

# **EXHIBIT I**

From: Rick Gates <rgates@[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2014, 10:44 AM  
To: Person D2 [REDACTED]  
Cc: Person D1 [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Items

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Excellent. Thank you.

On Jan 29, 2014, at 7:44 AM, Person D2 [REDACTED] wrote:

[REDACTED] said yes.

Working on piece today and should have draft by tomorrow.

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**From:** Person D1 [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Wednesday, 29 January 2014 14:41  
**To:** Rick Gates <rgates@[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Person D2 [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Items

Sure  
But they will ask if that means they are renewed for the next 6 months or not....

On Jan 29, 2014, at 1:31 PM, Rick Gates <rgates@[REDACTED]> wrote:

D1/D2 [REDACTED]

We have an assignment in regards to an oped that was published in the NYT yesterday which I am placing below. We need to have one of our friends write an oped that focuses on two things. A partial response to the NYT piece, and focus on the differences between a legitimate opposition and violent thugs such as:

1. There is a great difference between legitimate political protest which is non-violent and violent attacks on police officers and public buildings.
2. The former is an essential component of democracy. The latter has no place in the political dialogue of democracy.
3. The leaders of the Ukrainian opposition and the peaceful protestors in the Maidan need to distance themselves from violent extremists and completely repudiate their actions.
4. These leaders cannot allow violent rightwing extremists to exercise a veto over their political decisions and the future of Ukraine.

Let me know a time that you can Skype today to discuss. Thanks.