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CHARGE IS REQUIRED TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON TO PRESIDENT (OR PRESIDENT-ELECT, AS THE CASE MAY BE) ALEKSANDR LUKASHENKO AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. THERE WILL BE NO SIGNED ORIGINAL TO FOLLOW.

BEGIN TEXT:
DEAR MR. PRESIDENT (-ELECT):

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS. THE VOTE FOR THE FIRST PRESIDENT IN YOUR COUNTRY'S HISTORY MARKS ANOTHER IMPORTANT STEP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DEMOCRATIC, INDEPENDENT BELARUS. WE SALUTE THE PEOPLE OF BELARUS WHO TURNED OUT IN SUCH STRONG NUMBERS IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROCESS, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS FOR PARLIAMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

AS I EXPRESSED DURING MY VISIT TO MINSK EARLIER THIS YEAR, OUR TWO NATIONS HAVE BUILT A STRONG COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP. BELARUS HAS EARNED THE ADMIRATION AND RESPECT OF AMERICA AND THE WORLD FOR ITS UNSWERVING COMMITMENT TO A NON-NUCLEAR FUTURE. I LOOK FORWARD TO A CONTINUATION OF THIS POLICY UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND PLEDGE AMERICA'S CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR YOUR EFFORTS. I ALSO REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO ASSIST BELARUS IN ITS DIFFICULT TRANSITION TO A MARKET ECONOMY. DESPITE THE MANY HARDSHIPS INVOLVED, I AM CONVINCED THAT ECONOMIC REFORMS OFFER THE SUREST PROSPECT FOR THE LONGTERM PROSPERITY AND WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE OF BELARUS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

WITH BEST WISHES,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

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I WANT YOU TO KNOW THE WEST STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE ADOPTION OF AN ECONOMIC REFORM PROGRAM FOR UKRAINE. I KNOW YOU WILL MAKE THIS ISSUE A TOP PRIORITY. WE ARE WELL AWARE OF UKRAINE'S ECONOMIC PREDICAMENT AND ARE WILLING TO HELP YOUR REFORM EFFORT. LED BY THE U.S., THE G-7 COUNTRIES ANNOUNCED IN NAPLES OVER THE WEEKEND A COMMITMENT TO MOBILIZE MORE THAN $4 BILLION TO SUPPORT A COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC REFORM PROGRAM. IN ADDITION, THE U.S. HAS COMMITTED TO PROVIDE $350 MILLION IN DIRECT ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN 1994 ALONE. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE $350 MILLION IN NUNN-LUGAR FUNDS THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS PLEDGED TO UKRAINE. AS YOU MAKE THE COMMITMENT TO ECONOMIC REFORM, YOU CAN COUNT ON THE SUPPORT OF THE WEST.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

July 12, 1994

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: NICHOLAS BURNS NB

FROM: JOHN BEYRLE/ROSE GOTTEMOELLER NB for

SUBJECT: Presidential Messages to Presidents-elect of Ukraine and Belarus

According to authoritative but still unofficial vote tallies, Ukraine and Belarus have elected new Presidents. We believe it is important for the President to convey his early congratulations to the presidents-elect to underscore our desire for continuity in our relations with both countries, especially in the critical areas of nuclear disarmament and economic reform.

We will recommend separately that the President call Ukrainian President-elect Kuchma in the very near future to establish personal contact, which proved so useful with Kravchuk. We believe that a letter alone constitutes appropriate contact with Belarusian President-elect Lukashenko.

In addition, we will also prepare separately a brief message to Kravchuk from the President to thank him for his cooperation during the past year and a half.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the attached Presidential messages for transmission to Embassies Kiev and Minsk.

Approve AL Disapprove _____

Attachments
Tab I Message to President-elect Kuchma
Tab II Message to President-elect Lukashenko

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PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON TO PRESIDENT KUCHMA AT OPENING OF BUSINESS ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.

NO SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL FOLLOW.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

September 17, 1994

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MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: NICHOLAS BURNS NB Sign for

FROM: ROSE GOTTEMOELLER

SUBJECT: Letter to President Kuchma of Ukraine

President Leonid Kuchma of Ukraine has written to the President (Tab I) accepting his invitation to visit Washington on November 29 and describing Kuchma's concern that Ukraine receive adequate support for undertaking economic reforms and fulfilling its security commitments. Kuchma notes that he would like to have the means to reassure the Parliament and Ukrainian people that Ukraine has "someone to rely on" in this regard. Kuchma has been publicly skeptical since his election campaign that the United States could be such a reliable partner.

Kuchma will be presenting a major speech to his Parliament this week, outlining his policy initiatives for Ukraine's economy, security relationships and foreign policy. We would like to encourage Kuchma to use the occasion of this speech to underscore the point that the United States and Ukraine are developing a solid relationship and in fact can rely on each other in building policy initiatives in the interest of both nations. The attached message from the President to President Kuchma (Tab I) emphasizes this point and also reminds Kuchma that we believe our two policy priorities--NPT accession and economic reform--are solidly in Ukraine's national interest.

We would like to transmit this message by Sunday evening so that Ambassador Miller can deliver it at opening of business Kiev time on Monday. Kuchma's speech to his Parliament could come as early as Tuesday.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve transmittal of the message to President Kuchma at Tab I.

Approve ✓ Disapprove _____

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Attachments
Tab I Response to President Kuchma
Tab II Incoming Letter to the President

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HIS EXCELLENCY
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from Ukrainian

President of Ukraine

August 31, 1994
Kyiv

Dear Mr.President,

Let me, first of all, thank you for your invitation to pay an official visit to the United States of America, which I accept with appreciation.

Frank and sincere discussion which I had with Vice-President Albert Gore during his short visit to Ukraine testifies both to the increasing mutual understanding between our countries and to the fact that we are still far from asserting that the potential in the development of the Ukrainian-American relations has been fully exhausted.

Our meeting with Mr.Gore gives grounds to note the increased understanding of the role which free and democratic Ukraine has to play in ensuring stability and security on the continent of Europe. In this connection, I would like to stress again the importance of understanding the significance of a timely support and assistance on the part of our friends and partners in promoting the interests of the soonest stabilization of the Ukrainian economy and conducting the economic reforms.

I avail myself of this opportunity to express again my gratitude to you, Mr.President, for supporting Ukraine, in particular during the Naples G-7 meeting. We will do our best to realize its resolutions concerning Ukraine. At the same time, we would welcome

His Excellency
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the U.S. initiative as to holding in Canada, as early as this fall, a conference on co-operation in the area of economic transformations in Ukraine.

I would very much wish our future meeting to have practical contents in political, economic and other areas and be accepted by the peoples of our countries not only with understanding but also with the realization that it has produced concrete results which directly concern the vital interests of every citizen. I would particularly like to have the opportunity to assure the Ukrainian nation and the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine that there is somebody whom we can rely on in carrying out the economic reforms which will have quick and persuading results, that the support and assistance from our partners is adequate to our today's needs, to the rate and scale of Ukraine's fulfilling its unprecedented commitments in the field of nuclear disarmament.

I express my confidence that the majority of still outstanding issues in the Ukrainian-American agenda will be successfully resolved during the time pending our personal meeting by mutual efforts in the spirit of democratic and equal partnership.

Please accept, Mr.President, the assurances of my highest and sincere consideration.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

Leonid Kuchma,
President of Ukraine

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President of Ukaine

September 30, 1994
Kyiv

Dear Bill:

I would like to cordially thank you for your letter of September 19, 1994. I regard it as a new proof of the intention to continue to develop and deepen the relationship between our two countries, to fill them with a practical content that would be adequate to our vision of these relations.

I agree, in general, with your thoughts and would like to present my views in this regard.

Undoubtedly, an important goal of our negotiations is the signing of a Charter of Ukraine-USA partnership, friendship and cooperation. At the same time, we also give much importance to the conclusion of an "umbrella" agreement on cooperation in the field of exploration and use of outer space, an important element of which, in my view, should be the achievement of an agreement on the principles of providing services as to space launches on commercial terms. This would be a logical follow-up of the Ukrainian-American dialogue on the issues of initiating and developing cooperation in the space-missile field with due attention, of course, to the existing regimes of non-proliferation.

These two documents must reiterate our intention to further strengthen and deepen bilateral relations on the basis of democratic partnership, mutual respect and trust.

His Excellency
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States of America
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As far as the issue of Ukraine's accession to the NPT is concerned, I would like to inform you that recently I have presented to Verkhovna Rada a proposal to consider this issue without delay and make a decision on Ukraine's accession to this Treaty. Naturally, I can not define when and in what way the Parliament will solve this issue. But I assure you that I take and will continue to take all measures that the decision by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine is taken as early as possible.

In this connection, I have to draw your attention to two aspects which have a considerable meaning for the solution of this problem.

First, this is the issue of guarantees of national security of Ukraine. Our positions on this issue, of which the American side is aware, are minimally necessary for this step to reach its goal, without putting forward any principally new commitments from the United States. In that regard, I am forwarding to you a separate letter. The final agreement on a respective document will substantially facilitate the positive decision by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on the accession to the NPT. I hope that during the visit to Washington in early October of a delegation led by Mr. Boris Tarasyuk, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, it will be possible to finalize the text of a Memorandum which will be then initialled by the Foreign Ministers of the United States, Russia, the United Kingdom, France, and Ukraine. The signing of this document by the leaders of these States may take place during the CSCE summit in Budapest on December 5-6, this year. That opportunity could also be used for the exchange of documents about the ratification of START-1, and for a meeting of the Presidents of Ukraine, the United States and Russia to discuss the process of realization of the Trilateral statement of January 14, 1994.

Secondly, the intensification of assistance in the implementation of nuclear disarmament of Ukraine, which you had announced in March this year, would have an essentially positive impact on the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. A certain movement in the pace of this assistance is positively accepted in Ukraine, but we must emphasize the need of a more substantial utilization of the existing possibilities in this direction. It has to be clearly shown that this assistance to

Ukraine is being undertaken on a full scale, and this has to be demonstrated just at this moment.

We are very greatful to you for your personal participation and support in defining the projects of economic assistance to Ukraine, specifically of the decisions adopted in Naples, inasmuch as the issue of economic reforms is becoming the major issue on the agenda of the life of states. I personally, as President of Ukraine, promote the idea that these reforms be started as soon as possible. This would be the crucial subject of my intervention in the Parliament in the coming days.

The Government of Ukraine understands that the future of a socio-economic development of Ukraine, as well as its mutually beneficial trade and economic relations with other countries of the world depend not as much on the political will of these nations and internationals financial institutions as on the way of socio-political development that Ukraine will choose.

The Government of Ukraine and the IMF have already agreed upon the program of macroeconomic stabilization, the question of its approval will be considered at the annual meetings of IMF and WB at the beginning of October in Madrid with participation of the Ukrainian delegation. The program of reforms envisages the liberalization of trade and price policies, the privatization of state enterprises through a respective wide-scale program, the creation of a legal basis of a market economy and the ensuring of financial stability by means of reducing deficit of the budget and the implementation of a clear and balanced credit and money policies. In our view, such a program would open for Ukraine a way to a modern market economy.

We also give hope to the forthcoming G-7 Conference in October in Canada, which, in our view, could become the follow-up of the Naples initiative concerning the assistance to Ukraine. We expect the support of our proposals on specific programs which will be presented by Ukraine.

As far as the involvement of American money to Ukrainian economy is concerned, we are very conscious that the receipt of investments, this strong impetus to stabilization and the development of the country's economic potential, is possible only through the system of guarantees, stabilization of the existing law, the participation of foreign investors in the privatization.

At the same time, we hope that the program of US economic assistance to our country announced by you in March this year will be intensified. As of today, we cannot be satisfied with the tempo of its realization. As a possible option of the emergency assistance to Ukraine in the part on the United States, specifically in ensuring additional support of the payment balance, could be the transformation of its part in the amount of US $ 200 million out of US $350 million that were planned for 1994 but for some reasons have not been used.

Such steps could have a great economic influence on the development of events and success of reforms in Ukraine, and could represent a real testimony of the support of our efforts in the transformation of economy. I am prepared to receive your representative Mr.Sommers during his stay in Kyiv for a concrete consideration of this issues.

Dear Mr. President,

I totally agree with your assessment of the further development of Ukrainian-American relations and the need to proceed, without the time-waste, on the defined course. In this connection and for the concrete elaboration of political issues that are of interest and have influence on the development of our state-to-state relations, I would ask you to find time to receive Mr.Hennadiy Udovenko, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, who could brief you in more detail on my plans and approaches to the solution of crucial international issues. I believe that the whole world will only win if our contacts become more frequent and the relations closer.

I would like to assure you once again of my sincere respect and will be looking forward to our early meeting.

Leonid Kuchma

ПРЕЗИДЕНТ УКРАЇНИ

30 вересня 1994 року
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Вельмишановний Уїльяме,

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Я погоджуюсь, в основному, з Вашими думками і хочу викласти свої погляди з цього приводу.

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Вже завершено узгодження між Урядом України та МВФ програми макроекономічної стабілізації, питання затвердження якої будуть розглянуті на щорічних зборах

МВФ та СБ на початку жовтня в Мадриді за участю української делегації. Програма реформ передбачає лібералізацію торгівлі та цінової політики, приватизацію державних підприємств через відповідну широкомасштабну програму, створення законодавчої бази ринкової економіки та забезпечення фінансової стабільності шляхом скорочення дефіциту бюджету та проведення чіткої і виваженої кредитно-грошової політики. На нашу думку, така програма відкриє Україні шлях до сучасної ринкової економіки.

Ми також покладаємо надії на заплановану на кінець жовтня у Канаді конференцію "Великої Сімки", яка, на нашу думку, може стати продовженням Неапольської ініціативи стосовно допомоги Україні. Сподіваємось на підтримку наших пропозицій з конкретних програм, що будуть представлені Україною.

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Водночас сподіваємось, що оголошена Вами в березні цього року програма економічної допомоги США нашій країні буде прискорена. На сьогодні ми не можемо бути задоволені темпами її реалізації. Можливим варіантом термінової допомоги Україні з боку США, зокрема, у забезпеченні додаткової підтримки платіжного балансу, могла б стати трансформація її частини у розмірі 200 млн.дол. з тих 350 млн.дол., що передбачалися на 1994 рік, але з певних причин не знайшли свого використання.

Такі кроки мали б великий економічний вплив на розвиток подій і успіх реформ в Україні, виступили б реальним свідченням підтримки наших зусиль у трансформації економіки. Я готовий прийняти Вашого

представника пана Соммерса під час його перебування в Києві для конкретного обговорення цих питань.

Шановний Пане Президенте,

Я повністю погоджуюся з Вашою оцінкою подальшого розвитку українсько-американських зв'язків і необхідності не гаючи часу далі просуватися наміченим шляхом. В зв'язку з цим і для конкретної проробки політичних питань, які становлять інтерес і мають вплив на розвиток наших міждержавних стосунків, просив би Вас знайти час і прийняти Міністра закордонних справ України Геннадія Удовенка, який міг би також детальніше ознайомити Вас з моїми планами й підходами до вирішення нагальних міжнародних питань. Думаю, що весь світ тільки виграє, якщо наші контакти стануть частішими, а стосунки тіснішими.

Ще раз хотів би запевнити Вас в моїй щирій повазі й сподіваюся на скору зустріч.

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President of Ukaine

September 30, 1994
Kyiv

Dear Bill:

I would like to cordially thank you for your letter of September 19, 1994. I regard it as a new proof of the intention to continue to develop and deepen the relationship between our two countries, to fill them with a practical content that would be adequate to our vision of these relations.

I agree, in general, with your thoughts and would like to present my views in this regard.

Undoubtedly, an important goal of our negotiations is the signing of a Charter of Ukraine-USA partnership, friendship and cooperation. At the same time, we also give much importance to the conclusion of an "umbrella" agreement on cooperation in the field of exploration and use of outer space, an important element of which, in my view, should be the achievement of an agreement on the principles of providing services as to space launches on commercial terms. This would be a logical follow-up of the Ukrainian-American dialogue on the issues of initiating and developing cooperation in the space-missile field with due attention, of course, to the existing regimes of non-proliferation.

These two documents must reiterate our intention to further strengthen and deepen bilateral relations on the basis of democratic partnership, mutual respect and trust.

His Excellency
Mr.William G.Clinton
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As far as the issue of Ukraine's accession to the NPT is concerned, I would like to inform you that recently I have presented to Verkhovna Rada a proposal to consider this issue without delay and make a decision on Ukraine's accession to this Treaty. Naturally, I can not define when and in what way the Parliament will solve this issue. But I assure you that I take and will continue to take all measures that the decision by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine is taken as early as possible.

In this connection, I have to draw your attention to two aspects which have a considerable meaning for the solution of this problem.

First, this is the issue of guarantees of national security of Ukraine. Our positions on this issue, of which the American side is aware, are minimally necessary for this step to reach its goal, without putting forward any principally new commitments from the United States. In that regard, I am forwarding to you a separate letter. The final agreement on a respective document will substantially facilitate the positive decision by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on the accession to the NPT. I hope that during the visit to Washington in early October of a delegation led by Mr. Boris Tarasyuk, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, it will be possible to finalize the text of a Memorandum which will be then initialled by the Foreign Ministers of the United States, Russia, the United Kingdom, France, and Ukraine. The signing of this document by the leaders of these States may take place during the CSCE summit in Budapest on December 5-6, this year. That opportunity could also be used for the exchange of documents about the ratification of START-1, and for a meeting of the Presidents of Ukraine, the United States and Russia to discuss the process of realization of the Trilateral statement of January 14, 1994.

Secondly, the intensification of assistance in the implementation of nuclear disarmament of Ukraine, which you had announced in March this year, would have an essentially positive impact on the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. A certain movement in the pace of this assistance is positively accepted in Ukraine, but we must emphasize the need of a more substantial utilization of the existing possibilities in this direction. It has to be clearly shown that this assistance to

Ukraine is being undertaken on a full scale, and this has to be demonstrated just at this moment.

We are very greatful to you for your personal participation and support in defining the projects of economic assistance to Ukraine, specifically of the decisions adopted in Naples, inasmuch as the issue of economic reforms is becoming the major issue on the agenda of the life of states. I personally, as President of Ukraine, promote the idea that these reforms be started as soon as possible. This would be the crucial subject of my intervention in the Parliament in the coming days.

The Government of Ukraine understands that the future of a socio-economic development of Ukraine, as well as its mutually beneficial trade and economic relations with other countries of the world depend not as much on the political will of these nations and internationals financial institutions as on the way of socio-political development that Ukraine will choose.

The Government of Ukraine and the IMF have already agreed upon the program of macroeconomic stabilization, the question of its approval will be considered at the annual meetings of IMF and WB at the beginning of October in Madrid with participation of the Ukrainian delegation. The program of reforms envisages the liberalization of trade and price policies, the privatization of state enterprises through a respective wide-scale program, the creation of a legal basis of a market economy and the ensuring of financial stability by means of reducing deficit of the budget and the implementation of a clear and balanced credit and money policies. In our view, such a program would open for Ukraine a way to a modern market economy.

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Dear Mr. President,

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Український Уряд розуміє, що майбутнє соціально-економічного розвитку України, а також її взаємовигідних торговельно-економічних стосунків з країнами світу залежить не стільки від політичної волі цих держав та міжнародних фінансових організацій, скільки від шляху суспільно-політичного розвитку, який обере Україна.

Вже завершено узгодження між Урядом України та МВФ програми макроекономічної стабілізації, питання затвердження якої будуть розглянуті на щорічних зборах

МВФ та СБ на початку жовтня в Мадриді за участю української делегації. Програма реформ передбачає лібералізацію торгівлі та цінової політики, приватизацію державних підприємств через відповідну широкомасштабну програму, створення законодавчої бази ринкової економіки та забезпечення фінансової стабільності шляхом скорочення дефіциту бюджету та проведення чіткої і виваженої кредитно-грошової політики. На нашу думку, така програма відкриє Україні шлях до сучасної ринкової економіки.

Ми також покладаємо надії на заплановану на кінець жовтня у Канаді конференцію "Великої Сімки", яка, на нашу думку, може стати продовженням Неапольської ініціативи стосовно допомоги Україні. Сподіваємось на підтримку наших пропозицій з конкретних програм, що будуть представлені Україною.

Що стосується залучення американського капіталу в українську економіку, ми цілком усвідомлюємо, що отримання інвестицій - цього потужного стимулу до стабілізації та розвитку економічного потенціалу країни - можливе лише через систему гарантій, стабілізацію чинного законодавства, участь іноземних інвесторів у приватизації.

Водночас сподіваємось, що оголошена Вами в березні цього року програма економічної допомоги США нашій країні буде прискорена. На сьогодні ми не можемо бути задоволені темпами її реалізації. Можливим варіантом термінової допомоги Україні з боку США, зокрема, у забезпеченні додаткової підтримки платіжного балансу, могла б стати трансформація її частини у розмірі 200 млн.дол. з тих 350 млн.дол., що передбачалися на 1994 рік, але з певних причин не знайшли свого використання.

Такі кроки мали б великий економічний вплив на розвиток подій і успіх реформ в Україні, виступили б реальним свідченням підтримки наших зусиль у трансформації економіки. Я готовий прийняти Вашого

представника пана Соммерса під час його перебування в Києві для конкретного обговорення цих питань.

Шановний Пане Президенте,

Я повністю погоджуюся з Вашою оцінкою подальшого розвитку українсько-американських зв'язків і необхідності не гаючи часу далі просуватися наміченим шляхом. В зв'язку з цим і для конкретної проробки політичних питань, які становлять інтерес і мають вплив на розвиток наших міждержавних стосунків, просив би Вас знайти час і прийняти Міністра закордонних справ України Геннадія Удовенка, який міг би також детальніше ознайомити Вас з моїми планами й підходами до вирішення нагальних міжнародних питань. Думаю, що весь світ тільки виграє, якщо наші контакти стануть частішими, а стосунки тіснішими.

Ще раз хотів би запевнити Вас в моїй щирій повазі й сподіваюся на скору зустріч.

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Courtesy translation

Dear Mr. President,

There in no much time until the 1995 NPT Review and Extension Conference starts its work. In this regard the issue of Ukraine's participation in this Treaty obtains special significance. Proceeding from the actuality of this problem I would like to share with you some thoughts concerning the situation in respect the future accession of Ukraine to the NPT.

First of all, I would like to underline, that I am personally convinced in the necessity of further strengthening of the non-proliferation regime which is based on the main provisions of the NPT. The participation of Ukraine in the Treaty under certain conditions would correspond both its national security interests and international peace and security interests.

Now the formal solution of the issue on the accession of Ukraine to the NPT depends to the large degree on the approval of the acceptable the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine text of the document on providing Ukraine with national security guarantees on the part of the States-Permanent Members of the UN Security Council.

As you know the Government of Ukraine takes all necessary steps towards agreeing upon the appropriate text of this document. In this regard I would like to underline that the previous draft of the text concerning such guarantees which we got from American side almost word for word recreates relevant provisions of the Trilateral Statement of the Presidents of Ukraine, the USA and Russia from 14 January, 1994 and has a general character, only reiterating existing commitments under the UN Charter and the CSCE documents. In the case of providing specifically Ukraine with the guarantees in connection with accession to the NPT we consider that the content of the commitments has to be addressed directly to it.

His Excellence
Mr. William Clinton
President of the United
States of America

Moreover, the proposed text excludes the possibility of providing above-mentioned guarantees on the part of such European nuclear state as France. Preferably, - and this would certainly have significant influence on the positive solution of the issue in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, - the text of guarantees should take the form of a multilateral document, signed by the USA, Russia, Great Britain and France on one part and Ukraine on the other. ~~To our mind, the Memorandum which would be subject to the obligatory ratification by the Parliaments could be such a document~~. This multilateral Memorandum could be initialed before the Verkhovna Rada takes the decision on the accession to the NPT and signed immediately after the accession of Ukraine to the Treaty.

Under the condition of agreeing upon such changes I, as the President of Ukraine, would be able to resume in the Verkhovna Rada the consideration of the issue on the accession of Ukraine to the NPT.

In this regard I want to ask you, Mr.President, to assist in carrying out consultations among the ministries of foreign affairs of the USA, Russia, Great Britain, France and Ukraine with the purpose to agree upon the final text of the multilateral Memorandum on this issue and putting its languages in correspondence with minimum legal demands of Ukraine in meeting its national security interests in connection with its decisive steps toward achievement of a non-nuclear status.

I am looking forward for good results of our approaching meeting in Washington.

With deep respect

Leonid Kuchma

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MEMORANDUM ON THE ASSURANCES OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF UKRAINE IN CONNECTION WITH UKRAINE'S ACCESSION TO NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY

The French Republic, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America as the States - Permanent Members of the UN Security Council and the CSCE-member states which possess nuclear weapons and Ukraine as the state which decided to aquire non-nuclear status and accede to the NPT,

Welcoming the accession of Ukraine to the Treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons as a non-nuclear-weapon state,

Taking into account the commitment of Ukraine to eliminate all nuclear weapons from its territory within a specified period of time,

Noting the changes in the world-wide security situation, including the end of the cold war, which have brought about conditions for deep reductions in nuclear forces,

Have agreed that:

1. The French Republic, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America reaffirm their commitment to Ukraine in accordance with the principles of the CSCE Final Act to respect the independence and sovereignty and the existing borders of Ukraine.

2. The French Republic, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America reaffirm their obligation to refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of Ukraine, and that none of their weapons will ever be used except in self - defense or otherwise in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.

3. The French Republic, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America reaffirm their commitment to Ukraine, in accordance with the principles of the CSCE Final Act to refrain from economic coercion designed to subordinate to their own interest the exercise by Ukraine of the rights inherent in its sovereignty and thus to secure advantages of any kind.

4. The French Republic, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America

reaffirm their commitment to seek immediate UN Security Council action to provide assistance to Ukraine, as a non-nuclear-weapon state party to the Treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, if Ukraine should become a victim of an act of aggression or an object of a threat of aggression.

5. The French Republic, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America reaffirm, in the case of Ukraine their commitment not to use nuclear weapons against any non-nuclear-weapons state party to the Treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, except in the case of an attack on themselves, their territories or dependent territories, their armed forces, or their allies, by such a state in association or alliance with a nuclear weapons state.

6. The sides will consult in the event a situation arises which raises a question concerning these commitments.

FOR THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

FOR THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

FOR UKRAINE

FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND

FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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ПРЕЗИДЕНТ УКРАЇНИ

30 вересня 1994 року
м.К и ї в

Шановний Пане Президенте,

Все менше часу залишається до Конференції 1995 року з продовження дії Договору про нерозповсюдження ядерної зброї (ДНЯЗ). У зв'язку з цим особливого значення набуває питання участі України у цьому Договорі. Виходячи з актуальності цієї проблеми, хотів би поділитися з Вами деякими міркуваннями стосовно ситуації, що склалася навколо майбутнього приєднання України до ДНЯЗ.

Перш за все, хотів би зазначити, що особисто я переконаний у необхідності подальшого зміцнення міжнародного режиму нерозповсюдження ядерної зброї, який базується на основних положеннях ДНЯЗ. Участь України у Договорі за певних умов відповідатиме як інтересам її національної безпеки, так і інтересам міжнародного миру та безпеки.

