming with the MALU escort. [REDACTED] will need to come meet the two cars and help us get inside the UN grounds. I hope this is okay?

You should also inform external media (whom you've invited) who have accreditation that they should be at the MALU office (S-0250, 2nd floor near the escalators) by no later than 2.30 to be escorted to CR8.

On the speech, we have roughly 70 RSVPs. These include UN staff from UNDP, OHCHR, UNHCHR, UNICEF UNDSS (Disarmament, Safety and Security). As well as the Amnesty UN office and IOM. The UN office have told us that a number of outlets have asked for accreditation but they won't tell us who. [REDACTED] will bring about 10 reserved signs, and name cards of any senior UN staff. We'll hand these to you and [REDACTED] to decide on seating.

Lastly, I've discussed security procedures with the team. If the number of attendees exceeds 96, the UN may ask that the doors be closed so that we don't go over capacity. One way round this is for [REDACTED] to open and ask the press to take any photos and then leave. That will save on space for UN staffers. Again on this, we need to adhere to UN procedures - so it's up to the accompanying UN Security to decide on how to handle room capacity. You'll have [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on hand for support and advice.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
UK Mission to the United Nations

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04 April 2017 14:25  
**To:** [REDACTED] UKMIS New York) (Sensitive)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (Sensitive); [REDACTED] (Sensitive); [REDACTED] (Sensitive)  
**Subject:** Re: UPDATED PROGRAMME & TRANSPORT PLAN

Hi- I am meeting [REDACTED] at UN Women at 1.20pm now Matthew Rycroft meeting is private. I'll pick up her pass from [REDACTED] when I meet him tomorrow at 11.45am.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 4 April 2017 14:13  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: UPDATED PROGRAMME & TRANSPORT PLAN

[REDACTED]  
Thanks for this.  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 4 April 2017 14:06  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** UPDATED PROGRAMME & TRANSPORT PLAN

[REDACTED]  
Following our recce this morning, please find attached a revised transport plan. This has [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] leaving at 1120 to meet [REDACTED] and the BBC crew at the UN 47<sup>th</sup> St/1<sup>st</sup> Avenue visitor's entrance. Please note that [REDACTED] will now have [REDACTED] UN pass and will hand it over to her tomorrow morning.

We have confirmation that the meeting between the First Minister and Matthew Rycroft is private, so we can't have any media present. As discussed earlier [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] will leave the UN for UN Women once the First Minister is taken to her 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

[REDACTED] will pick up the remaining four at 1pm now.

I'll send a separate update on media, and the speech segment. So far, we have over 70 RSVPs – and will let you know the affiliation of those who have replied. Our suggestion is that any senior people sit close to the FM. We'll have their names/job titles printed out, and you and [redacted] can decide where they sit. We are also looking into the video message and will arrange with the UN technicians to play this after the FM speaks and before the Q&A.

I'd be grateful if you could make sure all of your team have a copy of the programme and transport plan.

Many thanks,

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 03 April 2017 18:28  
To: [REDACTED] KMIS New York) (Sensitive) [REDACTED] (Sensitive)  
Cc: [REDACTED] (Sensitive)  
Subject: Re: FIRST MINISTER NY VISIT & RECCE

[REDACTED]  
Thanks. Happy to meet [REDACTED] at 9 at the hotel.  
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, 3 April 2017 13:12  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: FIRST MINISTER NY VISIT & RECCE

[REDACTED]  
Please find attached the latest version of the programme and transport plan. We'll go through this with the Recce team on Tuesday – [REDACTED] as suggested setting off from the Lexington Hotel at 9am on Tuesday. I'll be there with the cc recipients so we can walk through the movements.

On the programme, Matthew our Perm Rep, has requested that it's a small group and that there's no media/photographer present during his meeting/informal lunch with the First Minister. So this plan has the first group: FM, [REDACTED] B and [REDACTED] leaving from the hotel with me by car at 1225.

[REDACTED] will come pick up the rest of the party at 1250 to travel by foot to the UN. She'll go via UN women to drop [REDACTED] and the photographer at UN Women, so that they're there in time for the FM's arrival.

The rest of the party will have lunch in the UN (UK room) and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] will take them down in time for the speech. [REDACTED] will come get [REDACTED] and the photographer around 2.30 from the Andrew Gilmour meeting so that they can help with the room set up.

We've now sent the invitation to the speech to over 300 people: including the list [REDACTED] provided, your list and our list of Brits who work at the UN. [REDACTED] has also forwarded the invitation to Department of Political Affairs staff. The room is fairly small with a capacity of 96. I know that our respective media experts are in touch with each other.

