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Under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. subsection 552, I am writing to request you provide me with any Department of Energy documents, cables, internal memos etc regarding Gennady Timchenko (first name may also be spelled Gennadi or Guennady or Guennadi and his last name may also be spelled Timtchenko) and/or the company Gunvor. Mr Timchenko is a Russian-born Finnish citizen and the main shareholder in Gunvor, an oil trading company. He and it are based in Geneva, Switzerland. However the company's complicated trail of corporate ownership includes the British Virgin Islands, Cyprus, the Netherlands, Finland, Russia, Sweden and Estonia.

Both he and the company are of great interest to law-enforcement bodies and other government agencies around the world for reasons I will be glad to explain if it will help you search for documents. Mr Timchenko is a leading member of the inner circle around Vladimir Putin, currently prime minister of Russia. He is a former officer in the KGB 1st Directorate (external espionage).

Mr Timchenko has been active in business in Estonia and Finland in the 1990s but came to public notice when his friend Vladimir Putin became president of Russia. Gunvor has become one of the largest oil trading companies in the world in the past four years, largely thanks to its close political ties with the Russian government. I am sure that this has been monitored by State Department officials and discussed with them with other government agencies. I am not requesting that confidential or secret material be provided, or anything that might endanger sources or methods.

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