

## Putin Envoy Visits U.S. for Talks After New Sanctions – Reports

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Russia's Special Presidential Envoy on Foreign Investment and Economic Cooperation Kirill Dmitriev. **Sergei Bulkin / TASS** 

President Vladimir Putin's economic cooperation envoy has arrived in the United States for talks, just days after U.S. President Donald Trump imposed sanctions on two Russian oil giants, CNN <u>reported</u> Friday, citing sources with knowledge of the visit.

Kirill Dmitriev's second U.S. visit since the start of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022 is reportedly intended "to continue discussions about the U.S.-Russia relationship."

Axios, citing two sources with knowledge of the plans, <u>reported</u> that Dmitriev is expected to meet White House envoy Steve Witkoff in Miami on Saturday.

Dmitriev previously met with Witkoff in Washington in April, when the U.S. government temporarily lifted sanctions against the Russian envoy to allow the State Department to grant him a visa.

The latest trip comes amid heightened tensions following Trump's decision to sanction Russian oil giants Rosneft and Lukoil, as well as to cancel a planned summit with Putin after failing to secure progress on a ceasefire in Ukraine.

The Kremlin has dismissed the sanctions as political pressure.

Dmitriev <u>shared</u> an image of an in-flight map display on Friday afternoon showing what is presumed to be his passenger plane over the U.S. state of Massachusetts approaching New York.

Dmitriev's visit also coincides with U.S. congressional interest in reopening dialogue with Russia.

Earlier in October, Florida congresswoman and Trump ally Anna Paulina Luna <u>said</u> she would meet Dmitriev "later this month" without specifying the agenda.

Last week, Dmitriev <u>proposed</u> a so-called Putin-Trump Tunnel between Alaska and Russia as a "symbol of unity," suggesting Elon Musk's Boring Company could build the \$8 billion undersea link in eight years.

Dmitriev, who heads the Russian Direct Investment Fund, has not commented on his U.S. visit on his social media accounts.

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