Його Високоповажності
Панові Уїльяму Дж. КЛІНТОНУ,
Президенту Сполучених Штатів Америки
м.Вашингтон

Сьогодні формальне вирішення питання про приєднання України до ДНЯЗ залежить, головним чином, від погодження прийнятного для України тексту документа про надання Україні гарантій її національної безпеки з боку держав-постійних членів Ради Безпеки ООН.

Як Вам відомо, Урядом України вживаються необхідні заходи з метою погодження відповідного тексту такого документа. У зв'язку з цим хотів би підкреслити, що останній проект тексту щодо таких гарантій, що ми одержали від американської сторони, майже буквально відновлює відповідні положення Тристоронньої заяви Президентів України, США та Росії від 14 січня ц.р. і носить загальний характер, лише повторюючи існуючі зобов'язання за Статутом ООН і документами НБСЄ. У випадку ж надання гарантій саме Україні у зв'язку з приєднанням до ДНЯЗ ми вважаємо, що зміст зобов'язань має бути адресним.

Крім того, запропонований текст виключає можливість надання зазначених гарантій з боку такої європейської ядерної держави як Франція. Бажано було б - і це, безумовно, мало б відчутний вплив на позитивне вирішення питання у Верховній Раді України, - щоб текст гарантій було викладено у формі багатостороннього документа, підписаного Вами і главами держав чи урядів Росії, Великої Британії і Франції з одного боку, та Україною, з іншого. На нашу думку, таким документом може стати Меморандум. Цей Меморандум міг би бути парафований до прийняття рішення Верховною Радою про приєднання до ДНЯЗ і підписаний відразу ж після приєднання України до Договору.

За умови погодження цих змін я, як Президент України, мав би змогу поновити у Верховній Раді розгляд питання про приєднання України до ДНЯЗ.

У зв'язку з цим просив би Вас, Пане Президенте, сприяти проведенню консультацій між зовнішньополітичними відомствами США, Росії, Великої Британії, Франції та

України з метою узгодження остаточного варіанту багатостороннього Меморандуму з цього питання і приведення його тексту у відповідність з мінімальними законними вимогами України в галузі забезпечення інтересів її національної безпеки у зв'язку з рішучими кроками набуття без'ядерного статусу.

Сподіваюсь на добрі результати нашої наступної зустрічі у Вашингтоні.

З глибокою повагою

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 13, 1994

TELEPHONE CALL TO
UKRAINIAN PRESIDENT LEONID KUCHMA
DATE: October 13, 1994
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 9:45 - 10:15 am

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE

I. PURPOSE

To express support for Kuchma's new economic reform program and push for progress on NPT accession in advance of Kuchma's November 29 visit to Washington.

II. BACKGROUND

Kuchma sought to call you last week; because of Mandela, Kuwait, and Iraq, we rescheduled the call for today. It is important to him to speak to you personally. His primary concerns are economic. Kuchma yesterday outlined for the Rada a sweeping economic reform package that, if implemented, could start to reverse Ukraine's disastrous economic slide. He and his government appear genuinely committed to reform but face opposition from large anti-reform blocs in the Rada. Ukraine also faces a balance of payments gap of $600 million until the end of this year. If left unfilled, it will jeopardize the $700 STF loan authorized by the IMF earlier this month. We have identified $100 million in USG funds, to be transferred from existing technical assistance programs, to help Kiev fill the gap and are working with other states to overcome the remaining shortfall. This is the first time we have provided direct balance of payments support to an NIS country but we feel it is warranted to provide the most effective and immediate support to Kuchma. Kuchma may ask for your support in convincing Russia and Turkmenistan to reschedule the large energy debt owed to them by Ukraine; we are making representations on Kiev's behalf.

You should also use this call to reiterate the priority you place on winning Ukrainian agreement on NPT by the time of the Kuchma visit. Here again, Kuchma has taken a strong lead in pushing this forward for a decision, but must

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convince a skeptical Rada to win the votes needed for passage. We want to elicit Kuchma's best assessment of the chances for passage and how we can best support the process.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
NSC Staff TBD

IV. PRESS PLAN

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V. SEQUENCE

Presidential phone call from Oval Office

Attachments
Tab A Points to be Made
Tab B Letter from Kuchma

POINTS TO BE MADE IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH
UKRAINIAN PRESIDENT LEONID KUCHMA

Introductory

-- Sorry we weren't able to speak last week but good to talk with you today.

-- Thanks for your recent letter.

-- Looking forward to your visit November 29; already hard at work to ensure productive and successful outcome.

-- Vice President Gore reported to me on very positive meeting he had with you in August. Have asked him to keep in touch with you on key issues before summit.

NPT

-- One of key issues will be progress on NPT. Important we be able to present this as a success of our meeting.

-- Was very pleased to hear you have submitted NPT to the Rada for a vote.

-- Encouraged by Foreign Minister Udovenko's assurance of your personal commitment to achieve the Rada's accession to the NPT.

-- Know you have a lot of work ahead to convince Rada of the importance of this matter. We will do all we can to be helpful. The Vice President made clear the importance we attach to this when he met with Rada Chairman Moroz last week.

-- In particular, we are paying special attention to the pace of our Nunn-Lugar assistance to Ukraine. I know this is a critical issue for you.

- By the end of this year, $130 million of the $350 million we promised in March will have been spent for material, training and services.

- You asked for my help in storing heptile fuel. We've awarded a contract to a Ukrainian firm.

- Provided Chairman Moroz with details of what we have already done.

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(IF KUCHMA ASKS FOR HELP IN CONCLUDING THE SECURITY ASSURANCES MEMORANDUM:

-- Provided you last week with a draft of these assurances. Confident we can reach agreement in a way that will be helpful to you. This is a matter of form, not substance.)

ECONOMICS

-- Very impressed by your speech to the Rada Tuesday on economic reform. You have shown great courage and foresight and decisive leadership. You can count on our support.

-- Congratulations also on agreement with the IMF on the Systemic Transformation Facility. Crucial step forward for your future economic prosperity.

-- Am told that Minister Shpek made an excellent presentation on reform strategy for the G-7 finance ministers in Madrid.

-- My main point is this: now that you have made such a dramatic commitment to reform, I will work to convince the G-7 and others to support you.

-- The U.S. will take a leadership role at the IMF meeting October 18 on Ukraine.

- As you requested, we will come prepared to commit up to $100 million of our current technical assistance funds to your balance of payments needs for this year.

- We have asked our G-7 partners to make equally substantial commitments.

- In addition, we will also seek G-7 agreement to help cover your 1995 financing gap.

- U.S. goal is to provide a fifth of the resources needed to cover the financing gap identified by the IMF for the next fifteen months. This should be more than you requested in your recent letter.

- Will be important for you to approach other G-7 countries for support.

-- We will also attend the Canadian conference in Winnipeg on October 26 on Ukrainian reform.

- President Yeltsin expressed strong interest in having Russia represented in Winnipeg. I agreed and am pushing in the G-7 for Russia and Turkmenistan to be included. Yeltsin told me you fully supported this.

OTHER ASSISTANCE DELIVERED

-- We are making progress in other areas of our assistance:

- 400 Ukrainian students and faculty have started new academic exchanges in the U.S.

- The Chairman of the U.S.-Ukraine Enterprise Fund will visit Kiev on October 18. I hope you will agree to meet with him. He plans to open the fund's office in Kiev by November.

- Ukrainian paratroopers are training here in U.S. at Fort Bragg.

- We'll break ground next week on housing for military officers at Pervomaysk -- another request you made to me.

- The advisor on GATT that we promised has just taken up residence in Kiev.

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Unofficial translation
from Ukrainian

President of Ukaine

September 30, 1994
Kyiv

Dear Bill:

I would like to cordially thank you for your letter of September 19, 1994. I regard it as a new proof of the intention to continue to develop and deepen the relationship between our two countries, to fill them with a practical content that would be adequate to our vision of these relations.

I agree, in general, with your thoughts and would like to present my views in this regard.

Undoubtedly, an important goal of our negotiations is the signing of a Charter of Ukraine-USA partnership, friendship and cooperation. At the same time, we also give much importance to the conclusion of an "umbrella" agreement on cooperation in the field of exploration and use of outer space, an important element of which, in my view, should be the achievement of an agreement on the principles of providing services as to space launches on commercial terms. This would be a logical follow-up of the Ukrainian-American dialogue on the issues of initiating and developing cooperation in the space-missile field with due attention, of course, to the existing regimes of non-proliferation.

These two documents must reiterate our intention to further strengthen and deepen bilateral relations on the basis of democratic partnership, mutual respect and trust.

His Excellency
Mr.William G.Clinton
President of the United
S :ates of America
Washington, D.C.

As far as the issue of Ukraine's accession to the NPT is concerned, I would like to inform you that recently I have presented to Verkhovna Rada a proposal to consider this issue without delay and make a decision on Ukraine's accession to this Treaty. Naturally, I can not define when and in what way the Parliament will solve this issue. But I assure you that I take and will continue to take all measures that the decision by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine is taken as early as possible.

In this connection, I have to draw your attention to two aspects which have a considerable meaning for the solution of this problem.

First, this is the issue of guarantees of national security of Ukraine. Our positions on this issue, of which the American side is aware, are minimally necessary for this step to reach its goal, without putting forward any principally new commitments from the United States. In that regard, I am forwarding to you a separate letter. The final agreement on a respective document will substantially facilitate the positive decision by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on the accession to the NPT. I hope that during the visit to Washington in early October of a delegation led by Mr. Boris Tarasyuk, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, it will be possible to finalize the text of a Memorandum which will be then initialled by the Foreign Ministers of the United States, Russia, the United Kingdom, France, and Ukraine. The signing of this document by the leaders of these States may take place during the CSCE summit in Budapest on December 5-6, this year. That opportunity could also be used for the exchange of documents about the ratification of START-1, and for a meeting of the Presidents of Ukraine, the United States and Russia to discuss the process of realization of the Trilateral statement of January 14, 1994.

Secondly, the intensification of assistance in the implementation of nuclear disarmament of Ukraine, which you had announced in March this year, would have an essentially positive impact on the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. A certain movement in the pace of this assistance is positively accepted in Ukraine, but we must emphasize the need of a more substantial utilization of the existing possibilities in this direction. It has to be clearly shown that this assistance to

Ukraine is being undertaken on a full scale, and this has to be demonstrated just at this moment.

We are very greatful to you for your personal participation and support in defining the projects of economic assistance to Ukraine, specifically of the decisions adopted in Naples, inasmuch as the issue of economic reforms is becoming the major issue on the agenda of the life of states. I personally, as President of Ukraine, promote the idea that these reforms be started as soon as possible. This would be the crucial subject of my intervention in the Parliament in the coming days.

The Government of Ukraine understands that the future of a socio-economic development of Ukraine, as well as its mutually beneficial trade and economic relations with other countries of the world depend not as much on the political will of these nations and internationals financial institutions as on the way of socio-political development that Ukraine will choose.

The Government of Ukraine and the IMF have already agreed upon the program of macroeconomic stabilization, the question of its approval will be considered at the annual meetings of IMF and WB at the beginning of October in Madrid with participation of the Ukrainian delegation. The program of reforms envisages the liberalization of trade and price policies, the privatization of state enterprises through a respective wide-scale program, the creation of a legal basis of a market economy and the ensuring of financial stability by means of reducing deficit of the budget and the implementation of a clear and balanced credit and money policies. In our view, such a program would open for Ukraine a way to a modern market economy.

We also give hope to the forthcoming G-7 Conference in October in Canada, which, in our view, could become the follow-up of the Naples initiative concerning the assistance to Ukraine. We expect the support of our proposals on specific programs which will be presented by Ukraine.

As far as the involvement of American money to Ukrainian economy is concerned, we are very conscious that the receipt of investments, this strong impetus to stabilization and the development of the country's economic potential, is possible only through the system of guarantees, stabilization of the existing law, the participation of foreign investors in the privatization.

At the same time, we hope that the program of US economic assistance to our country announced by you in March this year will be intensified. As of today, we cannot be satisfied with the tempo of its realization. As a possible option of the emergency assistance to Ukraine in the part on the United States, specifically in ensuring additional support of the payment balance, could be the transformation of its part in the amount of US $ 200 million out of US $350 million that were planned for 1994 but for some reasons have not been used.

Such steps could have a great economic influence on the development of events and success of reforms in Ukraine, and could represent a real testimony of the support of our efforts in the transformation of economy. I am prepared to receive your representative Mr.Sommers during his stay in Kyiv for a concrete consideration of this issues.

Dear Mr. President,

I totally agree with your assessment of the further development of Ukrainian-American relations and the need to proceed, without the time-waste, on the defined course. In this connection and for the concrete elaboration of political issues that are of interest and have influence on the development of our state-to-state relations, I would ask you to find time to receive Mr.Hennadiy Udovenko, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, who could brief you in more detail on my plans and approaches to the solution of crucial international issues. I believe that the whole world will only win if our contacts become more frequent and the relations closer.

I would like to assure you once again of my sincere respect and will be looking forward to our early meeting.

Leonid Kuchma

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BEGIN TEXT:

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BILL CLINTON

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

December 2, 1994

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THROUGH: NICHOLAS BURNS NB

FROM: ROSE GOTTEMOELLER

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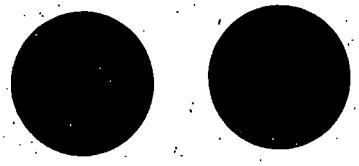

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I WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WE, AS WELL AS THE OTHER TWO DEPOSITARY STATES, HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE UKRAINIAN DRAFT INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION AND HAVE CONCLUDED THAT TWO SMALL BUT IMPORTANT ADJUSTMENTS TO THE UKRAINIAN TEXT WILL PROVIDE A FINAL AGREEMENT. WE FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT YOU DEVELOPED THE CURRENT LANGUAGE WITH RADA CHAIRMAN MOROZ. FOR THAT REASON, WE HAVE DEVELOPED ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE THAT IS THE MINIMUM NECESSARY TO ACCOMMODATE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY THE DEPOSITARY STATES. WE HAVE GIVEN THE ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE TO DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER TARASYUK AND TO YOUR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

LEONID DANILOVICH, YOU HAVE DONE SO MUCH TO BRING US TO THE POINT WHERE WE CAN ACCOMPLISH OUR SHARED GOAL OF FINALLY RESOLVING THE NUCLEAR ISSUE. I KNOW THAT YOUR EFFORT HAS NOT BEEN EASY, BUT I URGE YOU TO DO EVERYTHING YOU CAN TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE THREE DEPOSITARIES TO ACCEPT UKRAINE'S INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION TO THE NPT.

WITH HIGH HOPES FOR OUR MEETING IN BUDAPEST,

SINCERELY,

BILL CLINTON

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Dear Mr. President:

With the START Treaty entering into force after the exchange of the instruments of ratification during the meeting of CSCE Heads of State and Government in Budapest, the conditions for the implementation of the largest in mankind's history process of strategic nuclear weapons reduction have been created.

A significant role in this process is played by the control over the course of elimination or modification of strategic offensive arms. Ukraine is proceeding from the fact that the absence of such control does not provide the confidence in proper and timely manner of implementation of the provisions of the Treaty. Therefore I hope that it is possible to finalize the timing for the beginning of the control and mechanisms of its introduction in the new conditions on the basis of agreements reached at the Joint Commission in Geneva.

One of the methods of control is a continuous inspection over the enterprises manufacturing mobile ICBMs. In the course of signing the 1991 START Treaty, Pavlograd Mechanical Works (PMW) was referred to this category. The plant is located in Ukraine and during the existence of the former Soviet Union was involved in manufacturing mobile SS-24 ICBMs. It was taking manufacturing orders from the now non-existent USSR Ministry of Defense, and 75 per cent of these missiles production depended on cooperative deliveries from the Russian Federation and other former Soviet republics.

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Washington, D.C.

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Substantial engineering and technological changes took place recently at the PMW itself. As a result of conversion, the plant is becoming a leading enterprise in Ukraine for the manufacturing of municipal trolleybuses designed for passenger transportation. Changes were made in the production profile of manufacturing facilities which had been preserved. From missiles manufacturing they have been redirected to elimination works and exploitation security maintenance of SS-24 ICBMs.

Ukraine does not intend to renew the manufacturing of SS-24 ICBMs. Moreover, it is impossible because of the breaking of a production chain for the ICBM production which was based on the cooperation between enterprises which have now found themselves on the territory of different countries.

By acquiring a non-nuclear status Ukraine once again confirms its intention to give up the implementation of continuous inspection at the plant for MX missiles final assembly in Promontory, Utah. The realization of this right is hardly feasible for both sides, and for Ukraine, given its difficult economic conditions, is even beyond its power. Moreover, mutual inspection is being made by nuclear states.

We experience considerable difficulties even with logistics and financial provision of the continuous inspection system at the PMW (housing, sanitary requirements for observers, communications and other infrastructure).

Taking above into consideration, I would like to ask you, Mr. President, to reconsider the US position concerning the deployment of a continuous inspection system at the Pavlograd Mechanical Works.

Furthermore, we do not want in any way to exclude the PMW from the control over the implementation of the Treaty provisions. The United States has the possibility to check the actual state of the mobile ICBM production stoppage at this enterprise by conducting any inspections in accordance with the Protocol on Inspections to the Treaty.

I hope for your understanding of the set of difficult problems Ukraine is facing in this connection, and their solution in the spirit of partnership and mutual understanding which has always been characteristic of our countries' relations.

Sincerely,

Leonid KUCHMA
(signed)

ПРЕЗИДЕНТ УКРАЇНИ

Шановний пане Президенте,

З набранням чинності Договору про СНО після обміну ратифікаційними грамотами під час зустрічі глав держав і урядів країн-учасниць НБСЄ у Будапешті створилися умови для реалізації найбільш масштабного в історії людства процесу скорочення стратегічних ядерних озброєнь.

Значну роль в цьому процесі відіграє контроль за ходом ліквідації або переобладнання стратегічних наступальних озброєнь. Україна виходить з того, що відсутність такого контролю не дає впевненості у належності та своєчасності виконання положень Договору. Тому сподіваюсь, що можна остаточно узгодити строки початку контролю та механізми його запровадження в нових умовах на засадах домовленостей, досягнутих у Спільній комісії в Женеві.

Одним з видів контролю є безперервне спостереження за підприємствами, які виробляють мобільні МБР. При підписанні 1991 року Договору про СНО до цієї категорії ввійшов Павлоградський механічний завод (ПМЗ), який знаходиться на території України і за часів існування колишнього Радянського Союзу здійснював виробництво мобільних МБР СС-24. Замовником виступало неіснуюче нині Міністерство оборони СРСР, причому виготовлення цих ракет на 75 відсотків залежало від кооперaційних поставок з Російської Федерації та інших колишніх радянських республік.

Вже більше двох років на Павлоградському заводі виробництво МБР СС-24 не здійснюється. Вперше Україна офіційно повідомила США про це ще у листопаді 1992 року, а згодом ще двічі - у травні та грудні 1994 року.

Його Високоповажності
Президенту Сполучених Штатів Америки
Уільяму Дж. Клінтону
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Останнім часом суттєві техніко-технологічні зміни відбулися і на самому ПМЗ. Внаслідок конверсії завод стає провідним підприємством в Україні по виготовленню міських тролейбусів, призначених для перевезення пасажирів. Змінився виробничий профіль тієї частини потужностей, яка ще збереглася. З виробництва ракет вони перепрофільовуються на проведення ліквідаційних робіт і ремонтне забезпечення експлуатаційної безпеки МБР СС-24.

Україна не має намірів відновлювати виробництво МБР СС-24. До того ж це неможливо через розрив технологічного ланцюгу виробництва МБР, який базувався на кооперації між підприємствами, що нині опинилися на території різних країн.

Набуваючи без'ядерного статусу, Україна ще раз підтверджує свій намір відмовитись від здійснення безперервного спостереження на об'єкті по остаточному складанню ракет МХ в Промонторі, штат Юта. Реалізація цього права навряд чи доцільна для обох сторін, а для України, за важких економічних умов, ще й непосильна. До того ж взаємне спостереження здійснюється ядерними державами.

Значні складнощі викликає у нас навіть матеріально-технічне і фінансове забезпечення системи безперервного спостереження на ПМЗ (житло, санітарні умови для спостерігачів, комунікації та інша інфраструктура).

З огляду на вищевикладене хотів би попросити Вас, пане Президенте, переглянути позицію США щодо розгортання системи безперервного спостереження на Павлоградському механічному заводі.

Причому ми ні в якому разі не прагнемо вивести ПМЗ з-під контролю за виконанням положень Договору. Сполучені Штати мають можливість перевірити дійсність припинення виробництва мобільних МБР на цьому підприємстві шляхом проведення будь-яких інспекцій згідно з Протоколом про інспекції до Договору.

Сподіваюсь на Ваше розуміння комплексу складних проблем, які стоять перед Україною у зв'язку з цим, та їх вирішення в дусі партнерства і взаєморозуміння, який завжди був притаманним відносинам наших країн.

З повагою,

Президент України *Л.Кучма*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF LANGUAGE SERVICES

(TRANSLATION)

LS NO.

PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE

Dear Mr. President:

The entry into force of the START Treaty after the exchange of the instruments of ratification during the meeting of the CSCE Heads of State and Government in Budapest, has created the conditions for the implementation of the greatest process of strategic nuclear weapons reduction in history.

A significant element in this process is monitoring of the course bf elimination or modification of strategic offensive arms. Ukraine believes that the absence of such monitoring does not inspire confidence in the proper and timely implementation of the provisions of the Treaty. Therefore I hope that it is possible to finalize the schedule for the beginning of the monitoring and mechanisms for its introduction in the new conditions on the basis of agreements reached at the Joint Commission in Geneva.

His Excellency
William Clinton
President of the
United States of America Washington, D.C.

One of the forms of monitoring is a continuous inspection of the enterprises producing mobile ICBMS. At the signing of the 1991 START Treaty, the Pavlograd Mechanical Works (PMW) was assigned to this category. The plant is located in Ukraine and during the existence of the former Soviet Union was involved in producing mobile SS-24 ICBMS. It took manufacturing orders from the now defunct USSR Ministry of Defense, and 75 per cent of this missile production depended on cooperative deliveries from the Russian Federation and other former Soviet republics.

For more than two years now the Pavlograd Works has not been involved in the production of SS-24 ICBMS. Ukraine officially informed the USA about this for the first time back in November 1993, and after that we did it two more times - in May and December 1994.

Substantial engineering and technological occurred recently at the PMW itself. As a result of conversion, the plant is becoming a leading enterprise in Ukraine for the manufacturing of municipal trollies designed for passenger transportation. Changes were made in the production profile of manufacturing facilities that had been preserved. From missile production they have been redirected to elimination projects and overhaul of security maintenance of SS-24 ICBMS.

Ukraine does not intend to resume production of SS-24 ICBMs. Moreover, it is impossible because of the disruption of the technology chain for the ICBM production which was based on the cooperation between enterprises that are now located the territory of different countries.

By acquiring a non-nuclear status Ukraine reaffirms its intention to decline continuous inspection at the plant for MX missile final assembly in Promontory, Utah. The exercise of this right is hardly feasible for both sides, and for Ukraine, given its difficult economic conditions, is even beyond its capacity. Moreover, mutual inspection is being conducted nuclear states.

We are experiencing considerable difficulties even with logistics and financing of the continuous inspection system at the PMW (housing, sanitary requirements for observers, communications and other infrastructure).

In view of the foregoing facts, I would like to ask you, Mr. President, to reconsider the US position concerning the deployment of a continuous inspection system at the Pavlograd Mechanical Works.

At the same time, we do not want in any way to exclude the PMW from monitoring the implementation of the Treaty provisions. The United States has the opportunity to verify the stoppage of the mobile ICBM production at this enterprise by conducting any inspections in accordance with the Treaty's Protocol on Inspections.

I trust you will understand the difficult problems Ukraine is facing in this regard, and hope they will be resolved in the spirit of partnership and mutual understanding that has always been characteristic of the relations between our countries.

Respectfully

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Сподіваюсь на Ваше розуміння комплексу складних проблем, які стоять перед Україною у зв'язку з цим, та їх вирішення в дусі партнерства і взаєморозуміння, який завжди був притаманним відносинам наших країн.

З повагою,

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DEAR LEONID:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR DECEMBER 22 LETTER ON THE QUESTION OF CONTINUOUS MONITORING AT THE PAVLOHRAD MACHINE-BUILDING PLANT. WE HAVE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO YOUR GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST THAT WE NOT EXERCISE OUR RIGHT UNDER THE

START I TREATY TO CONDUCT CONTINUOUS MONITORING THERE.

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I FULLY APPRECIATE THE CONCERNS OUTLINED IN YOUR LETTER. IT IS CERTAINLY UNDERSTANDABLE THAT UKRAINE WANTS TO MINIMIZE THE COSTS OF THIS MONITORING ACTIVITY. INDEED, WE SHARE THIS OBJECTIVE, SINCE THE UNITED STATES WILL BEAR THE PRINCIPAL COSTS FOR MONITORING. AS SECRETARY PERRY NOTED IN HIS RECENT LETTER TO MINISTER SHMAROV, WE HAVE ALREADY TAKEN STEPS TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE U.S. MONITORING PRESENCE SO AS NOT TO BURDEN UKRAINIAN RESOURCES OR DISRUPT PAVLOHRAD OPERATIONS UNNECESSARILY.

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I BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO PROCEED WITH CONTINUOUS MONITORING. AS START I HAS JUST ENTERED INTO FORCE, I'M SURE YOU WOULD AGREE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL PARTIES TO THE TREATY DEMONSTRATE THEIR INTENTIONS TO COMPLY WITH THE TREATY'S PROVISIONS. AS YOU MAY BE AWARE, THE U.S. SENATE PAYS CLOSE ATTENTION TO MONITORING OF SIGNIFICANT ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS. QUITE FRANKLY, WE WOULD FACE VERY AWKWARD QUESTIONS HERE IF, SO SOON AFTER THE TREATY'S ENTRY-

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INTO-FORCE, WE CHOSE TO FORGO IMPLEMENTING A KEY MONITORING PROVISION.

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LEONID, I KNOW THIS IS NOT THE ANSWER THAT YOU WANTED, BUT I THINK IT IS THE RIGHT ANSWER. IMPLEMENTING CONTINUOUS MONITORING NOW, IN THE MOST COOPERATIVE MANNER POSSIBLE, WILL UNDERSCORE OUR TWO NATIONS' COMMITMENT TO A MORE SECURE AND PEACEFUL WORLD. AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER FURTHER WAYS TO MINIMIZE THE BURDEN ON UKRAINE.

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I LOOK BACK WITH PRIDE ON THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR NOVEMBER MEETING AND ON THE HISTORIC BUDAPEST CEREMONY THAT RECOGNIZED UKRAINE'S ACCESSION TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AND BROUGHT START I INTO FORCE. THEY WERE TRULY MAJOR EVENTS OF 1994. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR CLOSE COLLABORATION IN 1995. I AM FULLY AWARE OF THE MAJOR CHALLENGES YOU FACE AND WANT TO ASSURE YOU AGAIN OF MY STRONG SUPPORT FOR YOUR ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL REFORM.