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] (UKMIS New York) (Sensitive)  
**Sent:** 30 March 2017 16:53  
**To:** [REDACTED] (Sensitive)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (Sensitive)  
**Subject:** NY visit: Programme + transport plan  
**Attachments:** First Minister Transport plan.docx; First Minister 5 April 2017.docx

[REDACTED]

Attached are the latest programme and the transport plan. Matthew can now only meet at the UN, so there's a few changes. Please note the tweaked timings. [REDACTED] this means that there is space for you in the car but I'd be grateful if we can have an understanding that my role on the day as Programme lead will be to ensure that we get to/leave meetings on time. I'd look to you for any contact with the rest of the delegation.

The attendees at the two meetings will be:

First Minister

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], UK mission to the UN  
[REDACTED], UK mission to the UN

[REDACTED] and the photographer will pop in to do photos but then wait outside, along with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

The rest of the team will be in the UK room in the UN HQ where they'll have food and wifi. My colleague [REDACTED] will take them to the conference room 8 at 2.30ish to ensure that it's set up correctly for the speech.

I'll confirm shortly whether I'll come meet you at the hotel. That might be useful as we're now going straight to the UN, where [REDACTED] will meet us to take through security.

Sound okay?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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TRANSPORT PLAN

First Minister's visit, New York, Wednesday 5 April 2017

Timing	Move	Car 1 Land rover	Car 2 Honda
11.45	Transfer from Lexington Hotel 48 <sup>th</sup> Street to UN HQ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue/42nd  Met by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Then transfer to UK room	First Minister [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
12.45	Transfer from UN HQ To UN Women 220 East 42 <sup>nd</sup> Street  Non-car occupants remain in UK room/UN HQ with [REDACTED]	First Minister [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
13.45	Transfer from UN Women 42 <sup>nd</sup> Street to UN HQ 42 <sup>nd</sup> Street	First Minister [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
16.00	Transfer from UN HQ To NYT HQ	First Minister [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Vehicle 1. [REDACTED] Honda Odyssey – SUV Driver [REDACTED] (cell number [REDACTED])

Vehicle 2. [REDACTED] Range Rover – Flag Car Driver [REDACTED] (Cell number [REDACTED])



[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 28 March 2017 11:28  
To: [REDACTED] (UKMIS New York) (Sensitive)  
Subject: FIRST MINISTER OF SCOTLAND HUMAN RIGHTS SPEECH AT THE UN

Hi [REDACTED]

I thought it would be useful to give you the draft programme for the First Minister's event on Wednesday 5 April at 3.00 p.m. This is what I am working on at the moment and we can discuss next week when I am at the UN undertaking a recce.

**15.00**

The **First Minister** is escorted to the conference room and is meet by Teresa Whitfield, Acting Head of Policy and Mediation Division.

**15.05**

The First Minister and Teresa Whitfield will make their way into the conference room and take their seats.

Teresa Whitfield will make her way to the lectern and introduce the First Minister and invite the First Minister to the lectern

**15.10**

The First Minister delivers her speech, lectern with fixed mic.

**15.30**

The First Minister finishes her speech and remains at the lectern. Teresa Whitfield will then host the Q and A session.

**15.55**

The Q and A concludes and Teresa Whitfield gives a vote of thanks.

**16.00**

The First Minister is escorted to the lift and makes her way to the main reception.

**EVENT ENDS**

Happy to have comments/ thoughts.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 30 March 2017 13:30  
To: [REDACTED] (UKMIS New York) (Sensitive)  
Subject: RE: FW: USA VISIT - CAR PLAN FOR UN MEETINGS

[REDACTED]

I am back at my desk if you want to call.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 30 March 2017 12:23  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: FW: USA VISIT - CAR PLAN FOR UN MEETINGS

[REDACTED]

The three staff are: our ambassador, me and our [REDACTED]

I'll be in at work soon and can give you a call. [REDACTED] had suggested to me that the 2nd car occupants go straight to the UN for the speech. There isn't meeting room space at the two locations before the speech.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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On March 30, 2017 at 6:06:32 AM EDT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Further to our conversation yesterday regarding car movements etc for the UN meetings and the number of people we can transport. I have discussed this with the First Minister's Principal Private Secretary [REDACTED]. He has asked given the limited number of spaces do we require 3 of your staff - could you provide 2? That we make space for one of ours.

The two cars have a maximum capacity of 11, take off 2 UK Mission staff and the photographer that leaves 8 spaces for us. Here is a draft plan:

Wednesday 5 April

12.00 Car 2 departs the hotel for the UK Mission ( [redacted] and photographer plus 2 from the UK Mission)

12.15 Car 1 departs hotel for the UK Mission (First Minister, [redacted])

**In the meeting**

First Minister [redacted] and [redacted]

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12.30 Car 2 leaves UK Mission for UN Women meeting ( [redacted] and photographer plus 2 from the UK Mission)

13.00 Car 1 leaves UK Mission for UN Women meeting – First Minister, [redacted], [redacted] and [redacted] (this will be a squeeze but they are all in the meeting).