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LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND THE

UKRAINIAN PEOPLE A JOYOUS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

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SINCERELY,

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BILL CLINTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: NICHOLAS BURNS NB

FROM: STEVE PIFER SP

SUBJECT: Response to Ukrainian President Kuchma's Letter to the President on START Monitoring at Pavlohrad

Ukrainian President Kuchma wrote the President on December 22 (Tab A) concerning START monitoring at the Pavlohrad machine-building plant. The START I Treaty gives us the right to conduct continuous monitoring of the perimeter of the Pavlohrad plant, where SS-24 ICBMs have been produced. With START's entry into force, we intend to deploy monitors and equipment for that purpose to Pavlohrad in the first half of January.

Ukraine asserts Pavlohrad no longer produces SS-24s (though the plant continues to provide some support for SS-24s) and has asked that we not exercise our right to conduct continuous monitoring. Kuchma reiterated this request in his letter to the President; he wrote that Ukraine did not wish to bear the costs of supporting a continuous monitoring presence. The Ukrainians have offered short-notice inspections of the plant as an alternative.

It will open the Administration to awkward questions, especially as the Senate takes up START II ratification, if we forgo our right to continuous monitoring so soon after START I entry-into-force. DOD has taken steps to make our monitoring presence less costly and disruptive, a point Secretary Perry underscored in a December 28 message to Defense Minister Shmarov (Tab B). The President should inform Kuchma that we will exercise this right.

Given the rather technical nature of this exchange, we recommend that you approve this message for the President.

Concurrence by: Steve Andreasen SA

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RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the attached Presidential message to Kuchma.

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Attachments
Tab I Message to Kuchma
Tab B December 22 Kuchma Letter
Tab C Perry Message to Shmarov

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I FULLY APPRECIATE THE CONCERNS OUTLINED IN YOUR LETTER. IT IS CERTAINLY UNDERSTANDABLE THAT UKRAINE WANTS TO MINIMIZE THE COSTS OF THIS MONITORING ACTIVITY. INDEED, WE SHARE THIS OBJECTIVE, SINCE THE UNITED STATES WILL BEAR THE PRINCIPAL COSTS FOR MONITORING. AS SECRETARY PERRY NOTED IN HIS RECENT LETTER TO MINISTER SHMAROV, WE HAVE ALREADY TAKEN STEPS TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE U.S. MONITORING PRESENCE SO AS NOT TO BURDEN UKRAINIAN RESOURCES OR DISRUPT PAVLOHRAD OPERATIONS UNNECESSARILY.

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LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE A JOYOUS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

SINCERELY,

BILL CLINTON

(END TEXT)

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SUBJECT: KUCHMA-CLINTON LETTER ON PAVLOHRAD CONTINUOUS MONITORING

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2. FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER TARASYUK CALLED IN THE AMBASSADOR THIS EVENING (12/22) AT 1845 TO DELIVER A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT KUCHMA TO PRESIDENT CLINTON CONCERNING CONTINUOUS MONITORING AT THE PAVL0HRAD MECHANICAL PLANT. TARASYUK SAID THE LETTER HAS BEEN SENT TO THE UKRAINIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, AS WELL. AN INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THE LETTER FOLLOWS BELOW.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF INFORMAL TRANSLATION:

"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

WITH THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE START TREATY FOLLOWING THE EXCHANGE OF INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION DURING THE MEETING OF HEADS OF STATES AND GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE CSCE IN BUDAPEST, CONDITIONS WERE ESTABLISHED FOR THE REALIZATION OF THE LARGEST SCALE REDUCTION IN THE HISTORY OF STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

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A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THIS PROCESS IS PLAYED BY CONTROL OF THE COURSE OF LIQUIDATION OR CONVERSION TO OTHER USES OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE WEAPONS. UKRAINE PROCEEDS FROM THE FACT THAT THE ABSENCE OF SUCH CONTROL DOES NOT GIVE ASSURANCE OF THE COURSE AND TIMELINESS OF CARRYING OUT THE CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT. THEREFORE, I HOPE THAT IT IS POSSIBLE FINALLY TO AGREE ON THE TIME PERIOD FOR BEGINNING THE CONTROL AMD THE MECHANISM FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION UNDER NEW CONDITIONS ON THE BASIS OF AGREEMENT REACHED IN THE JOINT COMMISSION IN GENEVA.

ONE TYPE OF CONTROL IS CONTINUOUS MONITORING OF THE FACILITIES WHICH PRODUCE MOBILE ICBMS. AT THE TIME OF THE SIGNING IN 1991 OF THE START TREATY, THE PAVLOHRAD MECHANICAL PLANT, WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE TERRITORY OF UKRAINE AND, WHICH IN THE FORMER SOVIET UNION MANUFACTURED SS-24 MOBILE ICBMS, WAS ASSIGNED TO THAT CATEGORY. ITS CUSTOMER WAS THE NO LONGER EXISTING MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF THE USSR, AND ALSO MANUFACTURE OF THESE MISSILES DEPENDED 75 PERCENT ON COOPERATIVE SUPPLIES FROM THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND OTHER FORMER SOVIET REPUBLICS.

FOR ALREADY TWO YEARS, THERE HAS BEEN NO PRODUCTION OF SS-24 ICBMS AT THE PAVLOHRAD PLANT. UKRAINE FIRST OFFICIALLY INFORMED THE USA OF THIS BACK IN NOVEMBER 1992, AND SUBSEQUENTLY TWICE AGAIN - IN MAY AND DECEMBER 1994.

AT THE SAME TIME, ESSENTIAL TECHNICAL-TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGES TOOK PLACE AT THE PAVLOHRAD MECHANICAL PLANT. AS A CONSEQUENCE OF CONVERSION, THE FACTORY IS BECOMING THE LEADING ENTERPRISE IN UKRAINE FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF CITY TROLLEY BUSSES, DESIGNED FOR CARRYING PASSENGERS. THE PROFILE OF THE REMAINING PRODUCTION CAPABILITIES HAS BEEN CHANGED. FROM PRODUCTION OF THE MISSILES THEY ARE BEING CONVERTED TO CARRY OUT THE LIQUIDATION WORK AND ENSURE PROPER MAINTENANCE FOR SAFE HANDLING OF THE SS-24 ICBMS.

UKRAINE HAS NO INTENTION OF REESTABLISHING PRODUCTION OF SS-24 ICBMS. AND IT IS ALSO IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE OF A BREAK IN THE PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY CHAIN FOR ICBMS, WHICH WAS BASED ON COOPERATION BETWEEN VARIOUS FACILITIES NOW LOCATED ON THE TERRITORY OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

HAVING ACHIEVED NON-NUCLEAR STATUS, UKRAINE ONCE AGAIN STRESSES ITS INTENTION TO DECLINE TO IMPLEMENT CONTINUOUS MONITORING OF THE STORAGE SITE FOR MX MISSILES IN PROMONTORY, UTAH. EXERCISING THIS RIGHT IS NOT REASONABLE FOR EITHER SIDE, AND FOR UKRAINE, BECAUSE OF DIFFICULT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE. ALSO, MUTUAL MONITORING IS IMPLEMENTED BY

NUCLEAR STATES.

PROVIDING SYSTEMS FOR CONTINUOUS MONITORING AT THE PAVLOHRAD MECHANICAL PLANT (LIVING QUARTERS, SANITARY CONDITIONS FOR MONITORS, COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURES) PRESENTS SIGNIFICANT MATERIAL-TECHNICAL AND INANCIAL COMPLICATIONS FOR US.

DUE TO THE ABOVE,I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU, MR.
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ESIDENT, TO REIEW THE U.S. POSITION CONCERNING
SETTING UP A SYTEM OF CONTINUOUS MONITORING AT THE

PAVLOHRAD MECHANICAL PLANT.

WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF REMOVING THE PAVLOHRAD MECHANICAL PLANT FROM UNDER THE CONTROL PROVISION OF THE TREATY. THE UNITED STATES HAS THE RIGHT TO VERIFY THE FACT OF THE CESSATION OF PRODUCTION OF MOBILE ICBMS AT THIS PLANT BY MEANS OF CONDUCTING ANY KIND OF INSPECTIONS IN ACCORD WITH THE INSPECTION PROTOCOL OF THE TREATY.

I HOPE FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMPLEXITY OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH FACE UKRAINE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS, AND FOR THEIR SOLUTION IN THE SPIRIT OF PARTNERSHIP AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING THAT ALWAYS CHARACTERIZED RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

SINCERELY
PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE
LEONID KUCHMA."

END TEXT.

4. THE AMBASSADOR THEN REVIEWED WITH TARASYUK THE GOU POSITION, TO MAKE CERTAIN WE HAVE A COMMON UNDERSTANDING. THE ESSENCE OF THE GOU POSITION, AS THE AMBASSADOR AND TARASYUK AGREED, IS THAT

-- NO SS-24S ARE BEING PRODUCED AT PAVLOHRAD

-- THERE IS NO UKRAINIAN INTENTION EVER TO RESUME PRODUCTION

-- THE PLANT NO LONGER HAS THE CAPACITY TO MANUFACTURE THE MISSILES, AND
-- CONTINUOUS MONITORING WOULD BE UNDULY COSTLY TO BOTH THE U.S. AND UKRAINE.

FURTHERMORE, IN RESPONSE TO THE AMBASSADOR'S QUESTION, TARASYUK RE-AFFIRMED DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER/MINISTER OF DEFENSE SHMAROV'S OFFER TO THE AMBASSADOR OF THE

OPPORTUNITY TO WALK THROUGH THE PAVLOHRAD PLANT SO AS PERSONALLY, VISUALLY, TO VERIFY THAT NO MISSILE PRODUCTION IS GOING ON. SUBSEQUENT SHORT NOTICE WALK-THROUGHS WOULD BE POSSIBLE AS WELL. TARASYUK AGREED WITH THE AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT THAT THE U.S. WOULD RETAIN THE RIGHT, IF DISSATISFIED BY THAT OR ANY OTHER INSPECTION PROCEDURE, TO INSTITUTE CONTINUOUS MONITORING.

5. THE AMBASSADOR ASSURED TARASYUK THAT SHMAROV'S, AND TARASYUK'S, EARLIER REPRESENTATIONS ON THIS TOPIC HAD BEEN RELAYED TO WASHINGTON, AND ADDED THAT, BASED ON HIS OWN CONVERSATIONS WITH WASHINGTON OFFICIALS, HE KNOWS THAT THE GOU POSITION IS BEING CAREFULLY EXAMINED.

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CONTINUOUS MONITORING AT PAVLOHRAD

REF: (A) KIEV 10984 (NOTAL), (B) STATE 169462

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2. BACKGROUND AND ACTION REQUEST: UKRAINIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE VALERIY SHMAROV RECENTLY CONVEYED A REQUEST TO SECRETARY OF DEFENSE PERRY (REF A) THAT THE US NOT CONDUCT START TREATY PERIMETER-PORTAL CONTINUOUS MONITORING (PPCM) AT THE PAVLOHRAD MACHINE BUILDING PLANT. SHMAROV FIRST RAISED THIS ISSUE WITH SECRETARY PERRY LAST SPRING (REF B). EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD SECRETARY PERRY'S REPLY TO DPM/MOD SHMAROV IN THE FORM OF A LETTER CONTAINED IN PARA 3 BELOW. WHEN DELIVERING THE LETTER, EMBASSY OFFICIAL SHOULD NOTE THAT PRESIDENT KUCHMA'S LETTER WAS RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON AFTER SECRETARY PERRY'S LETTER HAD BEEN WRITTEN; PRESIDENT KUCHMA SHOULD EXPECT TO RECEIVE A REPLY FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON SOON AFTER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

3. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. MINISTER:

EARLIER THIS MONTH, OUR PRESIDENTS JOINED THE LEADERS OF RUSSIA, BELARUS, AND KAZAKHSTAN IN BUDAPEST IN BRINGING INTO FORCE THE STRATEGIC ARMS REDUCTION TREATY. THIS EVENT SIGNIFIED A TREMENDOUS STEP FORWARD IN THE CAUSE OF

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PARTNERSHIP AND THE REDUCTION OF NUCLEAR RISKS TO ALL MANKIND. EIRY INTO FORCE OF START IS AN ACCOMPLISHMENT IN WHICH OUR GOVERNMENTS, AND INDEED YOU AND I, CAN SHARE GREAT PRIDE, AS THE US AND UKRAINE MOVE AHEAD TO FORGE AN EVEN STRONGER RELATIONSHIP OF TRUST AND SECURITY.

IN LIGHT OF THIS HISTORIC JOINT ACHIEVEMENT, I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO TELL YOU AGAIN OF MY GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE START TREATY PROVISION FOR CONTINUOUS MONITORING OF THE PAVLOHRAD MACHINE BUILDING PLANT. I UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE COSTS AND THE DISRUPTION YOUR GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THE MONITORING REGIME WOULD IMPOSE ON UKRAINE. IN RESPONSE TO THOSE CONCERNS, THE US WILL IMPLEMENT THIS TREATY PROVISION IN A WAY WHICH MINIMIZES THE BURDEN ON UKRAINE.

THE US MONITORING REGIME WILL BE MUCH SMALLER AND LESS DISRUPTIVE THAN THAT PERMITTED UNDER THE START TREATY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE DRAMATIC CHANGES SINCE THE DISSOLUTION OF THE USSR. AND CLEARLY, THE US WILL BEAR THE GREATEST PORTION BY FAR OF THE EXPENSE OF THIS ACTIVITY. BK THE TREATY'S TERMS, WE WILL REIMBURSE UKRAINE FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH MONITORING ACTIVITIES INCLUDING TRANSPORTING AND SETTING UP TEMPORARY MONITORING EQUIPMENT, PROVIDING HOUSING AND WORK FACILITIES FOR US PERSONNEL, AND FOR AIRCRAFT LANDING AND NAVIGATION FEES ASSOCIATED WITH TRANSPORTING THE US MONITORS AND EQUIPMENT TO PAVLOHRAD. SETTLEMENT OF ALL PAYMENTS WILL BE PROCESSED ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS, ACCORDING TO THE PROCEDURES AGREED IN THE JOINT COMPLIANCE AND INSPECTION COMMISSION (JCIC). WE PREVIOUSLY OFFERED TO SUPPLY, AT OUR EXPENSE, AUTOMOBILES FOR GROUND TRANSPORTATION OF US MONITORS AND PREFABRICATED HOUSING UNITS FOR THEIR USE. OUR OVERALL APPROACH TO MONITORING AT PAVLOHRAD IS BASED ON THE US BEARING THE COST BURDEN.

CONSISTENT WITH OUR APPROACH TO MINIMIZING THE BURDEN TO UKRAINE OF US MONITORING AT PAVLOHRAD, WE ALSO HAVE RESPONDED SYMPATHETICALLY TO UKRAINIAN CONCERNS ABOUT THE COSTS OF OTHER TYPES OF START INSPECTIONS. AS A CONSEQUENCE, THE US HAS EXCHANGED POLICY STATEMENTS WITH

UKRAINE, BELARUS, AND KAZAKHSTAN WITHIN THE JCIC, UNDER WHICH THE US WILL REIMBURSE UKRAINE AND THE OTHER TWO STATES FOR THE COSTS OF START INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT ON THEIR TERRITORIES, WHEN THEY CHOOSE NOT TO CONDUCT INSPECTIONS IN THE US.

YOU CAN SEE WE HAVE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT COSTS AND DISRUPTION AS WELL AS CHANGES IN THE INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT IN SHAPING OUR APPROACH TO THIS ISSUE. HOWEVER, IT REMAINS IMPORTANT, NOW THAT START HAS ENTERED INTO FORCE, FOR EACH SIDE TO BE ABLE TO VERIFY THAT THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE TREATY ARE BEING FULFILLED.

THE US MUST HAVE THE ABILITY TO CONFIRM THAT NEWLY-PRODUCED SS-24S ARE NOT EXITING THE PLANT, AS YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS SAID. RUSSIA RECENTLY NOTIFIED US, AS REQUIRED BY START, THAT TWO SS-24 ICBMS EXITED THE PAVLOHRAD PLANT IN EARLY DECEMBER AND WERE TRANSPORTED TO THE PLESETSK TEST RANGE IN RUSSIA. FRANKLY, THIS RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT ONGOING ACTIVITIES AT PAVLOHRAD, WHICH MY GOVERNMENT WILL BE ADDRESSING TO YOURS THROUGH JCIC CHANNELS. HAVING CONTINUOUS MONITORS AT PAVLOHRAD WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO RESOLVE SUCH QUESTIONS.

I BELIEVE THE U.S APPROACH MEETS YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE TREATY'S ECONOMIC IMPACTS. AT THE SAME TIME' I WANT TO REITERATE THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPLEMENTING THE TREATY'S KEY PROVISIONS. I AM CONFIDENT THAT, AS WE WORK TOGETHER AS PARTNERS IN THIS IMPORTANT ENDEAVOR, WE WILL CONTINUE TO ARRIVE AT PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS WHICH FOSTER CONFIDENCE AND MUTUAL SATISFACTION.

WITH BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR. BILL PERRY. END TEXT.
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE

SUBJECT: Response to Ukrainian President Kuchma's Letter on Economic Issues

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E.O. 13526, Sec. 3.5 (b)
White House Guidelines, September 11, 2006
By VL NARA, Date 7/4/2012

Purpose

To respond to Kuchma's letter on economic issues and Export-Import Bank credit for Ukraine.

Background

Kuchma's letter (Tab B) describes the main lines of his reform program and Ukraine's efforts with Russia and Turkmenistan to reschedule oil and gas debt. He closes with a strong pitch for unfreezing Export-Import Bank credit. In a January 25 phone conversation with the Vice President, Kuchma pressed for Ex-Im Bank credit; he recalled his November discussion with you on this and his hope that you would weigh in with the Ex-Im Bank President.

Ukraine lost access to Ex-Im Bank lending in 1993 as its credit rating deteriorated to "F." Once Ukraine concludes a stand-by agreement with the IMF, hopefully in March, we can ask an OMB-led inter-agency group to review Ukraine's rating. (Ex-Im Bank's policy is set by its board, which will have to be convinced that there is "a reasonable chance of repayment.")

The attached response reiterates support for Kuchma's leadership on economic reform, urges early conclusion of a stand-by agreement, underscores our readiness to rally international support for Kiev and suggests Kuchma's economic team visit Washington.

Your last letter to Kuchma (January 3) turned down his request that we forgo exercising our START I Treaty right to continuous monitoring of the Pavlohrad missile production facility, explaining the importance here of implementing that key verification provision. Since we are at present unable to deliver on Ex-Im Bank, we have added two positive points; this letter informs Kuchma:

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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

-- that we are studying how to move forward on the November summit commitment to "open access" for Ukraine to the international aerospace market, and

-- that Ukraine is slated to receive $10 million in FY 1996 "Warsaw Initiative" funds to assist CEE and NIS states to participate in Partnership for Peace activities.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the message to Kuchma at Tab A.

Approve ✓

Disapprove _____

Attachments
Tab A Message to Kuchma
Tab B Incoming letter from Kuchma

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AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE: PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KUCHMA FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. THERE WILL BE NO SIGNED ORIGINAL.

DEAR LEONID DANYLOVICH:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER. I UNDERSTAND YOU AND VICE PRESIDENT GORE RECENTLY HAD A GOOD CONVERSATION. LET ME BEGIN BY SAYING THAT I AM PLEASED THAT, AS WE MOVE INTO 1995, WE ARE FOCUSING ON THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC AGENDA THAT WE DEFINED AT OUR NOVEMBER MEETING.

WE CONTINUE TO APPLAUD THE BOLD REFORM POLICIES ADOPTED UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP TO STABILIZE THE UKRAINIAN ECONOMY. YOUR PRICE LIBERALIZATION AND BUDGET DISCIPLINE MEASURES ARE IMPORTANT STEPS IN TRANSFORMING UKRAINE INTO A STRONG MARKET ECONOMY. LIBERALIZATION OF UKRAINE'S EXPORT POLICIES WILL ALSO BE AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM. YOUR COMMITMENT TO RAPID ECONOMIC REFORM HAS ENABLED BOTH THE IMF AND WORLD BANK TO BEGIN SIGNIFICANT LOAN PROGRAMS, AND WE HAVE WE MADE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO SUPPORT UKRAINE'S IMF SYSTEMIC TRANSFORMATION FACILITY.

I WAS DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS JUST REACHED AGREEMENT WITH THE IMF UNDER WHICH UKRAINE WILL BE ABLE TO ACCESS SIGNIFICANT IMF RESOURCES. I COMMEND YOUR PERSONAL EFFORT TO MAKE POSSIBLE THIS AGREEMENT, WHICH WILL BE A KEY ELEMENT IN STRENGTHENING UKRAINE'S REFORM PROGRAM AND PAVING THE WAY FOR LONG-TERM ECONOMIC RECOVERY. WE ALSO ENCOURAGE YOU TO WORK WITH THE WORLD BANK ON ADDITIONAL FINANCING.

AS IN 1994, THE UNITED STATES WILL SUPPORT UKRAINE DURING THIS DIFFICULT PERIOD OF ECONOMIC TRANSITION. ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER G-7 COUNTRIES WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF YOUR ONGOING REFORMS, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE THE LEAD IN MOBILIZING OUR G-7 PARTNERS TO BE EQUALLY SUPPORTIVE OF UKRAINE'S REFORM EFFORTS. I URGE YOU TO STAY CLOSELY ENGAGED WITH THE OTHER G-7 LEADERS AS WELL.

I RECALL OUR DISCUSSION IN NOVEMBER ON THE IMPORTANCE OF EXPORT-IMPORT BANK FINANCING. THIS IS A MATTER MY ADMINISTRATION IS EXAMINING VERY CAREFULLY. AS VICE PRESIDENT GORE TOLD YOU, THIS IS A COMPLICATED ISSUE, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THAT THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO OPERATE UNDER STRICT CREDIT RULES. I AM HOPEFUL THAT A STAND-BY PROGRAM WILL ENHANCE UKRAINE'S CREDIT WORTHINESS AND OPEN THE WAY FOR NEW EXPORT-IMPORT BANK LENDING. IN THIS REGARD, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR UKRAINE TO CLEAR ITS ARREARS WITH WESTERN CREDITORS. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING AT OTHER

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WAYS TO ACHIEVE THE SAME OBJECTIVE OF SUPPORTING UKRAINE'S CRITICAL IMPORT NEEDS.

IN THE MEANTIME, I AM HAPPY THAT UKRAINE CAME TO AGREEMENT ON DEBT RESCHEDULING AND ENERGY SUPPLIES WITH TURKMENISTAN. WE SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS TO REGULARIZE YOUR FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH BOTH TURKMENISTAN AND RUSSIA, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO URGE THOSE GOVERNMENTS TO WORK WITH YOU ON THESE ISSUES.

I BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS REMAIN CLOSELY ENGAGED ON ECONOMIC REFORM IN UKRAINE. ONCE YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS COMPLETED ITS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE IMF, WE WOULD WELCOME A VISIT OF YOUR ECONOMIC TEAM TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATION WITH KEY ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS AND WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. THIS WOULD PROVE VERY USEFUL AS WE CONTINUE TO BUILD SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE AS YOU COPE WITH THE CHALLENGES OF REFORM.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS TWO OTHER ISSUES. FIRST, AS YOU RECALL, WE AGREED IN NOVEMBER TO WORK TO OPEN ACCESS FOR UKRAINE TO INTERNATIONAL AEROSPACE MARKETS. MY GOVERNMENT IS TAKING A CLOSE LOOK AT CURRENT U.S. POLICIES AND WHAT SHOULD BE DONE TO ALLOW US TO MOVE FORWARD IN THIS AREA. I EXPECT THAT OUR GOVERNMENTS WILL BE ABLE TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE.

SECOND, IN MY BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996, I HAVE ASKED CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE $100 MILLION FOR U.S. SECURITY ASSISTANCE UNDER MY "WARSAW INITIATIVE" FOR MEMBERS OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE. ASSUMING CONGRESS FULLY FUNDS THIS, MY ADMINISTRATION INTENDS TO ALLOCATE $10 MILLION FOR UKRAINE, THE HIGHEST AMOUNT FOR ANY NIS COUNTRY. WE HOPE TO PUT THESE FUNDS TO GOOD USE IN 1996 TO STRENGTHEN LINKS BETWEEN THE UKRAINIAN AND AMERICAN MILITARIES AND TO HELP UKRAINE PARTICIPATE MORE VIGOROUSLY IN PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE ACTIVITIES.

SINCERELY,

BILL CLINTON

ПРЕЗИДЕНТ УКРАЇНИ

" " січня 1995 року
м.Київ

Шановний Пане Президенте,

Дякую за Ваш лист від 6 грудня 1994 року із висловленням підтримки незалежності і територіальної цілісності України та здійснюваних в нашій державі реформ.

З щирою вдячністю згадую часи, проведені на землі Сполучених Штатів Америки. Перебіг останніх подій в Україні дозволяє мені ще раз пересвідчитися у важливості досягнутих під час візиту домовленостей і угод, вагомості моральної та фінансової допомоги з Вашого боку щодо сприяння радикальній трансформації України.

Здійснено перші кроки спрямованої на створення ринкової економіки всеохоплюючої програми макроекономічної стабілізації та структурних перетворень, що грунтується на чотирьох ключових взаємопов'язаних елементах.

По-перше, це макроекономічна стабілізація, яка базується на фінансових та монетарних обмеженнях підтримуваних відповідною податковою політикою. По-друге, це заходи, спрямовані на заохочення конкуренції на ринку товарів та послуг. По-третє, це процес приватизації, застосування ліквідаційних процедур та положень законодавства про банкрутство, а також перегляд методів управління підприємствами. Жорстка державна фінансова по-

Його Високоповажності
Панові Уільяму Дж. КЛІНТОНУ,
Президентові Сполучених Штатів Америки
м. Вашингтон

літика, а також реформа фінансового сектора сприятимуть впровадженню у життя передбачених програмою змін на рівні окремих підприємств. Нарешті, для захисту найбільш вразливих груп населення створюється мережа цільового соціального захисту.

22 грудня 1994 року Правління Світового Банку схвалило надання Україні реабілітаційної позики, що є ще одним свідченням послідовності наших кроків.

Хочу запевнити, що ми масмо твердий намір виконати взяті на себе зобов'язання, у тому числі по обслуговуванню зовнішнього боргу та поточних платежів.

Українська сторона докладає зусиль для подальшого врегулювання питань, пов'язаних з постачанням природного газу з Туркменистану та розрахунками за нього.

На останніх переговорах між Україною і Туркменистаном (Москва, 14 грудня 1994 року) обома сторонами була фактично визнана недостатня ефективність договірних механізмів і підходів до врегулювання цієї проблеми. Обидві сторони не мають намірів щодо розриву або принципового перегляду існуючих міждержавних угод і обговорюють можливість укладення для більш ефективної їх реалізації додаткових уточнюючих двосторонніх документів.

Незважаючи на припинення у листопаді-грудні 1994 року поставок газу з Туркменистану і демонструючи свою готовність сприяти вирішенню накопичених проблем, як ми вже інформували Держдепартамент США, тільки останнім часом Уряд України здійснив переказ до Туркменистану 57,6 млн.дол.США. Продовжуються товарні поставки, які в IV кварталі 1994 року склали 81 млн.дол.США, що сумарно значно перевищує вартість поставленого за цей період газу.

Із загальної вартості товарних поставок у 1994 році на суму 287 млн.дол.США, які виконані відповідно до раніше підписаних угод, поставки на суму 190 млн.дол.США вже підтверджені Туркменистаном. Інші поставки перевірені відповідними службами України, а інформація надана Туркменистану. Українська сторона запропонувала також у разі виникнення протиріч щодо оцінки вартості взаємних

поставок провести додаткові консультації або запросити на незалежний аудит одну з відомих міжнародних аудиторських компаній.

Ми ведемо інтенсивні перговори з Росією і досягли певної згоди щодо реструктуризації заборгованості України, яка підлягала погашенню в 1993-1994 роках за державними кредитами. Переговори йдуть важко. На жаль, поки що не вдалося зрушити з місця розв'язання проблеми реструктуризації поточної заборгованості 1994 року, яка виникла до періоду започаткування реформ.

Україна і надалі прагнутиме до вирішення питань щодо взаєморозрахунків за енергоносії. Підтримка з боку США в цьому напрямку буде мати для нас виняткове важливе значення.

Хотів би також звернути Вашу увагу ще на одну проблему, від розв'язання якої в значній мірі залежатиме успіх економічних реформ в Україні.

Попередній прогноз щодо розвитку економіки України на 1995 рік у межах програми економічних реформ, що відпрацьовується зараз разом з фахівцями Міжнародного Валютного Фонду, свідчить про необхідність пошуку для України додаткових обсягів зовнішнього фінансування.

Особливо актуальною для України є підтримка сільськогосподарського виробництва. Втрати врожаю в Україні в 1994 році пов'язані не тільки з несприятливими кліматичними умовами, але й із значним зменшенням застосування мінеральних добрив та засобів захисту рослин, що було обумовлено недостатніми обсягами твердої валюти для їх закупівлі. Так, в 1994 році сільське господарство України отримало лише 880 тис.тонн поживних речовин, що складає 15 відсотків від потреби. А недобір сільськогосподарських культур через недовнесення мінеральних добрив склав у перерахунку на зерно близько 20 млн.тонн.

Можливим і бажаним кроком, що дозволив би одночасно вирішити цілу низку надзвичайно складних проблем, таких, наприклад, як підтримка аграрників у проведенні реформ,

своєчасного забезпечення їх на неемісійній основі необхідними матеріалами, в першу чергу засобами захисту рослин, є розморожування короткострокової кредитної лінії Ексімбанку США, що була відкрита Україні у травні 1992 року. Загальна сума кредиту, наданого тоді Україні, складає 500 млн. доларів США, з яких використано близько 220 млн. дол.

Сприятливий хід реалізації короткострокового кредиту заклав би підвалини можливого надання середньострокових і довгострокових кредитів під гарантію Ексімбанку США (на 3-5 років в обсязі 2-3 млрд. дол.), що дозволило б значно пожвавити торговельні відносини між нашими країнами.

Сподіваюсь на розуміння наших проблем і підтримку наших намірів, на успішну реалізацію досягнутих у Вашингтоні домовленостей, у тому числі відносно розморожування кредитної лінії Ексімбанку США для України.

З повагою

Леонід КУЧМА

unofficial translation from Ukrainian

President of Ukraine

January 6, 1995
Kyiv

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your letter of December 6, 1994 with the expression of support of independence and territorial integrity of Ukraine and the reforms being undertaken in our country.

With sincere gratitude I remember the time I spent on the land of the United States of America. The course of recent events in Ukraine makes it possible to satisfy myself once again with the importance of the understandings and agreements, achieved during the visit, ponderability of moral and financial assistance from your side to facilitate radical transformation of Ukraine.

The first steps in realization of the comprehensive program of macro-economic stabilization and structural transformation, which is aimed at the creation of market economy and based on the four key elements, have been put into effect.

Firstly, it is macro-economic stabilization based on financial and monetary tightening supported by corresponding taxation policy. Secondly, it is measures aimed at stimulating competition on the market of commodities and services. Thirdly, it is the process of privatization, implementation of liquidate procedures and bankrupt legislation's provisions and review of the methods of enterprise management as well. The rigid state financial policy and the reform of financial sector as well will promote implementation of changes, envisaged by the program, on the enterprise level. Finally, to protect the most helpless groups of population the system of special-purpose social protection has being created.

His Excellency
William J.Clinton,
President of the United States of America
Washington, D.C.

On December 22-nd, 1994 the Board of the World Bank approved the rehabilitation loan for Ukraine that is one more evidence of consistency in our policies.

I would like to assure you that we firmly committed ourselves to meet our obligations including those in debt servicing and current payments.

Ukrainian part is exerting the efforts for further solving the problems with the natural gas supply from Turkmenistan and payments for this supply.

During the resent negotiations between Ukraine and Turkmenistan (held in Moscow on December 14-th, 1994) both parties agreed to consider existing mechanisms and approaches to the resolving of this issue to be not enough efficient. Both parties are not going to reconsider principally existing intergovernmental agreements and are discussing the possibilities of signing additional new bilateral documents to specify existing agreements and to make them working in the more efficient manner.

Despite the stopping of natural gas supply from Turkmenistan in November-December of 1994, we are demonstrating our willingness to contribute to the resolving of he accumulated problems. As we already informed the US Department of State, the Government of Ukraine only recently have transferred to Turkmenistan $57.6m. We are continuing to supply Turkmenistan with the Ukrainian consumer goods - in the 4-th quarter of 1994 - worth $81ml. Summarized this is much more, than the value of natural gas we have received in this time.

From the $287ml of general value of our commodities, supplied to Turkmenistan during 1994 according to the previously signed agreements, supplies worth $190ml have already been confirmed by Turkmenistan. Other supplies have been checked by corresponding bodies of Ukraine and information sent to Turkmenistan. If there appeared to be contradictions in estimating the value of the mutual supplies, Ukrainian part have proposed additional consultations or independent audit from one of the well-known international auditing companies.

We are conducting intensive negotiations with Russia and have achieved some agreement in restructuring of Ukrainian debts to be repaid in 1993-1994 on state guaranteed loans. Negotiations are being conducted hard. We have not for a pity achieved any progress on restructuring of our current 1994 debt, accumulated before we have started with reform's implementation.

Ukraine will further strive to solve the issues of mutual payments for energy resources. Support on the US side in this respect will have an exclusive importance for us.

I would also like to draw your attention to another problem, on the solution of which the success of economic reforms in Ukraine will depend.

A preliminary forecast of the Ukraine's economy development in 1995 within the economic reforms program being elaborated now with the International Monetary Fund experts, testifies to the necessity of the search for Ukraine of additional external financing amounts.

Of particular importance for Ukraine is the support of agricultural production. Losses of crops yield in 1994 in Ukraine were connected not only with unfavorable climatic conditions but also with significant reduction of use of mineral fertilizers and plant protection means which was conditioned by insufficient funds in hard currency for their purchase. Thus, in 1994 the Ukrainian agricultural sector received only 880,000 metric tons of nutriments which comprises only 15 per cent of the needs. And losses of agricultural crops yield because of insufficient use of mineral fertilizers amounted (in terms of grain lost) to about 20 million metric tons.

A possible and desirable step which would allow to simultaneously solve a number of most complex problems (such as, for example, support of agrarians in implementing reforms, timely provision of necessary materials to them on a non-emission basis, first of all plant protection means) is the de-freezing of a US Eximbank short-term credit line which was opened for Ukraine in May 1992. The total amount of credit provided then to Ukraine is US $500 million, of which about $220 million were used.

The favorable course of realization of the short-term credit would lay a basis for possible providing medium-term and long-term credits guaranteed by the US Eximbank (in the amount of $ 2 to 3 billion for 3 to 5 years) which would allow to significantly activate trade relations between our countries.

I count on the understanding of our problems and support for our intentions, as well as successful realization of agreements reached in Washington, including those concerning de-freezing of US Eximbank credit line for Ukraine.

Sincerely,

Leonid KUCHMA
(signed)

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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March 2, 1995

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: COIT D. BLACKER CDB

FROM: STEVE PIFER SP

SUBJECT: Presidential Message to Ukrainian President Kuchma

President Kuchma wrote the President on January 6 regarding the economic situation in Ukraine and asking that the Export-Import Bank unfreeze credits for Ukraine.

The attached Presidential response reiterates our support for Kuchma's leadership on reform, urges early conclusion of a stand-by agreement with the IMF and suggests a visit by Kuchma's economic team to Washington. While we are unable to promise EXIM credits now, the letter conveys good news on commercial space launch cooperation and "Warsaw Initiative" funding.

Concurrences by: (John Beyrle, Helen Walsh, Alexander Vershbow, William Wise) SP for

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I.

Attachments
Tab I Memorandum to the President
Tab A Message to Kuchma
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE

SUBJECT: Response to Ukrainian President Kuchma's Letter on Economic Issues

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Purpose

To respond to Kuchma's letter on economic issues and Export-Import Bank credit for Ukraine.

Background

Kuchma's letter (Tab B) describes the main lines of his reform program and Ukraine's efforts with Russia and Turkmenistan to reschedule oil and gas debt. He closes with a strong pitch for unfreezing Export-Import Bank credit. In a January 25 phone conversation with the Vice President, Kuchma pressed for Ex-Im Bank credit; he recalled his November discussion with you on this and his hope that you would weigh in with the Ex-Im Bank President.

Ukraine lost access to Ex-Im Bank lending in 1993 as its credit rating deteriorated to "F." Once Ukraine concludes a stand-by agreement with the IMF, hopefully in March, we can ask an OMB-led inter-agency group to review Ukraine's rating. (Ex-Im Bank's policy is set by its board, which will have to be convinced that there is "a reasonable chance of repayment.")

The attached response reiterates support for Kuchma's leadership on economic reform, urges early conclusion of a stand-by agreement, underscores our readiness to rally international support for Kiev and suggests Kuchma's economic team visit Washington.

Your last letter to Kuchma (January 3) turned down his request that we forgo exercising our START I Treaty right to continuous monitoring of the Pavlohrad missile production facility, explaining the importance here of implementing that key verification provision. Since we are at present unable to deliver on Ex-Im Bank, we have added two positive points; this letter informs Kuchma:

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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

-- that we are studying how to move forward on the November summit commitment to "open access" for Ukraine to the international aerospace market, and

-- that Ukraine is slated to receive $10 million in FY 1996 "Warsaw Initiative" funds to assist CEE and NIS states to participate in Partnership for Peace activities.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the message to Kuchma at Tab A.

Approve ✓

Disapprove _____

Attachments
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AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE: PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KUCHMA FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. THERE WILL BE NO SIGNED ORIGINAL.

DEAR LEONID DANYLOVICH:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER. I UNDERSTAND YOU AND VICE PRESIDENT GORE RECENTLY HAD A GOOD CONVERSATION. LET ME BEGIN BY SAYING THAT I AM PLEASED THAT, AS WE MOVE INTO 1995, WE ARE FOCUSING ON THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC AGENDA THAT WE DEFINED AT OUR NOVEMBER MEETING.

WE CONTINUE TO APPLAUD THE BOLD REFORM POLICIES ADOPTED UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP TO STABILIZE THE UKRAINIAN ECONOMY. YOUR PRICE LIBERALIZATION AND BUDGET DISCIPLINE MEASURES ARE IMPORTANT STEPS IN TRANSFORMING UKRAINE INTO A STRONG MARKET ECONOMY. LIBERALIZATION OF UKRAINE'S EXPORT POLICIES WILL ALSO BE AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM. YOUR COMMITMENT TO RAPID ECONOMIC REFORM HAS ENABLED BOTH THE IMF AND WORLD BANK TO BEGIN SIGNIFICANT LOAN PROGRAMS, AND WE HAVE WE MADE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO SUPPORT UKRAINE'S IMF SYSTEMIC TRANSFORMATION FACILITY.

I WAS DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS JUST REACHED AGREEMENT WITH THE IMF UNDER WHICH UKRAINE WILL BE ABLE TO ACCESS SIGNIFICANT IMF RESOURCES. I COMMEND YOUR PERSONAL EFFORT TO MAKE POSSIBLE THIS AGREEMENT, WHICH WILL BE A KEY ELEMENT IN STRENGTHENING UKRAINE'S REFORM PROGRAM AND PAVING THE WAY FOR LONG-TERM ECONOMIC RECOVERY. WE ALSO ENCOURAGE YOU TO WORK WITH THE WORLD BANK ON ADDITIONAL FINANCING.

AS IN 1994, THE UNITED STATES WILL SUPPORT UKRAINE DURING THIS DIFFICULT PERIOD OF ECONOMIC TRANSITION. ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER G-7 COUNTRIES WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF YOUR ONGOING REFORMS, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE THE LEAD IN MOBILIZING OUR G-7 PARTNERS TO BE EQUALLY SUPPORTIVE OF UKRAINE'S REFORM EFFORTS. I URGE YOU TO STAY CLOSELY ENGAGED WITH THE OTHER G-7 LEADERS AS WELL.

I RECALL OUR DISCUSSION IN NOVEMBER ON THE IMPORTANCE OF EXPORT-IMPORT BANK FINANCING. THIS IS A MATTER MY ADMINISTRATION IS EXAMINING VERY CAREFULLY. AS VICE PRESIDENT GORE TOLD YOU, THIS IS A COMPLICATED ISSUE, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THAT THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO OPERATE UNDER STRICT CREDIT RULES. I AM HOPEFUL THAT A STAND-BY PROGRAM WILL ENHANCE UKRAINE'S CREDIT WORTHINESS AND OPEN THE WAY FOR NEW EXPORT-IMPORT BANK LENDING. IN THIS REGARD, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR UKRAINE TO CLEAR ITS ARREARS WITH WESTERN CREDITORS. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING AT OTHER

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WAYS TO ACHIEVE THE SAME OBJECTIVE OF SUPPORTING UKRAINE'S CRITICAL IMPORT NEEDS.

IN THE MEANTIME, I AM HAPPY THAT UKRAINE CAME TO AGREEMENT ON DEBT RESCHEDULING AND ENERGY SUPPLIES WITH TURKMENISTAN. WE SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS TO REGULARIZE YOUR FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH BOTH TURKMENISTAN AND RUSSIA, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO URGE THOSE GOVERNMENTS TO WORK WITH YOU ON THESE ISSUES.

I BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS REMAIN CLOSELY ENGAGED ON ECONOMIC REFORM IN UKRAINE. ONCE YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS COMPLETED ITS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE IMF, WE WOULD WELCOME A VISIT OF YOUR ECONOMIC TEAM TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATION WITH KEY ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS AND WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. THIS WOULD PROVE VERY USEFUL AS WE CONTINUE TO BUILD SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE AS YOU COPE WITH THE CHALLENGES OF REFORM.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS TWO OTHER ISSUES. FIRST, AS YOU RECALL, WE AGREED IN NOVEMBER TO WORK TO OPEN ACCESS FOR UKRAINE TO INTERNATIONAL AEROSPACE MARKETS. MY GOVERNMENT IS TAKING A CLOSE LOOK AT CURRENT U.S. POLICIES AND WHAT SHOULD BE DONE TO ALLOW US TO MOVE FORWARD IN THIS AREA. I EXPECT THAT OUR GOVERNMENTS WILL BE ABLE TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE.

SECOND, IN MY BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996, I HAVE ASKED CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE $100 MILLION FOR U.S. SECURITY ASSISTANCE UNDER MY "WARSAW INITIATIVE" FOR MEMBERS OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE. ASSUMING CONGRESS FULLY FUNDS THIS, MY ADMINISTRATION INTENDS TO ALLOCATE $10 MILLION FOR UKRAINE, THE HIGHEST AMOUNT FOR ANY NIS COUNTRY. WE HOPE TO PUT THESE FUNDS TO GOOD USE IN 1996 TO STRENGTHEN LINKS BETWEEN THE UKRAINIAN AND AMERICAN MILITARIES AND TO HELP UKRAINE PARTICIPATE MORE VIGOROUSLY IN PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE ACTIVITIES.

SINCERELY,

BILL CLINTON

ПРЕЗИДЕНТ УКРАЇНИ

" " січня 1995 року
м.Київ

Шановний Пане Президенте,

Дякую за Ваш лист від 6 грудня 1994 року із висловленням підтримки незалежності і територіальної цілісності України та здійснюваних в нашій державі реформ.

З щирою вдячністю згадую часи, проведені на землі Сполучених Штатів Америки. Перебіг останніх подій в Україні дозволяє мені ще раз пересвідчитися у важливості досягнутих під час візиту домовленостей і угод, вагомості моральної та фінансової допомоги з Вашого боку щодо сприяння радикальній трансформації України.

Здійснено перші кроки спрямованої на створення ринкової економіки всеохоплюючої програми макроекономічної стабілізації та структурних перетворень, що грунтується на чотирьох ключових взаємопов'язаних елементах.

По-перше, це макроекономічна стабілізація, яка базується на фінансових та монетарних обмеженнях, підтримуваних відповідною податковою політикою. По-друге, це заходи, спрямовані на заохочення конкуренції на ринку товарів та послуг. По-третє, це процес приватизації, застосування ліквідаційних процедур та положень законодавства про банкрутство, а також перегляд методів управління підприємствами. Жорстка державна фінансова по-

Його Високоповажності
Панові Уільяму Дж. КЛІНТОНУ,
Президентові Сполучених Штатів Америки
м. Вашингтон

літика, а також реформа фінансового сектора сприятимуть впровадженню у життя передбачених програмою змін на рівні окремих підприємств. Нарешті, для захисту найбільш вразливих груп населення створюється мережа цільового соціального захисту.

22 грудня 1994 року Правління Світового Банку схвалило надання Україні реабілітаційної позики, що є ще одним свідченням послідовності наших кроків.

Хочу запевнити, що ми масмо твердий намір виконати взяті на себе зобов'язання, у тому числі по обслуговуванню зовнішнього боргу та поточних платежів.

Українська сторона докладає зусиль для подальшого врегулювання питань, пов'язаних з постачанням природного газу з Туркменистану та розрахунками за нього.

На останніх переговорах між Україною і Туркменистаном (Москва, 14 грудня 1994 року) обома сторонами була фактично визнана недостатня ефективність договірних механізмів і підходів до врегулювання цієї проблеми. Обидві сторони не мають намірів щодо розриву або принципового перегляду існуючих міждержавних угод і обговорюють можливість укладення для більш ефективної їх реалізації додаткових уточнюючих двосторонніх документів.

Незважаючи на припинення у листопаді-грудні 1994 року поставок газу з Туркменистану і демонструючи свою готовність сприяти вирішенню накопичених проблем, як ми вже інформували Держдепартамент США, тільки останнім часом Уряд України здійснив переказ до Туркменистану 57,6 млн.дол.США. Продовжуються товарні поставки, які в IV кварталі 1994 року склали 81 млн.дол.США, що сумарно значно перевищує вартість поставленого за цей період газу.

Із загальної вартості товарних поставок у 1994 році на суму 287 млн.дол.США, які виконані відповідно до раніше підписаних угод, поставки на суму 190 млн.дол.США вже підтверджені Туркменистаном. Інші поставки перевірені відповідними службами України, а інформація надана Туркменистану. Українська сторона запропонувала також у разі виникнення протиріч щодо оцінки вартості взаємних

поставок провести додаткові консультації або запросити на незалежний аудит одну з відомих міжнародних аудиторських компаній.

Ми ведемо інтенсивні перговори з Росією і досягли певної згоди щодо реструктуризації заборгованості України, яка підлягала погашенню в 1993-1994 роках за державними кредитами. Переговори йдуть важко. На жаль, поки що не вдалося зрушити з місця розв'язання проблеми реструктуризації поточної заборгованості 1994 року, яка виникла до періоду започаткування реформ.

Україна і надалі прагнутиме до вирішення питань щодо взаєморозрахунків за енергоносії. Підтримка з боку США в цьому напрямку буде мати для нас винятково важливе значення.

Хотів би також звернути Вашу увагу ще на одну проблему, від розв'язання якої в значній мірі залежатиме успіх економічних реформ в Україні.

Попередній прогноз щодо розвитку економіки України на 1995 рік у межах програми економічних реформ, що відпрацьовується зараз разом з фахівцями Міжнародного Валютного Фонду, свідчить про необхідність пошуку для України додаткових обсягів зовнішнього фінансування.

Особливо актуальною для України є підтримка сільськогосподарського виробництва. Втрати врожаю в Україні в 1994 році пов'язані не тільки з несприятливими кліматичними умовами, але й із значним зменшенням застосування мінеральних добрив та засобів захисту рослин, що було обумовлено недостатніми обсягами твердої валюти для їх закупівлі. Так, в 1994 році сільське господарство України отримало лише 880 тис.тонн поживних речовин, що складає 15 відсотків від потреби. А недобір сільськогосподарських культур через недовнесення мінеральних добрив склав у перерахунку на зерно близько 20 млн.тонн.

Можливим і бажаним кроком, що дозволив би одночасно вирішити цілу низку надзвичайно складних проблем, таких, наприклад, як підтримка аграрників у проведенні реформ,

своєчасного забезпечення їх на неемісійній основі необхідними матеріалами, в першу чергу засобами захисту рослин, є розморожування короткострокової кредитної лінії Ексімбанку США, що була відкрита Україні у травні 1992 року. Загальна сума кредиту, наданого тоді Україні, складає 500 млн. доларів США, з яких використано близько 220 млн. дол.

Сприятливий хід реалізації короткострокового кредиту заклав би підвалини можливого надання середньострокових і довгострокових кредитів під гарантію Ексімбанку США (на 3-5 років в обсязі 2-3 млрд. дол.), що дозволило б значно пожвавити торговельні відносини між нашими країнами.

Сподіваюсь на розуміння наших проблем і підтримку наших намірів, на успішну реалізацію досягнутих у Вашингтоні домовленостей, у тому числі відносно розморожування кредитної лінії Ексімбанку США для України.

З повагою

Леонід КУЧМА

unofficial translation from Ukrainian

President of Ukraine

January 6, 1995
Kyiv

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your letter of December 6, 1994 with the expression of support of independence and territorial integrity of Ukraine and the reforms being undertaken in our country.

With sincere gratitude I remember the time I spent on the land of the United States of America. The course of recent events in Ukraine makes it possible to satisfy myself once again with the importance of the understandings and agreements, achieved during the visit, ponderability of moral and financial assistance from your side to facilitate radical transformation of Ukraine.

The first steps in realization of the comprehensive program of macro-economic stabilization and structural transformation, which is aimed at the creation of market economy and based on the four key elements, have been put into effect.

Firstly, it is macro-economic stabilization based on financial and monetary tightening supported by corresponding taxation policy. Secondly, it is measures aimed at stimulating competition on the market of commodities and services. Thirdly, it is the process of privatization, implementation of liquidate procedures and bankrupt legislation's provisions and review of the methods of enterprise management as well. The rigid state financial policy and the reform of financial sector as well will promote implementation of changes, envisaged by the program, on the enterprise level. Finally, to protect the most helpless groups of population the system of special-purpose social protection has being created.

His Excellency
William J.Clinton,
President of the United States of America
Washington, D.C.

On December 22-nd, 1994 the Board of the World Bank approved the rehabilitation loan for Ukraine that is one more evidence of consistency in our policies.

I would like to assure you that we firmly committed ourselves to meet our obligations including those in debt servicing and current payments.

Ukrainian part is exerting the efforts for further solving the problems with the natural gas supply from Turkmenistan and payments for this supply.

During the resent negotiations between Ukraine and Turkmenistan (held in Moscow on December 14-th, 1994) both parties agreed to consider existing mechanisms and approaches to the resolving of this issue to be not enough efficient. Both parties are not going to reconsider principally existing intergovernmental agreements and are discussing the possibilities of signing additional new bilateral documents to specify existing agreements and to make them working in the more efficient manner.

Despite the stopping of natural gas supply from Turkmenistan in November-December of 1994, we are demonstrating our willingness to contribute to the resolving of he accumulated problems. As we already informed the US Department of State, the Government of Ukraine only recently have transferred to Turkmenistan $57.6m. We are continuing to supply Turkmenistan with the Ukrainian consumer goods - in the 4-th quarter of 1994 - worth $81ml. Summarized this is much more, than the value of natural gas we have received in this time.

From the $287ml of general value of our commodities, supplied to Turkmenistan during 1994 according to the previously signed agreements, supplies worth $190ml have already been confirmed by Turkmenistan. Other supplies have been checked by corresponding bodies of Ukraine and information sent to Turkmenistan. If there appeared to be contradictions in estimating the value of the mutual supplies, Ukrainian part have proposed additional consultations or
independent audit from one of the well-known international auditing companies.

We are conducting intensive negotiations with Russia and have achieved some agreement in restructuring of Ukrainian debts to be repaid in 1993-1994 on state guaranteed loans. Negotiations are being conducted hard. We have not for a pity achieved any progress on restructuring of our current 1994 debt, accumulated before we have started with reform's implementation.

Ukraine will further strive to solve the issues of mutual payments for energy resources. Support on the US side in this respect will have an exclusive importance for us.

I would also like to draw your attention to another problem, on the solution of which the success of economic reforms in Ukraine will depend.

A preliminary forecast of the Ukraine's economy development in 1995 within the economic reforms program being elaborated now with the International Monetary Fund experts, testifies to the necessity of the search for Ukraine of additional external financing amounts.

Of particular importance for Ukraine is the support of agricultural production. Losses of crops yield in 1994 in Ukraine were connected not only with unfavorable climatic conditions but also with significant reduction of use of mineral fertilizers and plant protection means which was conditioned by insufficient funds in hard currency for their purchase. Thus, in 1994 the Ukrainian agricultural sector received only 880,000 metric tons of nutriments which comprises only 15 per cent of the needs. And losses of agricultural crops yield because of insufficient use of mineral fertilizers amounted (in terms of grain lost) to about 20 million metric tons.

A possible and desirable step which would allow to simultaneously solve a number of most complex problems (such as, for example, support of agrarians in implementing reforms, timely provision of necessary materials to them on a non-emission basis, first of all plant protection means) is the de-freezing of a US Eximbank short-term credit line which was opened for Ukraine in May 1992. The total amount of credit provided then to Ukraine is US $500 million, of which about $220 million were used.

The favorable course of realization of the short-term credit would lay a basis for possible providing medium-term and long-term credits guaranteed by the US Eximbank (in the amount of $ 2 to 3 billion for 3 to 5 years) which would allow to significantly activate trade relations between our countries.

I count on the understanding of our problems and support for our intentions, as well as successful realization of agreements reached in Washington, including those concerning de-freezing of US Eximbank credit line for Ukraine.

Sincerely,

Leonid KUCHMA
(signed)

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PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE

March 10, 1995
City of Kyiv

Dear Mr. President:

My addressing you is caused by the extremely complicated situation in which Ukraine has found itself in the course of implementing the program of radical economic reforms. We ask you, Mr. President, to assist the provision to Ukraine of the financial support in the amount not less than US $ 450 million in 1995. Furthermore, we also ask you to reconsider the status of Ukraine on credit issues to increase the sums provided as middle and long term loans.