**In the meeting**

First Minister [redacted] and [redacted]

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13.30 Car 2 leaves UN Women meeting for UN HQ ( [redacted] and photographer plus 2 from the UK Mission)

13.45 Car 1 leaves UN Women meeting for UN HQ - First Minister, [redacted], [redacted] and [redacted] (this will be a squeeze but they are all in the meeting).

**In the meeting**

First Minister [redacted] and [redacted]

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**UN Speech**

Can you confirm where the room for the speech is in relation to the last meeting, if it is the same building etc.

Happy to discuss.

[redacted]

[REDACTED] Sensitive)

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 24 March 2017 18:13  
To: [REDACTED] (UKMIS New York)  
(Sensitive); [REDACTED] (Sensitive)  
Subject: Fwd: Text for UN Talk Invite

[REDACTED]

Sending again as I noticed a slight typo in the previous version.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
Date: March 24, 2017 at 14:10:53 EDT  
Subject: Text for UN Talk Invite  
To: [REDACTED] (UKMIS New York) (Sensitive)  
<[REDACTED]> (Sensitive)  
<[REDACTED]>

[REDACTED]

Please see my suggested text for the First Minsiter's talk to the UN. Is this along the lines you need?

[REDACTED]

**Title:** Women, Peace and Security – Supporting Women in Conflict Zones

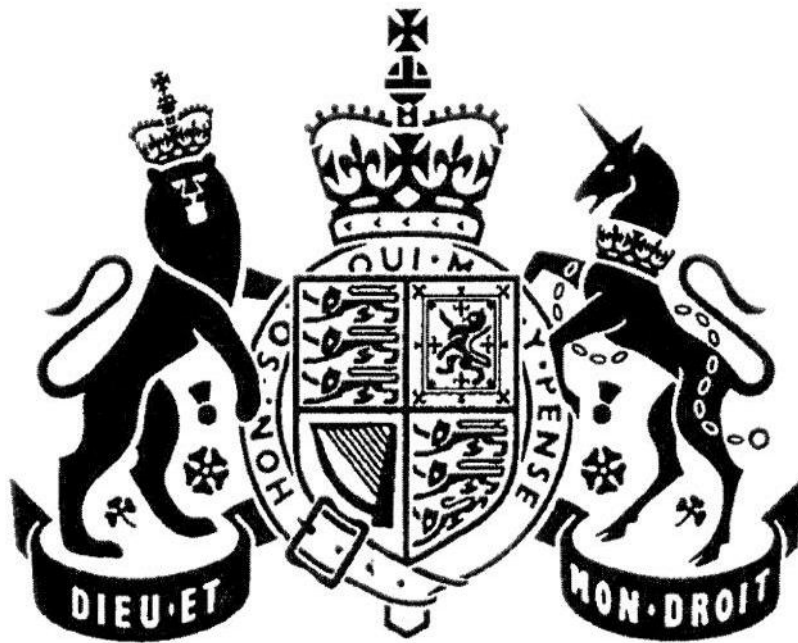
**Summary:** Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon will discuss Scotland's recent work to support Security Council Resolution 1325 by offering training and capacity building to women involved in peacemaking efforts in conflict zones with the assistance of the Mediation Support Unit of the UN Department of Political Affairs, including to the Office of the Special Envoy Syria's groundbreaking Women's Advisory Group. She will discuss how human rights and mediation are crucial tools in preventative diplomacy and highlight

future plans for Scotland to provide further support in this area. This will then be followed by Q&A.

**Nicola Sturgeon:** Voted into the Scottish Parliament in 1999, Nicola Sturgeon became the First Minister of Scotland in 2014 – the first female to hold the position. She led her party to success in the Westminster and Holyrood elections, with the SNP becoming the first party in Scotland to secure a third term in government. She was ranked as the 50th most powerful woman in the world in 2016 and 2nd in the United Kingdom by Forbes magazine.