We intend to decisively move further along the path of radical reforms. The principal strategic tasks of our program have been defined as follows: reaching macroeconomic stabilization, further liberalization of economy, quick privatization, elimination of state monopoly on land ownership, free enterprise development aimed at the establishment of the comprehensive environment for the rebirth of economic activity.

This large-scale program gained support from the IMF, World Bank and bilateral creditors. We are grateful for the assistance but, unfortunately, we could not cover to the full extent the deficit of external financing for the 4th quarter of 1994 that considerably worsens the conditions for implementing our reforms.

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His Excellency
William J. Clinton
President of the
United States of America
Washington, D.C.

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We hope that our scheduled measures will help to consolidate the balance of payments in 1995: exports will grow, imports of energy resources can decrease substantially, and tough fiscal policies should assist in stopping the capital flight and create the conditions for the consequent return of capitals into the country. There are a number of factors, though, that could counteract to this process. These are, in particular, the high initial deficit level of current accounts, the need for bigger volumes of importing commodities other than energy resources which are necessary for the structural reorganization of economy, the growth of debt servicing burden, as well as the necessity to meet considerable bad liabilities for external payments.

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Also, we simultaneously address other creditors on the bilateral basis with the purpose of securing additional levels of assistance. The support on the side of the United States of America, your personal support, Mr. President, will contribute to the forming of a favorable atmosphere for the stimulating financial support for the Ukrainian economy development on the part of other foreign countries.

If we manage to cope with the economic crisis and to achieve economic growth on the market economy basis, it will also allow us to solve the Chornobyl problem, a very painful one for us, in the context of the general issue of nuclear safety improvement. We are witnessing the real steps of the G-7 countries' Governments concerning mobilization of financial resources on the bilateral basis and through the programs of international financial institutions for these purposes, and count for the successful combination of our common efforts.

As the President of Ukraine, I am firmly resolved to do every single thing which depends on me for the rigorous implementation of the financial stabilization and structural reforms program. Quick getting of full-scale financial assistance from the international financial institutions and bilateral creditors will play an extremely important role in implementing reforms, transition to economic growth and integration into the world economy system.

Sincerely,

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(signed)

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DEAR LEONID DANYLOVICH:

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I WILL BE IN MOSCOW ON MAY 9 TO COMMEMORATE THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR IN EUROPE AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE. IF CONVENIENT FOR YOU, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR KIND OFFER TO VISIT KIEV AND WOULD PROPOSE MAY 10. IF THIS DATE IS SUITABLE TO YOU, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOUR STAFF WORK THROUGH OUR EMBASSY SO THAT WE CAN FIX THE DATE AND ANNOUNCE THE VISIT WITHOUT DELAY.

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I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU AND VICE PRESIDENT GORE HAD A GOOD CONVERSATION IN COPENHAGEN. I AM PLEASED THAT WE ARE FOCUSING ON THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC AGENDA THAT WE DEFINED AT OUR MEETING LAST NOVEMBER.

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WE APPLAUD THE BOLD REFORM POLICIES ADOPTED UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP TO STABILIZE THE UKRAINIAN ECONOMY. YOUR PRICE LIBERALIZATION AND BUDGET DISCIPLINE MEASURES, AS WELL AS STEPS TO LIBERALIZE UKRAINE S EXPORT POLICIES, ARE IMPORTANT IN TRANSFORMING UKRAINE INTO A STRONG MARKET ECONOMY. YOUR COMMITMENT TO RAPID ECONOMIC REFORM HAS ENABLED BOTH THE IMF AND WORLD BANK TO BEGIN SIGNIFICANT LOAN PROGRAMS.

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I WAS DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT AND THE IMF HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON A STAND-BY PROGRAM. YOU DESERVE REAL PRAISE FOR YOUR PERSONAL EFFORT TO MAKE POSSIBLE THIS AGREEMENT, WHICH WILL BE KEY IN STRENGTHENING UKRAINE S REFORM PROGRAM AND PAVING THE WAY FOR LONG-TERM ECONOMIC RECOVERY. WE ENCOURAGE YOU ALSO TO ACCELERATE STRUCTURAL REFORM, ESPECIALLY TRADE LIBERALIZATION, IN

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CHARGE: PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KUCHMA FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. THERE WILL BE NO SIGNED ORIGINAL.

DEAR LEONID DANYLOVICH:

I WILL BE IN MOSCOW ON MAY 9 TO COMMEMORATE THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR IN EUROPE AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE. IF CONVENIENT FOR YOU, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR KIND OFFER TO VISIT KIEV AND WOULD PROPOSE MAY 10. IF THIS DATE IS SUITABLE TO YOU, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOUR STAFF WORK THROUGH OUR EMBASSY SO THAT WE CAN FIX THE DATE AND ANNOUNCE THE VISIT WITHOUT DELAY.

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU AND VICE PRESIDENT GORE HAD A GOOD CONVERSATION IN COPENHAGEN. I AM PLEASED THAT WE ARE FOCUSING ON THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC AGENDA THAT WE DEFINED AT OUR MEETING LAST NOVEMBER.

WE APPLAUD THE BOLD REFORM POLICIES ADOPTED UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP TO STABILIZE THE UKRAINIAN ECONOMY. YOUR PRICE LIBERALIZATION AND BUDGET DISCIPLINE MEASURES, AS WELL AS STEPS TO LIBERALIZE UKRAINE'S EXPORT POLICIES, ARE IMPORTANT IN TRANSFORMING UKRAINE INTO A STRONG MARKET ECONOMY. YOUR COMMITMENT TO RAPID ECONOMIC REFORM HAS ENABLED BOTH THE IMF AND WORLD BANK TO BEGIN SIGNIFICANT LOAN PROGRAMS.

I WAS DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT AND THE IMF HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON A STAND-BY PROGRAM. YOU DESERVE REAL PRAISE FOR YOUR PERSONAL EFFORT TO MAKE POSSIBLE THIS AGREEMENT, WHICH WILL BE KEY IN STRENGTHENING UKRAINE'S REFORM PROGRAM AND PAVING THE WAY FOR LONG-TERM ECONOMIC RECOVERY. WE ENCOURAGE YOU ALSO TO ACCELERATE STRUCTURAL REFORM, ESPECIALLY TRADE LIBERALIZATION, IN ORDER TO TAP FULLY INTO THE WORLD BANK'S RESOURCES.

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Unofficial translation from Ukrainian

PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE

March 10, 1995
City of Kyiv

Dear Mr. President:

My addressing you is caused by the extremely complicated situation in which Ukraine has found itself in the course of implementing the program of radical economic reforms. We ask you, Mr. President, to assist the provision to Ukraine of the financial support in the amount not less than US $ 450 million in 1995. Furthermore, we also ask you to reconsider the status of Ukraine on credit issues to increase the sums provided as middle and long term loans.

We intend to decisively move further along the path of radical reforms. The principal strategic tasks of our program have been defined as follows: reaching macroeconomic stabilization, further liberalization of economy, quick privatization, elimination of state monopoly on land ownership, free enterprise development aimed at the establishment of the comprehensive environment for the rebirth of economic activity.

This large-scale program gained support from the IMF, World Bank and bilateral creditors. We are grateful for the assistance but, unfortunately, we could not cover to the full extent the deficit of external financing for the 4th quarter of 1994 that considerably worsens the conditions for implementing our reforms.

His Excellency
William J. Clinton
President of the
United States of America
Washington, D.C.

We hope that our scheduled measures will help to consolidate the balance of payments in 1995: exports will grow, imports of energy resources can decrease substantially, and tough fiscal policies should assist in stopping the capital flight and create the conditions for the consequent return of capitals into the country. There are a number of factors, though, that could counteract to this process. These are, in particular, the high initial deficit level of current accounts, the need for bigger volumes of importing commodities other than energy resources which are necessary for the structural reorganization of economy, the growth of debt servicing burden, as well as the necessity to meet considerable bad liabilities for external payments.

According to the estimates agreed upon with the IMF we anticipate that the deficit between potential and actual external financing will amount to US $ 5.5 billion, or approximately US $ 3.4 billion if adjusted for getting in the future of previously conditioned amounts of assistance from the international financial institutions.

We need to frankly admit that reforms in Ukraine will be doomed to failure if we are not able to cover the external financing deficit. For the successful continuation of the reform process, decreasing the administrative interference into economy, expanding free trade and, at the same time, providing support to the most impoverished social strata, we need to have more loans for restructuring, considerably increase the levels of official bilateral help, as well as multilateral investments and influx of private capital.

Also, we simultaneously address other creditors on the bilateral basis with the purpose of securing additional levels of assistance. The support on the side of the United States of America, your personal support, Mr. President, will contribute to the forming of a favorable atmosphere for the stimulating financial support for the Ukrainian economy development on the part of other foreign countries.

If we manage to cope with the economic crisis and to achieve economic growth on the market economy basis, it will also allow us to solve the Chornobyl problem, a very painful one for us, in the context of the general issue of nuclear safety improvement. We are witnessing the real steps of the G-7 countries' Governments concerning mobilization of financial resources on the bilateral basis and through the programs of international financial institutions for these purposes, and count for the successful combination of our common efforts.

As the President of Ukraine, I am firmly resolved to do every single thing which depends on me for the rigorous implementation of the financial stabilization and structural reforms program. Quick getting of full-scale financial assistance from the international financial institutions and bilateral creditors will play an extremely important role in implementing reforms, transition to economic growth and integration into the world economy system.

Sincerely,

Leonid KUCHMA
(signed)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ACTION June 13, 1995 95 JUN 13 P1:55

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE

SUBJECT: Message to Ukrainian President Kuchma

Purpose

To approve a message to Ukrainian President Kuchma.

Background

Last week was a good one for President Kuchma. First, he struck an agreement with the Ukrainian parliament (the Rada) on the balance of power between the executive and legislative branches. The agreement gives Kuchma greater authority to implement economic reforms and averts what was a looming constitutional crisis.

Second, Friday's Kuchma-Yeltsin meeting in Sochi appears to have gone very well. The two reportedly made significant progress on resolution of the Black Sea Fleet basing question. While Ukrainian-Russian agreements on the Black Sea Fleet have come undone in the past, Kuchma and Yeltsin agreed to meet regularly, including next month in Crimea, to keep things on track.

A short message to Kuchma congratulating him on last week's achievements is appropriate. It may take some of the sting out of the fact that he will not be in Halifax.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the message to Kuchma at Tab A.

Approve Bill Clinton

Disapprove _____

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Tab A Presidential Message to Kuchma

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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From: Pascual, Carlos E.
To: Ficklin, John W.
Cc: /R, Record at A1; @RUSSIA - Russia/Ukraine
Subject: Action 9505364 ~~[SECRET]~~
Date: Wednesday, October 04, 1995 8:18PM

John -- You had just sent me a reminder on action 9505364, a letter to the President from President Kuchma of Ukraine.

Kuchma's letter proposed that Vice President Gore and Prime Minister Marchuk establish a bilateral commission to oversee all bilateral programs between the U.S. and Ukraine. We viewed this as a very bad idea as it would create a new bureaucracy that would take up time and reduce our flexibility in bilateral relations. We specifically chose not to answer the letter in anticipation that we would be able to work out alternative arrangements with the Ukrainians.

In preparation for Ukrainian Prime Minister Marchuk's meeting with Vice President Gore last week, we emphasized to the Ukrainian Embassy that we should focus attention on strengthening ministry-to-ministry cooperation rather than create a new commission. We suggested that this was a "normal" model for bilateral relations such as we might pursue with England or Germany. The Ukrainians essentially agreed with our ideas and dropped the topic of a bilateral commission.

We recommend that the President not respond to Kuchma's letter since a solution has been worked out. It would also be inopportune to respond since we will not be able to respond positively to Kuchma's request for a bilateral with the President during UNGA. Instead, we will incorporate some discussion of this topic in a broader letter which the Vice President will be sending to Kuchma as a follow up to his meeting with Marchuk.

Based on these considerations, we would appreciate your closing out this action.

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SUBJECT: KUCHMA LETTER TO PRESIDENT CLINTON

1. JULY 5, EMBASSY RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM UKRAINIAN PRESIDENT KUCHMA TO PRESIDENT CLINTON, IN RESPONSE TO THE LATTER'S JUNE 14 LETTER. KUCHMA CHIEF OF STAFF TABACHNYK, IN HIS COVER LETTER, STATED THAT THE GOU HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE LETTER BEING RELEASED TO THE PRESS. THE FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THE UKRAINIAN-LANGUAGE TEXT. THE ORIGINAL, SIGNED LETTER IS BEING POUCHED TO EUR/WST - ED SALAZAR.

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JULY 1, 1995
KIEV

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I WAS VERY PLEASED TO RECEIVE YOUR THOUGHTFUL LETTER OF JUNE 14, 1995, WITH ITS POSITIVE ASSESSMENT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL ACCORD WHICH I REACHED WITH THE SUPREME RADA AS WELL AS OF THE RESULTS OF MY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT YELTSIN IN SOCHI.

I WOULD LIKE TO NOTE THAT IN MY VIEW YOUR LETTERS ARE EVIDENCE OF SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE AND UKRAINE'S POSITION IN GENERAL.

FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE CONCLUSION OF THE ACCORD WAS A RESULT OF CONSENSUS

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AMONG THE MAIN POLITICAL FORCES OF UKRAINIAN SOCIETY AND A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO BRANCHES OF STATE POWER. IT WILL ALSO ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT OF UKRAINE TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS FOR THE ACCELERATION OF MARKET REFORMS.
I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE APPRECIATION THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO MAKE A STATE VISIT TO UKRAINE MAY 11-12. I SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT OUR MEETING IN KIEV WAS VERY PRODUCTIVE. I AM CERTAIN THAT YOUR VISIT WILL OCCUPY A PROMINENT PLACE IN THE HISTORY OF UKRAINIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

I CONSIDER THAT THE HOLDING IN KIEV OF UKRAINIAN-AMERICAN DISCUSSIONS LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR A NEW AND SIGNIFICANT ERA IN THE PATH OF DEVELOPING A LONG-TERM PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN OUR STATES, WIDENING AND DEEPENING OF OUR BILATERAL CONTACT ON ALL LEVELS.

IN ADDITION, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THAT, DUE TO JOINT EFFORTS, A SOLID LEGAL BASIS OF UKRAINIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, I WOULD LIKE TO RETURN TO MY PROPOSAL REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UKRAINIAN-AMERICAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON QUESTIONS OF BILATERAL COOPERATION AND SECURITY, WHICH WOULD PROMOTE THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SIGNED AGREEMENTS, AS WELL AS CONSIDER POTENTIAL COOPERATION BETWEEN UKRAINE AND THE UNITED STATES. I AM CONVINCED THAT SUCH A COMMITTEE WOULD MEET THE INTERESTS OF BOTH SIDES AND WOULD STRENGTHEN OUR PARTNERSHIP.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CONTINUATION OF OUR PRODUCTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE IN OCTOBER DURING THE CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS. IN THIS RESPECT I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT I BELIEVE THAT IT IS SYMBOLIC THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE DRAW, I WILL ADDRESS THE PyRTICIPANTS OF THE JUBILEE MEETING IMMEDIATELY AFTER YOUR SPEECH.

PLEASE PASS THE BEST REGARDS FROM MY WIFE AND MYSELF TO YOUR WIFE.

SINCERELY,

LEONID KUCHMA

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FOR THE AMBASSADOR.

AMBASSADOR IS REQUESTED TO PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON TO PRESIDENT KUCHMA. A SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL FOLLOW.
BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I CONGRATULATE YOU ON A REMARKABLE RECORD IN YOUR FIRST YEAR AS PRESIDENT. YOU HAVE ALREADY LEFT YOUR MARK ON UKRAINIAN HISTORY, AND THE NEXT YEAR OFFERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE IT INDELIBLE.

THE ISSUES YOU HAVE MANAGED HAVE BEEN COMPLEX, OFTEN CONTENTIOUS AND FREQUENTLY AT THE CENTER OF INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION. UKRAINE S RATIFICATION OF AND ACCESSION TO THE NPT WAS A HISTORIC MOMENT FOR GLOBAL SECURITY. YOUR PARTICIPATION AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN UN PEACEKEEPING IN BOSNIA FORESHADOW UKRAINE S EMERGING ROLE IN EUROPEAN SECURITY. AT HOME, YOUR RECENT STRONG SUPPORT FOR FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE AND PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES SETS A TONE FOR NATIONAL CONCILIATION AND TOLERANCE. UKRAINE AND THE WORLD COMMUNITY HAVE BENEFITED FROM YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THESE MATTERS.

JOINING THIS ARRAY OF IMPRESSIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IS YOUR FIRM COMMITMENT TO COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC REFORM. SOME COUNTRIES HAVE LOST COURAGE AND WAVERED AS THEY TRIED TO BUILD A MARKET ECONOMY. HESITATION AT THE BRINK OF THIS CHALLENGE EXACTS AN ENORMOUS PRICE: HIGH INFLATION, CAPITAL FLIGHT AND WANING PROSPECTS FOR A BETTER FUTURE. YOUR LEADERSHIP ON ECONOMIC REFORM IS RAPIDLY TRANSFORMING UKRAINE. INFLATION IS COMING DOWN FASTER THAN EXPECTED, BUDGET REVENUES ARE STRONG AND THE CURRENCY HAS STABILIZED. YOU NOW HAVE A POSITIVE TRADE BALANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES, AND THERE HAS BEEN STRONG GROWTH IN YOUR EXPORTS TO OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES.

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E.O. 13526, Sec. 3.5 (b)
White House Guidelines, September 11, 2006
By VL NARA, Date 7/9/2019
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I WRITE TO YOU TODAY TO COMMEND AND ENCOURAGE YOUR CONTINUED STRONG LEADERSHIP ON ECONOMIC REFORM. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE REMARKABLE PROGRESS OVER THE PAST YEAR COULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT YOUR CLEAR AND UNAMBIGUOUS COMMITMENT TO RESTRUCTURING THE UKRAINIAN ECONOMY. THE COMING MONTHS MAY PROVE THE MOST CRITICAL PERIOD FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

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PATIENCE IS DIFFICULT WHEN THE WELL-BEING OF ONE S PEOPLE IS AT STAKE. I SHARE YOUR CONCERNS OVER DECLINING PRODUCTION AND THE VULNERABILITY OF THE POOR AND PENSIONERS. SUCH HARDSHIP, EVEN IF TEMPORARY AND ANTICIPATED, IS DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT KNOWING THE ENORMOUS POTENTIAL LOCKED WITHIN UKRAINE S ECONOMY. OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE FOUND THAT PROSPECTS APPEAR BLEAKEST JUST BEFORE ECONOMIC RECOVERY. ONCE STABILIZATION IS SOLIDIFIED, OUTPUT WILL GROW AND NEW DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES WILL ACCELERATE THAT RECOVERY. QUICK FIXES THAT CREATE A FLICKER OF HOPE, SOON TO BE DASHED, ARE THE MOST DANGEROUS OPTIONS. FAILED EXPECTATIONS, WE BOTH KNOW, ARE ENORMOUS ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL LIABILITIES.
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THE INTERNATIONAL DONOR COMMUNITY HAS PLAYED A CRITICAL ROLE IN SUPPORTING UKRAINE S REFORMS. THAT SUPPORT WILL CONTINUE. IN 1994, THE U.S. LED THE G-7 TO COMMIT $4 BILLION OVER TWO YEARS IN INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE. WE HAVE DELIVERED ON THAT COMMITMENT IN JUST ONE YEAR. THE U.S. AGAIN PLAYED A KEY ROLE AT THIS YEAR S G-7 SUMMIT BY INCLUDING A NEW COMMITMENT OF $2 BILLION IN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTION SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE BY THE END OF 1996. YOUR RECENT AGREEMENT WITH THE IMF ON THE NEXT PHASE OF YOUR REFORMS WAS CRITICAL TO SUSTAINING THESE SIZABLE FINANCIAL FLOWS.

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I ASSURE YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE ITS STRONG BILATERAL SUPPORT FOR YOUR EFFORTS. WHEN WE MET IN KIEV IN MAY, WE AGREED ON A $175 MILLION AGRICULTURAL CREDIT PROGRAM AND ANNOUNCED THAT THE U.S. EXPORT-IMPORT BANK WOULD REOPEN FOR BUSINESS IN UKRAINE. BETWEEN THESE PROGRAMS, WE EXPECT TO PROVIDE APPROXIMATELY $675 MILLION IN EXPORT CREDITS TO UKRAINE OVER THE NEXT YEAR. THIS IS NON-INFLATIONARY FUNDING THAT CAN SUPPORT MARKET-DRIVEN INVESTMENTS IN YOUR ECONOMY. I AM ALSO CONFIDENT THAT AMERICAN CREDITS TO UKRAINE WILL SPARK ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM EUROPE AND JAPAN.

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FEW COUNTRIES HAVE MANAGED THE ENORMOUS CHALLENGE OF ECONOMIC STABILIZATION AND STRUCTURAL REFORM ON THEIR FIRST SERIOUS ATTEMPT. UKRAINE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT ITSELF IN THIS DISTINGUISHED GROUP. THE FASTER THIS OCCURS, THE SHORTER THE PERIOD OF HARDSHIP ENDURED BY THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE. THAT MAKES ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SENSE.

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LEONID, BOLDNESS AND COURAGE HAVE MARKED YOUR FIRST YEAR IN OFFICE. YOU HAVE MANAGED WITH WISDOM, FORESIGHT AND A DEEP RESPECT FOR HUMANITY. SUCH LEADERSHIP IS NEEDED IN THE WORLD COMMUNITY, AND IT IS NEEDED MORE THAN EVER IN UKRAINE. YOU HAVE MY DEEPEST RESPECT AND FIRM SUPPORT.

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SINCERELY,

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BILL CLINTON

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 14, 1995

Dear Mr. President:

I congratulate you on a remarkable record in your first year as president. You have already left your mark on Ukrainian history, and the next year offers the opportunity to make it indelible.

The issues you have managed have been complex, often contentious and frequently at the center of international attention. Ukraine's ratification of and accession to the NPT was a historic moment for global security. Your participation and constructive role in UN peacekeeping in Bosnia foreshadow Ukraine's emerging role in European security. At home, your recent strong support for freedom of conscience and peaceful resolution of disputes sets a tone for national conciliation and tolerance. Ukraine and the world community have benefited from your leadership on these matters.

Joining this array of impressive accomplishments is your firm commitment to comprehensive economic reform. Some countries have lost courage and wavered as they tried to build a market economy. Hesitation at the brink of this challenge exacts an enormous price: high inflation, capital flight and waning prospects for a better future. Your leadership on economic reform is rapidly transforming Ukraine. Inflation is coming down faster than expected, budget revenues are strong and the currency has stabilized. You now have a positive trade balance with the United States, and there has been strong growth in your exports to other industrialized countries.

I write to you today to commend and encourage your continued strong leadership on economic reform. It is clear that the remarkable progress over the past year could not have happened without your clear and unambiguous commitment to restructuring the Ukrainian economy. The coming months may prove the most critical period for your leadership.

Patience is difficult when the well-being of one's people is at stake. I share your concerns over declining production and the vulnerability of the poor and pensioners. Such hardship, even if temporary and anticipated, is difficult to accept knowing the enormous potential locked within Ukraine's economy. Other countries have found that prospects appear bleakest just before

economic recovery. Once stabilization is solidified, output will grow and new domestic and international resources will accelerate that recovery. Quick fixes that create a flicker of hope, soon to be dashed, are the most dangerous options. Failed expectations, we both know, are enormous economic and political liabilities.

The international donor community has played a critical role in supporting Ukraine's reforms. That support will continue. In 1994, the U.S. led the G-7 to commit $4 billion over two years in international assistance. We have delivered on that commitment in just one year. The U.S. again played a key role at this year's G-7 summit by including a new commitment of $2 billion in international financial institution support for Ukraine by the end of 1996. Your recent agreement with the IMF on the next phase of your reforms was critical to sustaining these sizable financial flows.

I assure you that the United States will continue its strong bilateral support for your efforts. When we met in Kiev in May, we agreed on a $175 million agricultural credit program and announced that the U.S. Export-Import Bank would reopen for business in Ukraine. Between these programs, we expect to provide approximately $675 million in export credits to Ukraine over the next year. This is non-inflationary funding that can support market-driven investments in your economy. I am also confident that American credits to Ukraine will spark additional contributions from Europe and Japan.

Few countries have managed the enormous challenge of economic stabilization and structural reform on their first serious attempt. Ukraine has the opportunity to put itself in this distinguished group. The faster this occurs, the shorter the period of hardship endured by the Ukrainian people. That makes economic and political sense.

Leonid, boldness and courage have marked your first year in office. You have managed with wisdom, foresight and a deep respect for humanity. Such leadership is needed in the world community, and it is needed more than ever in Ukraine. You have my deepest respect and firm support.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

His Excellency
Leonid Kuchma
President of Ukraine
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PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE

August 8, 1995
Kiev

Dear Mr. President:

It is with great pleasure that I recall our previous constructive meetings, where we generally reached concrete decisions.

This time, hoping for your support, I would like to bring up the matter of the implementation of the Action Plan for Reforming Ukraine's Energy Sector and Resolving the Problem of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant, which is of the utmost importance for our state. We were pleased to learn of the commitment on the part of the G-7 countries to continue their efforts in mobilizing the efforts of international financial institutions and other donors to provide the necessary aid for implementing this large-scale comprehensive program.

To my mind, the constant attention focused on the Chernobyl plant by the mass media and the public, together with the lack of specific measures for resolving the problem of the plant's shutdown, is having adverse effects, i.e., the loss of skilled personnel and the moral [sic] and technical obsolescence of reactors and equipment, which affects safety at the Chernobyl facility.

His Excellency
Mr. William J. Clinton
President of the United States of America
Washington, D.C.

The Ukrainian side, in accordance with its obligations, has done everything possible to move the process of lengthy discussions into the sphere of practical cooperation. Thus we are rather concerned about the extreme slowness with which the G-7 arrives at major decisions. As of yet we have no clear answers to our main questions, without whose solution Ukraine is unable to begin carrying out on its own the scheduled decommissioning of the Chernobyl plant. At the same time, the Government of Ukraine has to make a quick decision on the future of this facility.

Despite these difficulties, I would like to reaffirm our willingness to begin the process of shutting down the Chernobyl plant, on condition that suitable guarantees are provided for financial and technical assistance from the G-7 countries in implementing this long-term program, namely:

- resolving the problem of alternative energy sources;
- constructing storage facilities for spent nuclear fuel and radioactive waste;
- transforming the "Sarcophagus" site into an environmentally safe structure;
- resolving problems related to the social welfare of the population in the Chernobyl region.

If the G-7 countries continue to delay making a final decision on support for the above measures, the Government of Ukraine will be compelled to decide on the fate of the Chernobyl plant, primarily on the basis of national priorities and our nation's economic and technological capabilities. That would probably force us to revise the schedule for the plant's shutdown.

I would like to emphasize that Ukraine's desire to expedite the decision-making process is motivated solely by economic factors and requirements to ensure the necessary level of security for nuclear facilities, not by political interests. For Ukraine, which is instituting economic reforms under difficult financial and economic conditions, the aforesaid financial assistance from the G-7 will be of vital practical importance.

We are ready to continue a constructive dialogue to seek effective solutions, and see no obstacles to intensification of efforts aimed at resolving the problems of the Chernobyl plant within the framework of Ukraine's energy sector reforms.

In order to resolve as quickly as possible the problems that are preventing us from commencing the practical implementation of our plans for shutting down the Chernobyl station, we propose that a meeting between the authorized representatives of Ukraine and the G-7 countries be held as early as September of this year. To organize this event, I have given suitable instructions to the head of Ukraine's official governmental delegation to the Chernobyl talks, Minister of Environmental Protection and Nuclear Safety Yu. I. Kostenko.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you personally for the attention you have been devoting to the problems of Ukraine's energy sector. I hope that the overall Chernobyl problem will be resolved through our joint efforts as soon as possible.

Respectfully,
[s] Leonid Kuchma

Unofficial translation from Ukrainian

PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE

August 8, 1995
City of Kyiv

Dear Mr. President,

It is with great pleasure that I recall our previous fruitful meetings at which we, as a rule, came to concrete decisions.

This time, hoping for your support, I would like to raise the issue of the implementation of the Action Plan for Reforming Energy Sector of Ukraine and solving the Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant problem. We have received with satisfaction the information on G-7 countries' commitment to continue work for mobilizing the efforts of international financial institutions and other donors for rendering necessary help in the implementation of this large-scale comprehensive program.

The constant attention of mass media and public which is concentrated on the Chornobyl NPP issues, alongside with the absence of concrete measures to solve the problem of the station shutdown, to my mind, has the following negative consequences: outflow of skilled specialists, moral and physical obsolescence of reactors and technical equipment which influence the nuclear safety situation at the Chornobyl NPP.

His Excellency
William J. Clinton
President of the
United States of America
Washington, D.C.

The Ukrainian side, in accordance with the obligations taken, has made everything possible to direct the process of lengthy discussions into the sphere of practical cooperation. That is why we are somewhat concerned with the very slow pace of taking major decisions on the part of G-7. As of today, we don't have a clear answer to the principal questions without solving of which Ukraine is not capable on its own to start fulfilling a time-table for decommissioning the Chornobyl NPP. At the same time, Ukraine's Government has to take an urgent decision on the fate of this plant.

Regardless of these difficulties, I would like to reconfirm our readiness to start the process of closing the Chornobyl NPP on the condition of providing of relevant guarantees on financial and technical assistance on the part of G-7 countries for the implementation of this long-term program, namely:

- solving the problem of compensating capacities;
- construction of storages for used nuclear fuel and nuclear waste;
- transformation of the "Sarcophagus" object into an environmentally safe structure;
- solving the social protection problems of the Chornobyl region population.

If the taking of a final decision as to the support of the said measures would be further delayed by the G-7 countries, the Ukrainian Government would be forced to decide the fate of the Chornobyl NPP proceeding, first of all, from the national priorities, economic and technical possibilities of our state which, apparently, would force us to revise the time frame for closing down the station.

I want to stress that Ukraine's desire to expedite the decision taking process is caused exclusively by economic reasons as well as demands for the providing necessary safety level for nuclear objects, and

not by political interests. For Ukraine which is implementing economic transformations under difficult financial and economic conditions, the aforementioned financial assistance from G-7 will have essential practical importance.

We are ready to continue a constructive dialog for seeking effective solutions and see no obstacles to revitalization of activities aimed at solving Chornobyl NPP problem in the context of Ukraine's energy sector reformation.

In order to reach the soonest possible solution of the problems which impede the beginning of the practical realization of our plans concerning the Chornobyl NPP closure, we propose to hold a meeting of authorized representatives from Ukraine and G-7 countries as early as September of this year. To organize this event I have properly instructed Mr. Yuri Kostenko, the Head of Ukraine's official governmental delegation on talks on the Chornobyl NPP issues, who is the Minister for Environmental Protection and Nuclear Safety of Ukraine.

At the end of my letter I would like to extend my personal thanks for the attention you pay to the problems of Ukraine's energy sector. I hope that due to our joint efforts, the Chornobyl NPP issue would be solved in principle within the shortest possible time.

Respectfully,

Leonid KUCHMA

(signed)

ПРЕЗИДЕНТ УКРАЇНИ

" 8 "серпня 1995 року
м. Київ

Шановний Пане Президенте,

З почуттям великого задоволення я пригадую наші попередні плідні зустрічі, на яких ми, як правило, приходили до конкретних рішень.

На цей раз, сподіваючись на Вашу підтримку, я би хотів підняти питання реалізації Плану дій по реформуванню енергетичної галузі України і розв'язанню проблеми Чорнобильської АЕС, що має особливо велике значення для нашої держави. Ми із задоволенням сприйняли інформацію щодо зобов'язання країн "Сімки" продовжити роботу з мобілізації зусиль міжнародних фінансових інституцій та інших донорів для надання необхідної допомоги у здійсненні цієї широкомасштабної комплексної програми.

Постійна увага засобів масової інформації, громадськості, зосереджена навколо проблем ЧАЕС, поряд з відсутністю конкретних кроків по вирішенню проблеми закриття станції, має на мою думку негативні наслідки, а саме: відтік кваліфікованих кадрів, моральне та фізичне старіння реакторів та технічного обладнання, що впливає на стан ядерної безпеки ЧАЕС.

Його Високоповажності
Панові Уільяму Кліптону
Президентові Сполучених
Штатів Америки
м. Вашингтон

Українською стороною, згідно з взятими зобов'язаннями, було зроблено все можливе для того, щоб перевести процес дискусій, що затягнулися, в сферу практичного співробітництва. Тому, певне занепокоєння викликає у нас дуже повільний хід прийняття принципових рішень з боку "Великої сімки". На сьогоднішній день ми не маємо чіткої відповіді на головні питання, без вирішення яких Україна неспроможна самостійно розпочати виконання плану-графіку виведення з експлуатації Чорнобильської АЕС. Водночас, Уряду України потрібно терміново вирішувати майбутню долю цієї станції.

Незважаючи на ці труднощі, хотів би ще раз підтвердити нашу готовність розпочати процес закриття Чорнобильської АЕС за умов надання відповідних гарантій щодо фінансової та технічної допомоги з боку держав "Великої сімки" для реалізації цієї довгострокової програми, а саме:

- вирішення питання компенсуючих потужностей;

-будівництва сховищ для відпрацьованого ядерного палива та радіоактивних відходів;

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-розв'язання проблем соціального захисту населення Чорнобильського регіону.

Якщо прийняття остаточного рішення щодо підтримки зазначених заходів буде відкладатися країнами "Сімки" і надалі, Уряд України буде вимушений вирішувати долю Чорнобильської АЕС, виходячи, насамперед, з національних пріоритетів, економічних та технічних можливостей нашої держави, що, ймовірно, примусить нас переглянути терміни закриття станції.

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З глибокою повагою,

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September 12, 1995

Dear President Kuchma,

On behalf of the leaders of the G-7, I would like to thank you for your letter of August 8 which was discussed at the Sherpa meeting September 4-5. Our personal representatives reflected on the contents of your letter when considering the comprehensive response to Ukraine's proposals promised in Gordon Smith's letter of August 21 to Minister Kostenko.

The leaders of the G-7 welcome your invitation to accelerate negotiations on western support for your decision to close the Chernobyl nuclear power plant by the year 2000. We continue to stand behind our Halifax and Naples commitments to mobilize international assistance for energy production, energy efficiency and nuclear projects which support Chernobyl's closure. We agree that the issue of Chernobyl's closure must be solved "in the context of Ukraine's energy sector reforms".

We propose, therefore, that we establish an agreement between the Government of Ukraine and the countries of the G-7 on a comprehensive program to close Chernobyl by the year 2000. We recognize the urgency of doing so quickly to permit the Ukrainian government to make plans for its economic and energy future. We are committed to reaching this agreement as quickly as possible. It is our belief that it should be possible for Ukraine and the G-7 countries to come to an agreement to be formalized through a visit of Canada's Deputy Prime Minister before the end of the year. This agreement will be based upon the G-7 Action Plan but appropriate modifications could be made as a result of consultations among the G-7, Ukraine and the international financial institutions.

To this end, we would like to accept your proposal that representatives of the G-7 and Ukraine meet in September. We have accordingly instructed the Heads of Delegation of the G-7 Nuclear Safety Working Group to visit Kiev to meet with your team headed by Minister Kostenko. It is my understanding that the dates of September 26-27 are being considered for this visit.

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We concur with you that the agreement between Ukraine and the G-7 should address the specific nuclear safety concerns expressed in your letter. We would also suggest that the agreement reflect the need for vital linkages between economic reform, energy efficiency and power sector investments.

The discussions to be held at the end of September should deal with the basic principles to be applied to the solutions to Chernobyl's closure in the context of Ukraine's energy sector reformation. The principles would cover the following areas:

-- Power Sector Restructuring
-- Energy Investment Program
-- Nuclear Safety Measures
-- Social Cost Planning

and as far as necessary be split between grant and loan financing. The framework for a comprehensive program for the closure of Chernobyl would be built upon our agreement on these principles.

From such a foundation, we believe that the G-7 and Ukraine can together develop a financially feasible and technically sound program that will enable Ukraine to implement its decision of closing Chernobyl by the year 2000.

I look forward to positive results from the forthcoming consultations.

Yours Sincerely,

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З глибокою повагою,

Леонід Кучма

Unofficial translation from Ukrainian

PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE

August 8, 1995
City of Kyiv

Dear Mr. President,

It is with great pleasure that I recall our previous fruitful meetings at which we, as a rule, came to concrete decisions.

This time, hoping for your support, I would like to raise the issue of the implementation of the Action Plan for Reforming Energy Sector of Ukraine and solving the Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant problem. We have received with satisfaction the information on G-7 countries' commitment to continue work for mobilizing the efforts of international financial institutions and other donors for rendering necessary help in the implementation of this large-scale comprehensive program.

The constant attention of mass media and public which is concentrated on the Chornobyl NPP issues, alongside with the absence of concrete measures to solve the problem of the station shutdown, to my mind, has the following negative consequences: outflow of skilled specialists, moral and physical obsolescence of reactors and technical equipment which influence the nuclear safety situation at the Chornobyl NPP.

His Excellency
William J. Clinton
President of the
United States of America
Washington, D.C.

The Ukrainian side, in accordance with the obligations taken, has made everything possible to direct the process of lengthy discussions into the sphere of practical cooperation. That is why we are somewhat concerned with the very slow pace of taking major decisions on the part of G-7. As of today, we don't have a clear answer to the principal questions without solving of which Ukraine is not capable on its own to start fulfilling a time-table for decommissioning the Chornobyl NPP. At the same time, Ukraine's Government has to take an urgent decision on the fate of this plant.

Regardless of these difficulties, I would like to reconfirm our readiness to start the process of closing the Chornobyl NPP on the condition of providing of relevant guarantees on financial and technical assistance on the part of G-7 countries for the implementation of this long-term program, namely:

- solving the problem of compensating capacities;
- construction of storages for used nuclear fuel and nuclear waste;
- transformation of the "Sarcophagus" object into an environmentally safe structure;
- solving the social protection problems of the Chornobyl region population.

If the taking of a final decision as to the support of the said measures would be further delayed by the G-7 countries, the Ukrainian Government would be forced to decide the fate of the Chornobyl NPP proceeding, first of all, from the national priorities, economic and technical possibilities of our state which, apparently, would force us to revise the time frame for closing down the station.

I want to stress that Ukraine's desire to expedite the decision taking process is caused exclusively by economic reasons as well as demands for the providing necessary safety level for nuclear objects, and

not by political interests. For Ukraine which is implementing economic transformations under difficult financial and economic conditions, the aforementioned financial assistance from G-7 will have essential practical importance.

We are ready to continue a constructive dialog for seeking effective solutions and see no obstacles to revitalization of activities aimed at solving Chornobyl NPP problem in the context of Ukraine's energy sector reformation.

In order to reach the soonest possible solution of the problems which impede the beginning of the practical realization of our plans concerning the Chornobyl NPP closure, we propose to hold a meeting of authorized representatives from Ukraine and G-7 countries as early as September of this year. To organize this event I have properly instructed Mr. Yuri Kostenko, the Head of Ukraine's official governmental delegation on talks on the Chornobyl NPP issues, who is the Minister for Environmental Protection and Nuclear Safety of Ukraine.

At the end of my letter I would like to extend my personal thanks for the attention you pay to the problems of Ukraine's energy sector. I hope that due to our joint efforts, the Chornobyl NPP issue would be solved in principle within the shortest possible time.

Respectfully,

Leonid KUCHMA

(signed)

Unofficial translation

President of Ukraine

8 August 1995

Kyiv

Sir,

With a sense of great satisfaction I recollect our previous fruitful meetings at which we used to come to concrete decisions.

This time hoping for Your support I would like to raise the issue of the implementation of the Action Plan on the Reforming of the Energy Field of Ukraine and Solution of the Problem of the Chernobyl NPP that is of major importance for our state. With satisfaction we received information concerning the G7 countries' commitment to continue the work on the mobilization of efforts of the international financial institutions and other donors to render the necessary assistance in the implementation of this large-scale comprehensive program.

His Excellency
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of America
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Constant attention of mass media and public focused around the problems of the Chernobyl NPP together with absence of specific steps for the solution of the problem of the plant's decommissioning, in my opinion, has a negative effect, namely: outflow of qualified personnel, moral and physical aging of the reactors and technical equipment that influences the Chernobyl NPP nuclear safety condition.

The Ukrainian Party, in accordance with its commitments, did the utmost to transfer the process of prolonged discussions to the sphere of practical co-operation. Therefore we are somewhat concerned about a very slow progress in the matter of adopting the principal decisions on the part of G7. At present we do not have a clear answer to the main issues without solution of which Ukraine is not able to begin independently the realization of the schedule of the Chernobyl NPP decommissioning. At the same time the Government of Ukraine must immediately decide on the future of this nuclear power plant.

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- solution of the question of the compensation capacities;
- construction of storage facilities for spent nuclear fuel and radioactive wastes;
- transformation of the "Shelter" facility into ecologically safe structure;
- solution of the problems pertaining to the social protection of the Chernobyl region population.

In case of the further postponement by the G7 states of the final solutions as regards support of the above mentioned measures, the Government of Ukraine will have to decide on the future of the Chernobyl NPP, proceeding primarily from national priorities, economic and technical conditions in our country which, certainly, will force us to review the dates of the closing down of the power plant.

I would like to emphasize, that the willingness of Ukraine to speed up the decision-making process is stipulated exclusively by economic reasons as well as by the requirements for providing a proper level of safety of nuclear facilities and not by political interests. For Ukraine, undergoing economic transformations in a complex financial and economic environment, the above mentioned financial assistance on behalf of G7 will be of substantial practical importance.

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In conclusion I would like to express my personal gratitude for the attention You attach to the problems of Ukrainian energy sector. I hope that due to our common efforts, the problem of the Chernobyl NPP will be resolved in principle within the shortest possible time.

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-будівництва сховищ для відпрацьованого ядерного палива та радіоактивних відходів;

- перетворення об'єкта "Саркофаг" в екологічно безпечну споруду;

-розв'язання проблем соціального захисту населення Чорнобильського регіону.

Якщо прийняття остаточного рішення щодо підтримки зазначених заходів буде відкладатися країнами "Сімки" і надалі, Уряд України буде вимушений вирішувати долю Чорнобильської АЕС, виходячи, насамперед, з національних пріоритетів, економічних та технічних можливостей нашої держави, що, ймовірно, примусить нас переглянути терміни закриття станції.

Хочу підкреслити, що прагнення України прискорити процес прийняття рішень обумовлюється виключно економічними причинами, а також вимогами щодо забезпечення належного рівня безпеки ядерних об'єктів, а не політичними інтересами. Для України, яка проводить економічні перетворення в складних фінансово-економічних умовах, зазначена фінансова допомога з боку "Сімки" матиме суттєве практичне значення.

Ми готові до продовження конструктивного діалогу для пошуку ефективних рішень і не бачимо перешкод для активізації роботи по розв'язанню проблеми Чорнобильської АЕС в контексті реформування енергетичної галузі України.

З метою якнайскорішого розв'язання проблем, які перешкоджають початку практичної реалізації наших планів

відносно закриття Чорнобильської станції, пропонуємо вже у вересні цього року провести нараду уповноважених представників від України і держав "Великої сімки". Для організації цього заходу мною дано відповідне доручення Главі офіційної урядової делегації України на переговорах з питань Чорнобильської АЕС, міністру охорони навколишнього природного середовища і ядерної безпеки Ю.І.Костенку.

На закінчення хотів би висловити особисту подяку за увагу, яку Ви приділяєте проблемам української енергетики. Сподіваюсь, що завдяки нашим спільним зусиллям проблема Чорнобильської АЕС в принциповому плані буде розв'язана у максимально стислі строки.

З глибокою повагою,

Леонід Кучма

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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September 23, 1995

All with me. Needs to get Sched. approval. Consult NES/A

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: COIT BLACKER CDB

FROM: CARLOS PASCUAL CP

SUBJECT: Ukrainian PM Request for Clinton-Kuchma Meeting at UNGA

We are certain that Ukrainian Prime Minister Marchuk will request, during his September 27 meeting with the Vice President, a Clinton-Kuchma meeting on the margins of UNGA.

One possible response is to say that we will take Marchuk's request into consideration, but indicate that the President's schedule is extremely full. We could then call the Ukrainian Ambassador a few days later and regret that a meeting will not be possible. We know from experience, however, that this response will generate further approaches by the Ukrainians and a flood of calls from the Ukrainian-American community, as well as complaints to the Hill that we allow the President's relationship with Yeltsin to dominate our NIS policy.

An alternative approach that may diffuse such criticism is to offer Marchuk the prospect of a Clinton-Kuchma meeting in 1996. We would still say that the President's schedule at UNGA is completely full, but also indicate that the President is interested in seeing Kuchma in 1996, either in the U.S. or perhaps in a third country. At a minimum, the President will see Kuchma at the nuclear summit in Moscow. It may also prove mutually desirable for a Clinton-Kuchma meeting in the U.S. later in the year, but we need not commit to that now.

Concurrence by: Steve Pifer SP

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize offering the prospect of a Clinton-Kuchma meeting in 1996.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON TO PRESIDENT KUCHMA

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON TO PRESIDENT KUCHMA. THERE WILL BE NO SIGNED ORIGINAL.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

FEBRUARY 9, 1996

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 21. IT WILL BE A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE WAYS OF STRENGTHENING OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. I RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS AN IMPORTANT TIME FOR UKRAINE AND THE REGION AS A WHOLE. IT WAS A PLEASURE TO HEAR OF YOUR PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER IN HELSINKI. I HOPE THAT OUR DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON CAN SERVE TO BUILD UPON YOUR IMPRESSIVE REFORM EFFORTS AS WELL AS UPON OUR SHARED GOALS

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E.O. 13526, Sec. 3.5 (b)
White House Guidelines, September 11, 2006
By NL NARA, Date 7/5/2016
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FOR UKRAINE'S ROLE IN THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY.

I KNOW THAT VICE PRESIDENT GORE ALSO WELCOMES THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE YOU AGAIN. FOLLOWING ON YOUR EXCHANGE OF LETTERS LATE LAST YEAR, HE WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW THE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE ON THE ENERGY-RELATED ISSUES IN RECENT MONTHS. YOUR EFFORTS TO REVITALIZE UKRAINE'S ENERGY SECTOR ARE A KEY TO STRENGTHENING UKRAINE'S ECONOMIC OUTLOOK.

YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 23 PROVIDES THE PERFECT BACKDROP FOR OUR DISCUSSIONS. I SHARE YOUR ASSESSMENT THAT 1995 WAS TRULY A YEAR OF SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. I PARTICULARLY APPRECIATED YOUR LETTER'S REVIEW OF UKRAINE'S COMMITMENT TO ECONOMIC REFORM. IN A LITTLE OVER A YEAR, UKRAINE HAS MADE IMPRESSIVE STRIDES TOWARDS A MARKET-ORIENTED ECONOMY. I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE DONE MUCH TO MAKE THE REFORM EFFORT A REALITY. WE SHARE A COMMON INTEREST IN SUSTAINING THAT MOMENTUM IN 1996.

WE RECOGNIZE THAT SUSTAINED ECONOMIC REFORM IS KEY TO CONSOLIDATING UKRAINE'S POSITION IN THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITY. THEREFORE, THE UNITED STATES AND THE INTERNATIONAL DONOR COMMUNITY HAVE PLACED A HIGH PRIORITY ON SUPPORTING UKRAINE DURING THIS DIFFICULT TRANSITION. MAINTAINING UKRAINE'S PROGRAM WITH THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND WILL BE VITAL TO SUSTAIN THIS STRONG INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT. AS YOU SUGGEST IN YOUR LETTER, ANOTHER KEY ISSUE IS PRIVATIZATION. BECAUSE PRIVATIZATION IS SO IMPORTANT IN THE TRANSITION TO A MARKET-BASED ECONOMY, THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE A PARTICULAR EFFORT TO SUPPORT THE PROCESS.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE IMF AND PRIVATIZATION PROGRAMS ARE AT A CRITICAL JUNCTURE. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SHPEK'S UPCOMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON WILL BE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR EXPERTS TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS IN MORE DETAIL.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SIGNING OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE G-7 AND UKRAINE ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM TO SUPPORT CLOSURE OF THE CHORNOBYL NUCLEAR POWER PLANT BY THE YEAR 2000. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO ADDRESS ENERGY SECTOR REFORM AND NUCLEAR SAFETY ISSUES. THE UNITED STATES LOOKS FORWARD TO CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS WITH UKRAINE AND OUR OTHER PARTNERS AS WE IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM.

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SECRETARY PERRY REPORTS THAT HE HAD A VERY GOOD DISCUSSION WITH YOU DURING HIS VISIT TO UKRAINE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR. WITH THIS EXCELLENT START, I AM CONFIDENT THAT OVER THE COMING YEAR OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL ENJOY A RELATIONSHIP EVERY BIT AS SUBSTANTIVE AND SUCCESSFUL AS THAT OF 1995.

SINCERELY,

BILL CLINTON (SIGNED)

HIS EXCELLENCY
LEONID KUCHMA
PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE
KIEV

END TEXT.

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Unofficial translation from Ukrainian

PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE

December 23, 1995
City of Kyiv

Dear Mr. President,

While summing up the year of 1995, we state with satisfaction that it went under the sign of growing dynamics in the development of the Ukrainian-American cooperation, assistance on the US part for the implementation of radical market transformations in Ukraine.

While extending my thanks to you, I would like, at the same time, to address some issues which today are crucial for the further development of an independent and democratic Ukraine.

First of all, I would like to reconfirm that Ukraine's course for implementing market transformations and strengthening of democracy is irreversible. While we managed to accomplish far from everything we planned and need to make certain corrections, they do not contradict to our mainstream direction. We are trying to overcome a strong resistance of traditions, we lack the experience of market management, but at the same time our progress excludes any doubts as to the correctness of the way we have chosen.

The consistent actions of the Ukrainian Government to implement the Program of radical economic reforms in Ukraine adopted in October 1994, the support on the part of economically developed states and international financial institutions have enabled us to move much farther on the way to formation of the market economy basis in Ukraine.

His Excellency
William J. Clinton
President of the
United States of America
Washington, D.C.

Privatization processes are gaining further momentum. In the overall industrial sector production, the non-government sector share already accounts for almost a half, and we plan to finish small privatization in the first half of next year. The land market formation has begun, foreign trade has been liberalized, Ukrainian currency exchange rate has been leveled off, the slowing down of industrial production decline is visible, the inflation rates are considerably lower.

It is hard to overestimate the importance of the World Bank loan for the rehabilitation of the Ukrainian hydropower complex in connection with the preparation of the draft plan for the first stage of Ukraine's energy complex structural rearrangement, of the last year's US grant for the energy sector reformation and of the overall financial help on the part of the IMF, World Bank and a number of developed Western countries for the success of economic reforms in Ukraine.

We also highly estimate the signing on December 20, 1995 in Ottawa of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Ukraine and the Governments of the G7 and the European Commission on the Chornobyl NPP shutdown. This important document establishes the necessary preconditions for the fruitful cooperation in accordance with the comprehensive decommissioning program and turning of the "Shelter" object into an environmentally safe system.

Taking all above into account, we hope to find understanding and support from the USA on the issues of implementing economic reforms in Ukraine at their present stage and in the elaboration of a comprehensive plan for reforming the energy sector in Ukraine as a key factor under current conditions of our state development. I believe that it is extremely important not to lose dynamism in the further negotiations process for the preparation of a detailed plan of consecutive measures which would clearly determine the scope, sources and mechanisms for the provision of the financial assistance to implement the reforms.

I hope that the members of the US Government delegation headed by Mr. R. Morningstar who recently visited Kyiv were able to see the sincerity and openness of our intentions. The meetings and talks the delegation had were fruitful and mutually beneficial.

I would like to stress that we have more than once felt the appropriateness of a permanent bilateral dialogue. I am ready, even before the next coming of your plenipotentiary delegation to Ukraine, to send Mr. Roman Shpek, Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine, as my plenipotentiary representative to negotiate the whole range of issues related to the reformation of the Ukrainian economy and implementation of the current Action Plan of the Ukrainian Government.

We cannot but worry about an important issue, i.e. the effective completion of the fruitful initiatives of the Ukrainian and US Governments which were highly assessed by us. It is quite evident that the realization of the aspiration for radical and irreversible transformations depends, first of all, on the own efforts of the Ukrainian people. But in this context we highly appreciate the reconfirmation of stability and mobility of support on the part of the USA as a key player in the today's world.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I would like to once again wish you, your family and the people of the United States a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and to wish you good health, happiness and prosperity.

Respectfully,

Leonid KUCHMA
(signed)

ПРЕЗИДЕНТ УКРАЇНИ

"23" грудня 1995 року
м.Київ

Шановний Пане Президенте,

Підводячи підсумки 1995 року, ми з задоволенням констатуємо, що він пройшов під знаком наростаючої динаміки розвитку українсько-американського співробітництва, сприяння з боку США здійсненню радикальних ринкових перетворень в Україні.

Висловлюючи вдячність, я, разом з тим, хотів би порушити деякі питання, що сьогодні є вирішальними для подальшої розбудови незалежної і демократичної України.

Насамперед, хотів би ще раз підтвердити, що курс України на здійснення ринкових перетворень, зміцнення демократії незворотний. Далеко не все нам вдалось зробити як планувалося, доводиться вносити певні корективи, але вони не суперечать головному обраному напрямку. Ми долаємо величезний опір традицій, нам бракує досвіду ринкового господарювання, та все ж наш поступ вперед виключає сумніви щодо правильності обраного шляху.

Послідовні дії українського Уряду з реалізації проголошеної у жовтні 1994 року Програми радикальних економічних реформ в Україні, підтримка з боку економічно розвинених держав, міжнародних фінансових інституцій дали змогу значно просунутись в напрямку формування в Україні засад ринкової економіки.