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First Minister of Scotland  
Rt. Hon. Nicola Sturgeon  
New York  
5 April 2017

**Visit by First Minister of Scotland  
New York, 5 April 2017**

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Matthew Rycroft Permanent Representative  
Peter Wilson Deputy Permanent Representative

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MR Matthew Rycroft  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]



Wednesday 5 April

Time	Event / meeting	Accompanied by	Venue
00.45	Arrival at JFK airport		
02.00	Arrival at Lexington Hotel		511 Lexington Avenue at 48th Street, New York, NY 10017
11.45 Transfer by car to UK Mission 885 Second Avenue/corner of 48th Street			
12.15-12.45	Welcome from Matthew Rycroft, Permanent Representative of the UK to the United Nations  With informal sandwich lunch	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]	UN HQ UK Room
12.45 Transfer by car to UN Women HQ 42nd Street/2nd Avenue			
13.15-13.45	Call on Mrs [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]	UN Women HQ 220 East 42nd Street 19th Floor, New York NY 10017. Contact: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
13.45 Transfer by car to UN HQ			
14.15-14.45	Call on [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]	UN HQ Secretariat Building;13-11 Contact: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
15.00-16.00	Address to UN staff on: Women, Peace and Security – Supporting Women in Conflict Zones	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]	UN HQ Conference Room 8 (will be live streamed on UN webtv)
End of UN programme; transfer to NYT, 620 8th Avenue			

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**From:** [REDACTED] (Sensitive)  
**Sent:** 20 March 2017 19:09  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: First Minister visit

Hi [REDACTED]

Let's go for that. My details below. Speak to you Wednesday.

[REDACTED]

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**Tel:** [REDACTED]  
**Cell:** [REDACTED]



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 20 March 2017 14:55  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: First Minister visit

Hi- I could do 4pm my time that day? Thanks for picking up so quickly.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 March 2017 18:12  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: First Minister visit

[REDACTED]

Thanks for getting in touch. How about a call on Wednesday? I can do any-time after 10am New York time, which should be after 2pm in Edinburgh.

[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 19 March 2017 07:18  
**To:** [Redacted] (UKMIS New York) (Sensitive)  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: First Minister visit

Thanks [Redacted] – I am grateful for the virtual introduction.

[Redacted] – would it be useful to chat this week about plans for the event? I am in UK, but afternoons are relatively clear for me this week.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 18 March 2017 19:51  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: First Minister visit

[REDACTED]

Good to chat and grateful if you can let me know when the various requests have went in.

I'm copying in my colleague [REDACTED] in our comms department so she can link in with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the First Minister's events team as he will be handling logistics.

[REDACTED]

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On March 17, 2017 at 18:16:41 EDT, [REDACTED] (UKMIS New York) (Sensitive)  
[REDACTED] wrote:

[REDACTED]

Thanks for the phone call earlier. I've cced our [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Do please keep me posted on the invitations for the speech and the team who'll be accompanying the principal.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] (Sensitive)  
Sent: 16 March 2017 18:30  
To: [REDACTED] UKMIS New York) (Sensitive)  
Subject: RE: Re: First Minister Talk and Meetings at the UN

Sure tomorrow is fine with me. Would 12pm suit?

[REDACTED]

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On March 16, 2017 at 14:07:34 EDT, [REDACTED] UKMIS New York) (Sensitive)  
[REDACTED] wrote:

Hi [REDACTED]

I'm at an all day seminar today and accompanying a visitor tomorrow until 3. Any chance we could speak tomorrow?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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On March 16, 2017 at 1:34:15 PM EDT, [REDACTED] (Sensitive) <[REDACTED]> wrote:

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your response and offer to help make the arrangements as per below, it's very much appreciated. I will check with the First Minister if she is content for Matthew to attend the meeting with the SG, but I don't expect that will be an issue.

If [REDACTED] can contact me in the first instance to discuss the arrangements that would be great, and I can then loop in any relevant people from the Scottish Government team. If an initial call would be best to do that I'm free this afternoon from around 1500.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
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Telephone: [REDACTED]

Mobile: [REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] (Sensitive)

**Sent:** 16 March 2017 12:48

**To:** [REDACTED] (Sensitive)

**Cc:** [REDACTED] (Sensitive); [REDACTED] (Sensitive);

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Peter Wilson (UKMIS NY) (Sensitive); [REDACTED] (Sensitive); [REDACTED]

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Best wishes

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**From:** [REDACTED] (Sensitive)

**Sent:** 13 March 2017 11:42

**To:** Matthew Rycroft (Sensitive)

**Cc:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (Sensitive); [REDACTED]

**Subject:** First Minister Talk and Meetings at the UN

Matthew

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### Talk

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Thanks for your support.

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[REDACTED]

Thank you for your response and offer to help make the arrangements as per below, it's very much appreciated. I will check with the First Minister if she is content for Matthew to attend the meeting with the SG, but I don't expect that will be an issue.

If [REDACTED] can contact me in the first instance to discuss the arrangements that would great, and I can then loop in any relevant people from the Scottish Government team. If an initial call would be best to do that I'm free this afternoon from around 1500.

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