Його Високоповажності
Панові Уільяму Дж.КЛІНТОНУ,
Президенту Сполучених Штатів Америки
м.Вашингтон

Набувають подальшого розвитку приватизаційні процеси. В загальному обсязі промислового виробництва частка недержавного сектору складає вже майже половину, а малу приватизацію ми плануємо завершити у першому півріччі наступного року. Розпочато формування ринку землі, лібералізовано зовнішню торгівлю, уніфіковано курс української валюти, намітилося призупинення спаду промислового виробництва, значно зменшилися темпи інфляції.

Важко переоцінити значення кредиту Світового банку на реабілітацію українського гідроенергетичного комплексу у зв'язку з підготовкою проекту першого етапу структурної перебудови енергетичного комплексу України, минулорічного гранту США на реформування енергетичного сектору, як і загалом фінансової допомоги з боку МВФ, СБ, ряду розвинутих західних країн для успіху економічних реформ в Україні.

Ми також високо оцінюємо підписання 20 грудня ц.р. в Оттаві Меморандуму про взаєморозуміння між Урядом України і Урядами країн "Великої Сімки" та Європейською Комісією щодо закриття Чорнобильської АЕС. Цей важливий документ створює необхідні передумови для плідного співробітництва за всеохоплюючою програмою виведення станції з експлуатації та перетворення об'єкту "Укриття" в екологічно безпечну систему.

З огляду на вищезазначене сподіваємось знайти розуміння та підтримку з боку США в питаннях здійснення економічних реформ в Україні на їх сьогоднішній стадії та у виробленні всеосяжного плану реформування енергетичного сектору України як ключового в умовах сучасного розвитку нашої держави. Вважаю, що надзвичайно важливо не втратити динамізм у подальшому процесі переговорів з підготовки деталізованого плану послідовних заходів, в якому були б чітко визначені обсяги, джерела та механізми надходження фінансової допомоги для здійснення реформи.

Сподіваюсь, що в щирості і відкритості наших намірів могли переконатись і члени американської урядової делегації на чолі з паном Р.Морнінгстаром, які нещодавно відвідали Київ. Зустрічі та переговори, що мала делегація, були плідними і взаємокорисними.

Хотів би підкреслити, що ми неодноразово переконувались у доцільності постійного двостороннього діалогу. Я готовий ще до чергового приїзду Вашої повноважної делегації в Україну відрядити до США свого повноважного представника - Віце-прем'єр-міністра України Р.Шпека з метою обговорення всього спектру питань, пов'язаних з реформуванням української економіки, здійсненням поточної Програми дій Уряду України.

Нас не може не турбувати важливе питання - ефективне завершення тих плідних ініціатив українського та американського Урядів, що були достойно оцінені нами. Цілком очевидно, що реалізація прагнення до радикальних і незворотних перетворень залежить перш за все від власних зусиль українського народу. Але в цьому контексті ми дуже високо цінуємо підтвердження стабільності і мобільності підтримки з боку США як ключової держави в сучасному світі.

Користуючись нагодою, хотів би ще раз поздоровити Вас, Вашу родину та весь народ США зі святом Різдва та Нового Року і побажати міцного здоров'я, щастя і благополуччя.

З повагою

Леонід КУЧМА

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PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE

December 23, 1995
City of Kyiv

Dear Mr. President,

While summing up the year of 1995, we state with satisfaction that it went under the sign of growing dynamics in the development of the Ukrainian-American cooperation, assistance on the US part for the implementation of radical market transformations in Ukraine.

While extending my thanks to you, I would like, at the same time, to address some issues which today are crucial for the further development of an independent and democratic Ukraine.

First of all, I would like to reconfirm that Ukraine's course for implementing market transformations and strengthening of democracy is irreversible. While we managed to accomplish far from everything we planned and need to make certain corrections, they do not contradict to our mainstream direction. We are trying to overcome a strong resistance of traditions, we lack the experience of market management, but at the same time our progress excludes any doubts as to the correctness of the way we have chosen.

The consistent actions of the Ukrainian Government to implement the Program of radical economic reforms in Ukraine adopted in October 1994, the support on the part of economically developed states and international financial institutions have enabled us to move much farther on the way to formation of the market economy basis in Ukraine.

His Excellency
William J. Clinton
President of the
United States of America
Washington, D.C.

Privatization processes are gaining further momentum. In the overall industrial sector production, the non-government sector share already accounts for almost a half, and we plan to finish small privatization in the first half of next year. The land market formation has begun, foreign trade has been liberalized, Ukrainian currency exchange rate has been leveled off, the slowing down of industrial production decline is visible, the inflation rates are considerably lower.

It is hard to overestimate the importance of the World Bank loan for the rehabilitation of the Ukrainian hydropower complex in connection with the preparation of the draft plan for the first stage of Ukraine's energy complex structural rearrangement, of the last year's US grant for the energy sector reformation and of the overall financial help on the part of the IMF, World Bank and a number of developed Western countries for the success of economic reforms in Ukraine.

We also highly estimate the signing on December 20, 1995 in Ottawa of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Ukraine and the Governments of the G7 and the European Commission on the Chornobyl NPP shutdown. This important document establishes the necessary preconditions for the fruitful cooperation in accordance with the comprehensive decommissioning program and turning of the "Shelter" object into an environmentally safe system.

Taking all above into account, we hope to find understanding and support from the USA on the issues of implementing economic reforms in Ukraine at their present stage and in the elaboration of a comprehensive plan for reforming the energy sector in Ukraine as a key factor under current conditions of our state development. I believe that it is extremely important not to lose dynamism in the further negotiations process for the preparation of a detailed plan of consecutive measures which would clearly determine the scope, sources and mechanisms for the provision of the financial assistance to implement the reforms.

I hope that the members of the US Government delegation headed by Mr. R. Morningstar who recently visited Kyiv were able to see the sincerity and openness of our intentions. The meetings and talks the delegation had were fruitful and mutually beneficial.

I would like to stress that we have more than once felt the appropriateness of a permanent bilateral dialogue. I am ready, even before the next coming of your plenipotentiary delegation to Ukraine, to send Mr. Roman Shpek, Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine, as my plenipotentiary representative to negotiate the whole range of issues related to the reformation of the Ukrainian economy and implementation of the current Action Plan of the Ukrainian Government.

We cannot but worry about an important issue, i.e. the effective completion of the fruitful initiatives of the Ukrainian and US Governments which were highly assessed by us. It is quite evident that the realization of the aspiration for radical and irreversible transformations depends, first of all, on the own efforts of the Ukrainian people. But in this context we highly appreciate the reconfirmation of stability and mobility of support on the part of the USA as a key player in the today's world.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I would like to once again wish you, your family and the people of the United States a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and to wish you good health, happiness and prosperity.

Respectfully,

Leonid KUCHMA
(signed)

ПРЕЗИДЕНТ УКРАЇНИ

"23" грудня 1995 року
м.Київ

Шановний Пане Президенте,

Підводячи підсумки 1995 року, ми з задоволенням констатуємо, що він пройшов під знаком наростаючої динаміки розвитку українсько-американського співробітництва, сприяння з боку США здійсненню радикальних ринкових перетворень в Україні.

Висловлюючи вдячність, я, разом з тим, хотів би порушити деякі питання, що сьогодні є вирішальними для подальшої розбудови незалежної і демократичної України.

Насамперед, хотів би ще раз підтвердити, що курс України на здійснення ринкових перетворень, зміцнення демократії незворотний. Далеко не все нам вдалось зробити як планувалося, доводиться вносити певні корективи, але вони не суперечать головному обраному напрямку. Ми долаємо величезний опір традицій, нам бракує досвіду ринкового господарювання, та все ж наш поступ вперед виключає сумніви щодо правильності обраного шляху.

Послідовні дії українського Уряду з реалізації проголошеної у жовтні 1994 року Програми радикальних економічних реформ в Україні, підтримка з боку економічно розвинених держав, міжнародних фінансових інституцій дали змогу значно просунутись в напрямку формування в Україні засад ринкової економіки.

Його Високоповажності
Панові Уільяму Дж.КЛІНТОНУ,
Президенту Сполучених Штатів Америки
м.Вашингтон

Набувають подальшого розвитку приватизаційні процеси. В загальному обсязі промислового виробництва частка недержавного сектору складає вже майже половину, а малу приватизацію ми плануємо завершити у першому півріччі наступного року. Розпочато формування ринку землі, лібералізовано зовнішню торгівлю, уніфіковано курс української валюти, намітилося призупинення спаду промислового виробництва, значно зменшилися темпи інфляції.

Важко переоцінити значення кредиту Світового банку на реабілітацію українського гідроенергетичного комплексу у зв'язку з підготовкою проекту першого етапу структурної перебудови енергетичного комплексу України, минулорічного гранту США на реформування енергетичного сектору, як і загалом фінансової допомоги з боку МВФ, СБ, ряду розвинутих західних країн для успіху економічних реформ в Україні.

Ми також високо оцінюємо підписання 20 грудня ц.р. в Оттаві Меморандуму про взаєморозуміння між Урядом України і Урядами країн "Великої Сімки" та Європейською Комісією щодо закриття Чорнобильської АЕС. Цей важливий документ створює необхідні передумови для плідного співробітництва за всеохоплюючою програмою виведення станції з експлуатації та перетворення об'єкту "Укриття" в екологічно безпечну систему.

З огляду на вищезазначене сподіваємось знайти розуміння та підтримку з боку США в питаннях здійснення економічних реформ в Україні на їх сьогоднішній стадії та у виробленні всеосяжного плану реформування енергетичного сектору України як ключового в умовах сучасного розвитку нашої держави. Вважаю, що надзвичайно важливо не втратити динамізм у подальшому процесі переговорів з підготовки деталізованого плану послідовних заходів, в якому були б чітко визначені обсяги, джерела та механізми надходження фінансової допомоги для здійснення реформи.

Сподіваюсь, що в щирості і відкритості наших намірів могли переконатись і члени американської урядової делегації на чолі з паном Р.Морнінгстаром, які нещодавно відвідали Київ. Зустрічі та переговори, що мала делегація, були плідними і взаємокорисними.

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3. ~~(C)~~ DEPARTMENT REQUESTS AMBASSADOR SHARE WITH NSC ADVISOR HORBULYN AND/OR OTHER APPROPRIATE GOU OFFICIALS THE NON-PAPER IN PARA 5, WHICH OUTLINES THE U.S. PROPOSAL FOR A U.S.-UKRAINE COMMISSION. THE AMBASSADOR SHOULD DRAW UPON THE TALKING POINTS IN PARA 4 WHEN EXPLAINING THE PROPOSAL. AMBASSADOR SHOULD ALSO CONVEY U.S. DISAPPOINTMENT WITH UKRAINE'S DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE THIRD SESSION OF THE JOINT COMMISSION ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT (JCTI) AND THE BUSINESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 8-9. ONCE AMBASSADOR CONFIRMS DELIVERY OF POINTS, WASHINGTON AGENCIES WILL COORDINATE DELIVERY OF THE SAME POINTS TO AMBASSADOR SHCHERBAK.

4. ~~(C)~~ BEGIN TALKING POINTS:

-- PLEASED TO SHARE WITH YOU OUR PROPOSAL FOR A U.S.-UKRAINE COMMISSION.

-- THE PROPOSAL REFLECTS OUR SHARED INTEREST IN A STRONGER COORDINATIVE MECHANISM FOR OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AND FLOWS DIRECTLY OUT OF PRESIDENT KUCHMA'S MEETINGS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT IN WASHINGTON.

-- WE SEE THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION AS ENSURING THAT THE STRONG BILATERAL TIES BETWEEN UKRAINE AND THE UNITED

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STATES PRODUCE CONCRETE RESULTS THAT BENEFIT BOTH COUNTRIES IN OUR FOREIGN POLICY, SECURITY, ECONOMIC, AND TRADE AND INVESTMENT RELATIONSHIPS.

-- THE VICE PRESIDENT IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE FOR THE U.S. SIDE AND PROPOSES TO MEET ANNUALLY WITH PRESIDENT KUCHMA, AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME AND PLACE, TO SET THE COMMISSION'S PRIORITIES AND REVIEW ITS WORK.

-- WE RECOMMEND A SMALL SECRETARIAT IN EACH COUNTRY, WITH DIRECT ACCESS TO VICE PRESIDENT GORE OR PRESIDENT KUCHMA, TO MANAGE COMMISSION ACTIVITIES.

-- WE PROPOSE THAT THE COMMISSION INCLUDE FOUR COMMITTEES IN THE AREAS OF FOREIGN POLICY, SECURITY, TRADE AND INVESTMENT, AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

-- AS YOU WILL SEE IN OUR PROPOSAL, WE HAVE SUGGESTED WHO WILL SERVE AS THE U.S. CHAIRS FOR THE FOUR COMMITTEES.

-- WE WOULD WELCOME YOUR GOVERNMENT'S REACTION TO THE PROPOSAL AND SUGGESTIONS FOR THE UKRAINIAN CHAIRS OF THE COMMITTEES.

-- SOME OF THE COMMITTEES WILL INCORPORATE PREVIOUSLY EXISTING WORKING GROUPS, WHICH SHOULD ENABLE THE U.S-UKRAINE COMMISSION TO BEGIN RAPIDLY ITS WORK.

-- THE JOINT COMMISSION ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT (JCTI), FORMS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL.

-- WE WERE DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED WITH UKRAINE'S LAST-MINUTE WITHDRAWAL FROM THE THIRD SESSION OF THE JCTI AND THE

ACCOMPANYING CONFERENCE, "UKRAINE: OPEN FOR BUSINESS."

-- LAST MAY OUR TWO PRESIDENTS HAD AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS BUSINESS CONFERENCE. OVER 100 BUSINESSES HAD REGISTERED TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE AND 15 PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES WERE PREPARED TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES.

-- UKRAINE'S WITHDRAWAL WILL UNDERMINE CONFIDENCE IN THE U.S. BUSINESS COMMUNITY THAT UKRAINE IS INDEED COMMITTED TO ENCOURAGING PRIVATE TRADE AND INVESTMENT.

-- AN EXPLANATION TO SHARE WITH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY ON WHY THE UKRAINIAN DELEGATION DID NOT PARTICIPATE WILL BE VITAL TO REASSURE U.S. BUSINESSES.

-- I HOPE WE CAN COUNT ON YOUR GOVERNMENT TO TAKE FIRM MEASURES TO MAKE UP FOR THE GROUND WE LOST WITH THE SUDDEN POSTPONEMENT OF THE CONFERENCE.

-- WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE U.S.-UKRAINE COMMISSION AND ITS COMMITTEES WILL ENABLE US TO STRENGTHEN FURTHER OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

-- STABILITY AND CONTINUITY ARE CRITICAL TO REALIZE THE FULL POTENTIAL OF THE COMMISSION COMMITTEES.

-- LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR RESPONSE.

5. ~~(C)~~ NON-PAPER ON PROPOSED U.S.-UKRAINE COMMISSION:

U.S. UKRAINE BINATIONAL COMMISSION

PURPOSE. TO ENSURE THAT THE STRONG BILATERAL TIES BETWEEN UKRAINE AND THE UNITED STATES PRODUCE CONCRETE RESULTS THAT BENEFIT BOTH COUNTRIES IN OUR FOREIGN POLICY, SECURITY, ECONOMIC, AND TRADE AND INVESTMENT RELATIONSHIPS.

POLICY GUIDANCE. THE PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE AND THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILL SET THE POLICY PRIORITIES TO BE PURSUED BY THE COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION WILL OPERATE UNDER THEIR LEADERSHIP AND POLICY GUIDANCE.

DIRECTION AND OVERSIGHT. A COMMISSION SECRETARIAT WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN UKRAINE AND IN THE UNITED STATES COMPOSED

OF A SMALL GROUP OF SENIOR OFFICIALS. THE U.S. SECRETARIAT WILL BE HEADED BY ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH OF THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT, THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, AND THE STATE$DEPARTMENT. THE AMERICAN AND UKRAINIAN SECRETARIATS WILL ENSURE THAT GUIDANCE FROM THE COMMISSION CO-CHAIRMAN IS FULLY REFLECTED IN COMMISSION OPERATIONS BY:

-- COORDINATING MEETING SCHEDULES AND AGENDA TOPICS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES;

-- PROVIDING PRACTICAL DIRECTION AND OVERSIGHT TO THE RESPECTIVE AMERICAN AND UKRAINIAN COMMITTEES WHICH PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMISSION;

-- APPRISING THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF COMMISSION ISSUES AND DEVELOPMENTS; AND

-- SECURING THEIR DIRECT INTERVENTION AS REQUIRED.

COMMISSION COMMITTEES. THE COMMISSION WILL BE COMPRISED OF FOUR COMMITTEES:

-- FOREIGN POLICY: TO REVIEW OVERALL INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO UKRAINE AND THE UNITED

STATES. THIS COMMITTEE WILL ENCOMPASS THE CURRENT BILATERAL REVIEW TASK FORCE BETWEEN UKRAINE'S MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT. CHAIRS: U.S. -- STATE (JAMES COLLINS), UKRAINE -- .

-- SECURITY: TO PROMOTE PRACTICAL EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION THAT ENHANCE MUTUAL SECURITY INTERESTS.. THIS COMMITTEE WILL ADD A POLICY DIMENSION TO THE CURRENT STRONG WORKING-LEVEL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN DEFENSE MINISTRIES. CHAIRS: U.S. -- DEFENSE (ASHTON CARTER), UKRAINE -- .

-- TRADE AND INVESTMENT: TO PROMOTE STRONG COMMERCIAL RELATIONS THROUGH INCREASED PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN ENERGY AND OTHER SECTORS THAT CREATE JOBS AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY IN BOTH COUNTRIES. THIS COMMITTEE PRESENTLY FUNCTIONS AS THE JOINT COMMISSION ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT. IT IS SUPPORTED BY THE U.S. AND UKRAINIAN OMBUDSMEN, JAN KALICKI AND ADRIY HONCHARUK, AND A SPECIAL WORKING GROUP ON ENERGY WHICH ALSO SUPPORTS THE SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC COOPERATION COMMITTEE DISCUSSED BELOW. CHAIRS: U.S. -- COMMERCE (SECRETARY KANRAR), UKRAINE -- (MINISTER OSYKA).

-- SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC COOPERATION: TO SUPPORT UKRAINE'S TRANSITION TO A MARKET ECONOMY -- INCLUDING OVERSIGHT OF COOPERATION IN ENERGY, AGRICULTURE, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT -- AND ASSESS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF JOINT PROGRAMS. CHAIRS: U.S. -- STATE (RICHARD MORNINGSTAR) AND VICE-CHAIR USAID (THOMAS DINE), UKRAINE -- .

THIS COMMITTEE WILL ALSO HAVE THREE SPECIAL WORKING GROUPS: ENERGY (WHICH ALSO SUPPORTS THE TRADE AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE AND IS CO-CHAIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND A UKRAINIAN COUNTERPART), ENVIRONMENT (CO-CHAIRED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND A UKRAINIAN COUNTERPART), AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (CO-CHAIRED BY THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY AND A UKRAINIAN COUNTERPART).

OPERATING PROCEDURES.

-- CO-CHAIRMEN CONSULTATIONS. THE PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE AND THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILL MEET ANNUALLY TO REVIEW THE WORK PROGRAMS OF THE COMMITTEES AND TO PROVIDE POLICY GUIDANCE FOR COMMISSION ACTIVITIES; THIS CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION IS WELL ESTABLISHED AND MAY BE USED FOR INFORMAL CORRESPONDENCE AND CONSULTATION AS EITHER PARTY DEEMS NECESSARY.

-- COMMITTEE MEETINGS. EACH COMMITTEE WILL MEET AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR. THE FOUR COMMITTEES NEED NOT MEET AT THE SAME TIME, BUT MEETINGS OF TWO OR MORE COMMITTEES CAN BE ARRANGED TO COINCIDE IF SUCH MEETINGS ARE DEEMED TO ADVANCE THE INTERESTS OF THE OVERALL COMMISSION.

-- WORK PROGRAMS. EACH COMMITTEE WILL DEVELOP A WORK PROGRAM THAT LEADS TO CONCRETE RESULTS. EACH COMMITTEE WILL ENSURE APPROPRIATE FOLLOW UP, DRAWING ON ITS RESPECTIVE EMBASSY, TO IMPLEMENT THE WORK PROGRAM.

-- REPORTING. EACH COMMITTEE WILL SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE COMMISSION SECRETARIATS FOLLOWING EACH MEETING.

-- FEEDBACK. THE SECRETARIATS WILL FORWARD REPORTS TO THE COMMISSION CO-CHAIRMEN, AS WELL AS CHANNEL FEEDBACK ON POLICY AND PERFORMANCE TO THE INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEES.

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DEFT PLS PASS TO THE SECRETARY'S PARTY
DEFT PLS PASS TO NSC - BLACKER/PASCUAL

E.O. 12958: 3/15/01
TAGS: PREL, UP, US
SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT KUCHMA TO PRESIDENT CLINTON

1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR WILLIAM GREEN MILLER. REASON 1.5 (B).

2. THE AMBASSADOR HAS CALLED TO THE MFA THIS MORNING (MARCH 15) TO RECEIVE A LETTER FROM UKRAINIAN PRESIDNET KUCHMA TO PRESIDENT CLINTON. THE TOPICS RAISED IN THIS LETTER WILL LIKELY BE TAKEN BY KUCHMA, PRIME MINISTER MARCHUK AND FOREIGN MINISTER UDOVENKO IN MEETINGS IN KIEV MARCH 19 WITH SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER.

3. THE FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THE LETTER. THE UKRAINIAN ORIGINAL IS BEING POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT (EUR/WST - ED SALAZAR).

BEGIN TEXT.

MARCH 14, 1996
KIEV

HIS EXCELLENCY
MR. WILLIAM J. CLINTON
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT

DECLASSIFIED
E.O. 13526, Sec. 3.5 (b)
White House Guidelines, September 11, 2006
By VR NARA, Date 5/4/2015
2016-0127-M (1.77)

FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY PROFOUND SATISFACTION WITH MY MEETINGS WITH YOU, VICE PRESIDENT A. GORE, AND SENIOR MEMBERS OF YOUR ADMINISTRATION DURING MY RECENT VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

I AM PLEASED TO RECALL THE FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE OF OUR DIALOGUE. WE ATTACH A SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO YOUR REITERATED SUPPORT FOR OUR COUNTRY AND TO YOUR COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE CONSOLIDATING OUR WIDE-RANGING AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION ON A PARTNERSHIP BASIS.

IN THIS CONTEXT, WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED STATES IN RESOLVING ISSUES OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE FOR UKRAINE, WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY WILL HELP ACCELERATE THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AT THIS CRITICAL STAGE.

UNFORTUNATELY, BECAUSE OF TIME CONSTRAINTS, DURING OUR MEETING IN WASHINGTON WE COULD NOT DISCUSS ALL OF UKRAINE'S KEY PROBLEMS, AND TO FURTHER DEVELOP OUR DISCUSSION I WOULD LIKE TO OUTLINE THEM IN THIS LETTER.

FIRST OF ALL, WE HOPE FOR U.S. SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, THE G-7 AND NATO ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- FULL AND TIMELY IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSISTANCE PROJECTS FOR UKRAINE BY THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, ESPECIALLY THE WORLD BANK, IN SUCH SENSITIVE AREAS FOR THE UKRAINIAN ECONOMY AS THE COAL MINING SECTOR, REFORM OF THE ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION SECTOR AND FORMATION OF THE ENERGY MARKET, THE AGRO-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX, AND EXPORT SUPPORT;

-- UNINTERRUPTED PROVISION TO UKRAINE OF THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGREED TO BY THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND DONOR COUNTRIES;

-- MAKING CONCRETE THE G-7 PROPOSAL (HALIFAX, JUNE 1995) CONCERNING THE PROVISION TO UKRAINE IN 1996 OF UP TO USD 2 BILLION OF ASSISTANCE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ORGANIZATIONS, WHICH IS CONDITIONAL ON CONTINUING MARKET REFORMS;

-- ACTIVE U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN PREPARING (UNDER WORLD BANK AUSPICES) AND HOLDING OF THE SECOND SESSION ON UKRAINE OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP OF CREDITORS AND DONORS (SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN PARIS IN SEPTEMBER, 1996);

-- EXPEDITING UKRAINE'S INTEGRATION INTO GLOBAL AND EUROPEAN ECONOMIC STRUCTURES (WTO ETC.);
-- SPEEDING UP OF RATIFICATION BY EUROPEAN UNION

COUNTRIES OF THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH UKRAINE;

-- ESTABLISHMENT OF THE "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" BETWEEN NATO AND UKRAINE;

-- UKRAINE'S MEMBERSHIP ON AN EQUAL BASIS IN THE NEW INTERNATIONAL REGIMES: THE WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT AND MTCR;

-- UKRAINE'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE RECONSTRUCTION OF BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA IN THE SPHERE OF THE FUNDS WHICH ARE ~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~ SECTION 02 OF 02 KIEV 001880

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IN ADDITION, THERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT ISSUES WHICH ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE UNITED STATES AND WHICH CAN BE RESOLVED AT THE LEVEL OF YOUR ADMINISTRATION AND THE CONGRESS, SUCH AS:

-- CONTINUING NUNN-LUGAR NUCLEAR DISMANTLEMENT ASSISTANCE TO UKRAINE (IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US THAT THIS ASSISTANCE NOT BE HALTED AFTER THE SHIPMENT OF THE LAST WARHEAD FROM UKRAINE, AND THAT ITS AMOUNT SHOULD NOT BE SCALED DOWN);

-- EXPEDITING RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUE RELATING TO REMOVING UKRAINE FROM THE DISCRIMINATORY LIST OF COUNTRIES PROHIBITED TO RECEIVE U.S. ARMS AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT, WHICH PREVENTS THE OBLIGATION OF USD 2.5 MILLION OUT OF USD 10 MILLION EARMARKED BY THE U.S. FOR UKRAINE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE;

-- EXPEDITING RATIFICATION BY THE U.S. CONGRESS OF THE U.S.-UKRAINIAN TREATY ON PROMOTION AND MUTUAL PROTECTION OF INVESTMENTS (WHICH WAS RATIFIED BY THE UKRAINIAN PARLIAMENT BACK IN OCTOBER, 1994).

I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST, MR. PRESIDENT, YOUR PERSONAL ASSISTANCE IN RESOLUTION OF THE ABOVE ISSUES. WE BELIEVE THAT TO THIS END IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO ESTABLISH A JOINT COMMISSION HEADED BY THE UKRAINIAN

PRESIDENT AND THE U.S. VICE PRESIDENT.

I WOULD LIKE TO AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE MY PROFOUND APPRECIATION FOR YOUR AND VICE PRESIDENT GORE'S ATTENTION TO ME PERSONALLY AND TO ALL UKRAINIAN TEAM MEMBERS DURING OUR WORKING VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR CONSTRUCTIVE AND FRUITFUL DIALOGUE.

SINCERELY, LEONID KUCHMA.

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FOR SECDEF:
PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO SECRETARY PERRY FOR INFO PURPOSES ONLY.
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FOR THE AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE:
PLEASE PASS IMMEDIATELY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON TO PRESIDENT KUCHMA.
THERE WILL BE NO SIGNED ORIGINAL.
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DEAR LEONID:
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I AM WRITING TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE TRANSFER OF THE LAST NUCLEAR WARHEADS FROM UKRAINIAN SOIL. YOUR GOVERNMENT'S COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP HAS MADE POSSIBLE THIS LANDMARK CONTRIBUTION TO GLOBAL PEACE AND SECURITY.
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THE TRANSFER OF THE LAST WARHEADS REAFFIRMS UKRAINE AS A LEADER IN NONPROLIFERATION. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU OF TWO THINGS. FIRST, THE BOLD STEPS YOU HAVE TAKEN TO REMOVE THESE WARHEADS HAVE DEEPENED THE TIES BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES AND HAVE MADE IT EASIER TO FOCUS ON A FORWARD-LOOKING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC AGENDA. I KNOW THERE ARE THOSE WHO FELT THAT WESTERN INTEREST IN UKRAINE WOULD WANE ONCE THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS WERE TRANSFERRED. THAT IS NOT THE CASE, AND I BELIEVE THE RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE BUILT THE LAST TWO YEARS MAKES THAT CLEAR. I HAVE ASKED SECRETARY PERRY TO UNDERSCORE THIS POINT WHEN HE JOINS MINISTER SHMAROV IN UKRAINE THIS WEEK.

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White House Guidelines, September 11, 2006
By VZ NARA, Date 7/9/2019
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SECOND, UKRAINE'S NON-NUCLEAR STATUS STRENGTHENS ITS CRITICAL PLACE IN EUROPE AND ADVANCES OUR MUTUAL GOAL OF DEEPENING UKRAINE'S TIES WITH THE WEST. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH YOU, YOUR NEIGHBORS AND OUR EUROPEAN PARTNERS TO ENHANCE UKRAINE'S SECURITY AND PROMOTE ITS INTEGRATION INTO THE COMMUNITY OF EUROPEAN NATIONS.

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I AM PROUD OF THE BROAD AND PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. AND I HAVE THE DEEPEST RESPECT FOR THE FAR-SIGHTED COURSE OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REFORM THAT YOU HAVE CHARTED FOR UKRAINE. THE UNITED STATES WILL MAINTAIN ITS UNSWERVING SUPPORT AS YOU MOVE FORWARD TO CONSOLIDATE UKRAINE'S DEMOCRACY AND MARKET ECONOMY. WE WILL, FURTHERMORE, CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENCOURAGE ALL PARTIES TO MATCH UKRAINE'S EXAMPLE AND EXPEDITIOUSLY FULFILL THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE TRILATERAL STATEMENT.

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DURING OUR FEBRUARY MEETING YOU SUGGESTED THE CREATION OF A

BINATIONAL COMMISSION THAT COULD HELP US ACHIEVE EVEN GREATER RESULTS FROM OUR RELATIONSHIP. I KNOW THAT VICE PRESIDENT GORE HAS PROVIDED YOUR GOVERNMENT WITH HIS IDEAS FOR THIS COMMISSION AND THAT HE LOOKS FORWARD TO YOUR COMMENTS ON HIS PROPOSAL. HE IS PERSONALLY COMMITTED TO MAKING THIS COMMISSION A SUCCESS.

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LEONID, COLLECTIVELY, THE ACTIONS WE ARE TAKING ARE DEFINING THE FUTURE OF EUROPE. OUR COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY BECOME PARTNERS IN PEACE, AND OUR EFFORTS HAVE MADE THE WORLD A SAFER PLACE. I HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE THAT OUR CONTINUING PARTNERSHIP WILL REINFORCE NOT ONLY UKRAINE'S SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE BUT PEACE, PROSPERITY AND STABILITY IN THE ENTIRE REGION.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 1, 1996

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE

SUBJECT: Congratulatory Message to President Kuchma on Warhead Removal

Purpose

To approve a letter congratulating President Kuchma on completing the transfer of nuclear weapons from Ukraine.

Background

On June 1, Ukraine completed the transfer of the last nuclear warheads from its territory in accordance with the January 1994 U.S.-Russia-Ukraine Trilateral Statement and associated confidential side letters. On June 3, Secretary Perry will mark with his Ukrainian and Russian counterparts, Ministers Shmarov and Grachev, the successful implementation of the Trilateral Statement by visiting a destroyed ICBM silo and a former nuclear weapons storage facility in Ukraine.

Your letter to President Kuchma congratulates him on his leadership and applauds Ukraine's historic contribution to global peace and security. In order to allay Ukrainian concerns that the removal of the warheads will cause the United States to lose interest in Ukraine, you affirm the deepening ties between our countries and our commitment to work with Ukraine and our European allies to advance Ukraine's integration into Europe.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the message to President Kuchma at Tab A.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

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White House Guidelines, May 16, 2017
By NARA, Date 7/5/2019
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Attachment
Tab A Message to President Kuchma

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

May 31, 1996

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: COIT BLACKER SP for

FROM: CARLOS PASCUAL CP

SUBJECT: Congratulatory Message to President Kuchma on Warhead Removal

The memorandum at Tab I recommends a message from the President congratulating President Kuchma on the removal of the last nuclear warheads from Ukraine. Ideally, the message will go out this weekend for delivery on Monday, before the President announces the final transfer of nuclear warheads. (We had originally proposed a Presidential call to congratulate Kuchma but have been unable to schedule a time.)

We now have imagery showing that the final two trains carrying the warheads are rolling. Embassy Moscow and Embassy Kiev will confirm with, respectively, the Russian and Ukrainian governments that the warheads have been transferred and get back to us on June 1.

Concurrence by: Steve Pifer SP, Steve Andreasen, Leon Fuerth CP for Ken Fairfax

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I.

Attachment
Tab I Memorandum to the President
Tab A Message to President Kuchma

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(BEGIN TEXT)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE

SUBJECT: President Kuchma's Request for Economic Assistance

Purpose

To respond to President Kuchma's $400 million assistance request.

Background

President Kuchma wrote to you on July 6 (Tab B) to outline his economic reform agenda and to request $400 million. Prime Minister Lazarenko made the same case to me on July 27.

After consulting with the IMF and World Bank, we (Treasury, State and NSC) concluded that 1996 international commitments of $1.9 billion for Ukraine should meet their financing needs. Prime Minister Lazarenko acknowledged during his recent U.S. visit that strikes in the coal sector were due to "diversions" rather than a shortage of funds. Furthermore, Ukraine still has access to $600 million in undisbursed World Bank funds, and we have offered to increase our $675 million in EXIM trade credits. Ukraine needs to concentrate on meeting the conditions to disburse existing commitments rather than seek additional funds.

Your reply to Kuchma (Tab A) notes Ukraine's progress on reform and stresses our continuing commitment to mobilize international support. You urge Kuchma to work with the World Bank on currently planned loans. (We have asked the World Bank to be flexible.) Secretary Rubin and Dick Morningstar are writing to their counterparts with additional financial details.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the message to President Kuchma at Tab A.

Approve Bill Clinton

Disapprove _____

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Tab B Incoming

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(BEGIN TEXT)

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(END TEXT)

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Хотів би інформувати Вас, що за моєю вказівкою новий Прем'єр-міністр України П.Лазаренко енергійно взявся за виправлення складного економічного становища. Введено особливий режим витрачання бюджетних коштів. На соціальні виплати спрямовується 80% витрат бюджету. На 20% скорочено чисельність апарату органів державної виконавчої влади. Обмежено розміри заробітної плати в бюджетній сфері. Ліквідуються прогалини в законодавстві, які дозволяли уникати оподаткування, вдосконалюється порядок збирання податків. Усі позабюджетні фонди консолідуються на рахунку Державного казначейства.

Докладаються всі зусилля, щоб погашення бюджетної заборгованості не вплинуло на результати макроекономічної стабілізації. Наведу лише головні показники. Рівень інфляції в останні три місяці не перевищує 1% на місяць (в травні - 0,7%, за червень інфляція відсутня). Зростає курс національної валюти. Зменшуються темпи падіння виробництва. Прискорюється процес приватизації. На даний момент в Україні вже приватизовано 40 тис.об'єктів, в тому числі акціоновано 7,6 тис. крупних та середніх підприємств, з них майже 3 тис. - повністю приватизовані. Всього в поточному році приватизовано 30% підприємств. Закінчено масову малу приватизацію. Затверджено програму реструктуризації першої групи (43) крупних підприємств індустрії, закрито 3 і найближчим часом планується закрити ще 20 збиткових шахт.

За кілька останніх місяців Україною не було допущено жодного відхилення від програми реформ, погодженої з МВФ.

Все це свідчить про одне - Уряд міцно стоїть на обраному шляху. Але, всі згадані екстраординарні зусилля дадуть змогу здійснити погашення боргів на суму 52 трлн.крб. (290 млн.дол.США), тобто лише на 29%.

За цих обставин без належної допомоги нам не витримати.

Віддаючи належне Вашому сприянню процесу демократизації суспільного життя та реформування економіки України, в критичний для нас час звертаюся до Вас із проханням політично і фінансово підтримати наші зусилля. Для вирішення найпекучіших проблем ми потребуємо сьогодні допомогу в розмірі 400 млн.дол. За наявності принципової згоди можна було б обговорити це питання на першому засіданні Українсько-Американської міжурядової комісії вже в липні цього року.

Пане Президент, сподіваюсь, що тепер, як і завжди, ми відчуємо підтримку Вашої країни. Це стане могутнім каталізатором процесу незворотності економічних, політичних і соціальних змін в Україні, сприятиме створенню обстановки стабільності в Центральній і Східній Європі та на континенті в цілому.

З повагою і найкращими побажаннями

Леонід КУЧМА

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

August 2, 1996

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: STEVE PIFER SP

FROM: CARLOS PASCUAL CP

SUBJECT: President Kuchma's Request for Economic Assistance

The memorandum at Tab I recommends a Presidential response to Ukrainian President Kuchma's July 6 request for $400 million in economic assistance.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached memorandum to the President.

Attachments
Tab I Memorandum to the President
Tab A Response to President Kuchma
Tab B Incoming

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9/ Carlos / ~~Gorzes~~

Steve -- we can close out all the outstanding presidential correspondence with Kuchma and Lukashenko.

The President received three letters from Lukashenko, not two as indicated by the tracking system. We have agreed with State that the President should not respond to these letters as it is highly likely that they would be misused by Lukashenko to portray a "close relationship" with the President of the United States. We have verbally communicated to Belarusian officials our responses to the various policy issues they have raised with us.

The two Kuchma letters have been addressed by a letter from Vice President Gore to Kuchma (which I have attached). This is appropriate given the new Kuchma-Gore Commission. We, at some point, need to gin up a letter from the President to Kuchma to show that that relationship still exists, but it should not be driven by the Kuchma letters we have received.

Carlos

Exec Sec -

As per above, please close Lukashenko letter files (#5066, #6141, #7910) - No response appropriate at this time

Also as per above, please close Kuchma letter files (#7061, #0954) - VP message has answered.

Thanks.

Steve Pifer

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Translation from Ukrainian

The President of Ukraine

Kyiv, September 30, 1996

Dear Mr. President,

I would like to express my deep appreciation that we came to a common conclusion to attach to Ukrainian-American relations the status of strategic partnership. It was recognized in my and Vice President Albert Gore's Joint Statement of September 19, 1996, on the establishment of the Ukrainian-American Binational Commission.

To my mind, this important achievement was a logical result of the immediate stage of progressive developments in Ukrainian-American relations, as well as a result of the achieved high level of mutual understanding between Ukraine and the USA.

At the same time we completely understand that our relations having achieved a qualitatively new level presume our increased responsibility with regard to further cooperation, first of all, in political and security spheres.

I believe that we should jointly fill up the formula of 'strategic partnership' with a concrete content. That is just how I understand the main objective of the future activity of the Ukrainian-American Binational Commission.

At this time all committees of the Commission are preparing joint working plans. On the basis of these plans agenda for the Commission's first session should be worked out. I hope that we together with Mr. Gore will be able to hold such a session already in March of the next year.

His Excellency
William J. Clinton
President
United States of America
Washington, D.C.

I believe as well that we could develop a joint approach to the concept of strategic partnership in broader context. In this connection I have instructed to prepare our proposals regarding our views of such partnership, and after this work is accomplished I would like to submit our position on this issue to your consideration.

I would also like to inform you about the development of Ukraine-NATO relations.

In the context of future Alliance enlargement we consider it extremely important that transformation and evolution of NATO into a broader Euro-Atlantic security structure would not lead to new division lines and spheres of influence. Therefore we welcome the US willingness in the spirit of strategic partnership to work on the establishment of a special mechanism to formalize NATO-Ukraine relations. On our side, we are ready in the nearest future to start negotiations with American side on the content of an agreement on special partnership of Ukraine with NATO, as well as on other issues of our mutual interest with respect to coming NATO enlargement.

The major point for us is to find mutually acceptable decisions which would assure that Ukraine's vital interests are taken into account while NATO enlargement process is under way, as well as after its accomplishment.

I hope that all these issues will be preliminary considered by Minister of Foreign Affairs Hennady Udovenko together with Mr. Warren Christopher, as well as with other high officials of your Administration during his working visit to Washington, D.C., on October 21-22 of this year.

Looking forward to meet you next year.

With respect and best wishes,

(signed) **Leonid Kuchma**

ПРЕЗИДЕНТ УКРАЇНИ

"30" вересня 1996 року
м.Київ

Шановний пане Президенте,

Хотів би висловити своє глибоке задоволення тим, що ми спільно дійшли висновку щодо набуття українсько-американськими відносинами статусу стратегічного партнерства, що констатовано мною та віце-президентом США Альбертом Гором 19 вересня цього року в спільній заяві про створення Українсько-Американської міждержавної комісії.

На мою думку, це важливе досягнення стало логічним завершенням чергового етапу поступального розвитку українсько-американських стосунків, результатом досягнутого високого рівня взаєморозуміння між Україною і Сполученими Штатами.

Водночас, ми цілком розуміємо, що вихід наших взаємовідносин на якісно новий рівень покладає на нас підвищену відповідальність з точки зору подальшої взаємодії, насамперед у політичній сфері та сфері безпеки.

Вважаю, що формулу "стратегічного партнерства" ми маємо спільно наповнювати конкретним змістом. Саме в цьому я бачу головне завдання майбутньої діяльності Українсько-Американської міждержавної комісії.

Зараз всі комітети Комісії займаються підготовкою спільних робочих планів, на основі яких має бути розроблений порядок денний її першого засідання. Сподіваюся, що таке засідання ми з паном Гором зможемо провести вже в березні наступного року.

Мені також здається, що нам слід було б виробити спільні підходи до концепції стратегічного партнерства в широкому плані. У цьому зв"язку я дав доручення підготувати наші пропозиції щодо бачення такого партнерства і хотів би, після завершення цієї роботи, передати на Ваш розгляд наші підходи з цього питання.

Його Високоповажності
Пану Уільяму КЛІНТОНУ,
Президенту
Сполучених Штатів Америки
м.Вашингтон

Хотів би також інформувати про деякі питання стосовно розвитку відносин України з НАТО.

В контексті майбутнього розширення Альянсу нам видається надзвичайно важливим, щоб трансформація і еволюція НАТО в більш широку структуру євро-атлантичної безпеки не привела до нових ліній розподілу та сфер впливу. Тому ми вітаємо готовність США, в дусі стратегічного партнерства, працювати над виробленням спеціального механізму формалізації відносин НАТО - Україна. Ми, зі свого боку, готові вже найближчим часом розпочати переговори з американською стороною щодо змісту угоди про спеціальне партнерство України з НАТО та щодо інших питань, які становлять наш обопільний інтерес у зв"язку з майбутнім розширенням НАТО.

Головне для нас - винайти взаємоприйнятні рішення, які б гарантували врахування життєвоважливих інтересів України як при здійсненні процесу розширення Альянсу, так і після його завершення.

Сподіваюся, що всі ці питання будуть в попередньому плані обговорені міністром закордонних справ Геннадієм Удовенком з паном Уорреном Крістофером та іншими вищими посадовими особами Вашої Адміністрації під час його перебування з робочим візитом у Вашингтоні 21-22 жовтня цього року.

Очікуватиму на зустріч з Вами наступного року.

З повагою і найліпшими побажаннями

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Special relations Ukraine - NATO

1. General outline.

Ukraine has set integration to European and transatlantic structures as its strategic goal. At this stage Kyiv strives for special relations with NATO (as well as associated membership in the EU and associated partnership in the WEU).

NATO has acknowledged the key role of an independent, democratic and economically developed Ukraine for the European security. Neither NATO nor Ukraine are ready today to discuss Ukraine's membership in NATO. This issue belongs to the future.

2. Main tasks.

It is important for both Ukraine and NATO to bring into line by common efforts the level of their relations to the proclaimed political milestones. NATO should view its relations with Ukraine as such that:

- have their own value (per se);
- are not a subject for compensation or trade between NATO and the third countries.

It is utmost important to break away from the established stereotypes of the dependence of NATO's relations with Ukraine on NATO-Russia relations. Ukraine should be separated from the context of NATO-Russia relations and put into the perspective of relations of NATO with other countries of Central and Eastern Europe.

Ability of NATO to establish special relations with Ukraine will:

- serve as a litmus paper test of a possibility of the carrying out of the enlargement of this organization and, in a wider context, of a creation of the new system of security in Europe without new dividing lines;

- determine the climate in which the process of the accession of new members will proceed and in such a way will influence the ratification of the corresponding agreements as well as the cost of the process.

3. Main provisions:

- acknowledgment of the role of Ukraine and NATO in the new European architecture;
- confirmation of Ukraine's status as a CEE state;
- due regard of the vitally important interests of Ukraine during decision-making process in the Alliance on the issues with direct implications for her security;
- gradual achievement of the interoperability of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and NATO countries, development of cooperation in the military and technical field;
- cooperation in the trade of armaments and weapons, overcoming the one-sided dependence of Ukraine from the military and industrial complex of the CIS;
- making full use of Ukraine's capabilities while carrying out NATO's peacekeeping operations.

4. Mechanism of realization.

The main provisions of the special relations between Ukraine and NATO are specified in the joint document, which should be signed at the NATO's summit on enlargement, currently scheduled for 1997 (Ukraine's participation in the summit is a must!) or before it at a special meeting of the NATO Council in 16+1 format.

This document will, inter alia, envisage.

(a) the development of political dialogue between the Parties on different levels and conducting regular bilateral consultations at "16+1" format (NATO and Ukraine), including at the level of the North Atlantic Council and Ministers of

Ukraine, and ad hoc consultations if necessary on issues of mutual interest;

(b) the participation of the contingents of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, adequately prepared for interoperability with the NATO Allied Forces, in military co-operation within the framework of NATO, including the CJTF;

(c) the development of special joint programmes of co-operation in non-proliferation, arms control, defence economy, environment, science and technology, and other spheres;

(d) institutionalization of relations through the opening of the diplomatic and military missions of Ukraine to the NATO Headquarters in Brussels and to the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE), and the NATO mission to Ukraine and NATO Information Centre in Kyiv, as well as the establishment of special joint working groups or other bodies including the high level Joint Consultative Group on military reform;

(e) holding of the NATO, NACC/PFP (or their successors) bodies sessions in Ukraine.

Political dialogue and consultations **between the Parties will be held as follows:**

a) exchanges at the highest level of the President or the Prime-Minister of Ukraine to NATO Headquarters, of NATO General Secretary to Ukraine- once a year;

b) North Atlantic Council (NAC)-Ukraine:

- at the level of the ministers of foreign affairs - at least once a year, else - in extraordinary cases;

- at the level of NATO states Permanent representatives and Ambassador of Ukraine to Brussels - at least

twice a year as well as prior to the meetings of the Parties during the highest level visits and to NAC-Ukraine meetings at the level of foreign ministers, else - in extraordinary cases;

c) NATO-Ukraine Political Committee:

- at the level of NATO states Permanent representatives, Ambassador of Ukraine in Brussels, Political Director of the MFA of Ukraine - at least twice a year and in accordance with special arrangements;

d) NATO International Staff-Embassy of Ukraine in Brussels - on a regular basis.

Political consultations will embrace, in particular, the following issues:

- the future of security architecture in Europe; the role played by Ukraine, NATO as well as by other states, international organizations and structures in security domain in the process of building up and developing a new European security architecture;

- conflicts prevention, crisis management, conflicts and crisis settlement; peacekeeping operations, humanitarian operations as well as other peace upholding actions;

- development of national and international security concepts/strategies, military doctrines/strategies in the broad context of European security;

- mass-destruction weapons non-proliferation, including non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, implementation of Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and Biological Weapons

Convention (BWC) as well as other international treaties in the disarmament and arms control domain;

- other issues to be stipulated separately.

The meetings of the Parties *on military issues* will be held in the following formats:

a) exchanges: Minister of Defense of Ukraine to NATO HQ in Brussels, Chief of General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers in Europe, the Head of NATO Military Committee and Supreme Allied Commander Europe to Ukraine - once a year;

b) Defense Planning and Committee Nuclear Planning Groupe - Ukraine:

- at the defense ministers level - once a year;

- at the level of permanent and military representatives of NATO states, Chief of General Staff of Ukraine, Embassy of Ukraine in Brussels military attache - twice a year;

- NATO International Military Staff and NATO agencies - Embassy of Ukraine in Brussels - on a regular basis;

- exchanges at the level of Army, Air Force and Navy Commanders-in-Chief of Ukraine, NATO Supreme Allied Commanders - as stipulated, but at least once a year.

The meetings of the Parties *on economic and other issues* will be held in the following formats:

a) NATO-Ukraine Economic Committee:

- at the level of the Vice-Prime-Minister in charge of economics/Minister of national economy of Ukraine - once a year;

- at the level of the Ambassador of Ukraine in Brussels - prior to meeting of NATO Economic Committee with Vice-Prime-Minister/Minister of national economy of Ukraine and in extraordinary cases;

b) Conference of the heads of national agencies in the armaments domain - Ukraine:

- at the level of the Minister of machine-building, military industrial complex and conversion of Ukraine - once a year;

- at the level of Parties representatives responsible for the groups of arms for Army, Navy and Air Force, the military research group, the Tripartite Group on Communications as well as NATO Consultative Group on Industrial Production Issues which uphold the activities of the Conference of the heads of national agencies in the armaments domain - twice or three times a year as stipulated;

c) NATO Science Committee - Ukraine:

- at the level of the Head of National Committee of Ukraine on Science, Technics and Industrial policies - once or twice a year as stipulated;

d) NATO Committee on the Challenges of Modern Society - Ukraine:

- at the level of the Minister of environmental protection and nuclear safety of Ukraine - once or twice a year and as stipulated;

e) NATO Senior Civil Emergency Planning Committee - Ukraine:

- at the level of Chief of Civil Defense Staff of Ukraine - once a year and as stipulated;

f) NATO International Staff, NATO International Military Staff, NATO agencies - Ukraine:

- at the level of respective divisions at NATO bodies, Embassy of Ukraine in Brussels - on a regular basis.

During the afore-mentioned contacts it is being envisaged, first of all, to put into practice the main guidelines of NATO-Ukraine cooperation within the framework of enhanced relationship, fixed up in Art.3, to work out joint projects and to control the implementation of signed arrangements.

The development of cooperation in military-technical sphere, cooperation in arms trade will be carried out on a bilateral Ukraine - NATO member-states collaboration basis.

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FROM AMBASSADOR WILLIAM GREEN MILLER

E.O. 12958: DECL: 04/07/97
TAGS: OPDP, ECIN, MNUC, UP, US
SUBJECT: (U) LETTER FROM PRESIDENT KUCHMA TO PRESIDENT CLINTON

1. ~~(C)~~ CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR WILLIAM GREEN MILLER. REASON 1.5 D.

2. (U) THE UKRAINIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TRANSMITTED A LETTER DATED JANUARY 3, 1997, FROM PRESIDENT LEONID KUCHMA TO PRESIDENT WILLIAM CLINTON. THE ORIGINAL OF THIS LETTER WILL BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH THE UKRAINIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON (TEXT AT PARA 5).

3. ~~(C)~~ IN THE LETTER KUCHMA MARKS THE OCCASION OF THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN UKRAINE AND THE UNITED STATES. KUCHMA TAKES THE OCCASION TO OUTLINE THE MOST IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENTS IN U.S.-UKRAINIAN RELATIONS AND TO UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NEWLY CREATED U.S.-UKRAINIAN BINATIONAL COMMISSION. HE EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF UNITED STATES ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, THE HELP OF THE UNITED STATES IN REALIZING ITS ASPIRATION TO ELIMINATE THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEPLOYED ON ITS TERRITORY, COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES IN THE AREA OF PEACEFUL SPACE ACTIVITY, IN PARTICULAR THE PROGRESS OF THE SEA LAUNCH PROJECT. HE ALSO EMPHASIZES THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR UKRAINE'S EFFORTS TO BECOME A PART OF NATO AND SUGGESTS THAT THIS RELATIONSHIP WITH NATO WILL DEEPEN OVER THE COMING YEAR THROUGH THE APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL CHARTER NOW BEING DRAFTED

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KUCHMA GOES ON TO COMMENT ON THE "STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP" AND THE NECESSITY TO GIVE IT MORE CONCRETE SUBSTANCE. KUCHMA BELIEVES THAT THE U.S.-UKRAINIAN BINATIONAL COMMISSION HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN DEEPENING THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP.

4. ~~(C)~~ TURNING TO THE IMPORTANT AREAS OF NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY AND WEAPONS OF DESTRUCTION, COMPLIANCE WITH THE EXISTING REGIME OF INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONS AND RELATED MATTERS, KUCHMA INDICATES THAT HE HAS INSTRUCTED THE DIRECTOR OF THE UKRAINIAN SECURITY SERVICES, VOLODYMYR RADCHENKO, TO DEVELOP CLOSE COOPERATION AND REGULAR WORKING CONTACTS WITH APPROPRIATE U.S. BODIES. (COMMENT: BY THIS REFERENCE, KUCHMA IS ADDRESSING THE PROBLEMS RAISED BY THE LIBYAN AND ANTONOV AFFAIRS. IN RECENT MEETINGS WITH VOLODYMYR HORBULYN, MR. HORBULYN HAS MADE IT CLEAR TO ME THAT THE PRESIDENT AND THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL OF UKRAINE WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THESE KINDS OF PROBLEMS AS THEY ARISE AND ASKED SPECIFICALLY FOR A WORKING RELATIONSHIP AT THE LEVEL IN UKRAINE OF THE SBU AND THE CIA FOR THE EXCHANGE OF SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE. MR. HORBULYN MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT SUCH AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH POLICY DIRECTION FROM THE PRESIDENT. HORBULYN ALSO MADE IT CLEAR THAT I WOULD BE FULLY INFORMED OF ALL SUCH INFORMATION. END COMMENT.)

5. ~~(C)~~ FINALLY, PRESIDENT KUCHMA ADDRESSES HIS POSITIVE DECISIONS TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS RELATING TO INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES OF U.S. COMPANIES IN UKRAINE. KUCHMA CONCLUDES BY NOTING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GORE/KUCHMA BINATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP.

6. ~~(C)~~ THE EMBASSY'S UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE LETTER FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT.

"DEAR WILLIAM:

"TODAY IS THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN UKRAINE AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

"IN THIS CONNECTION I AM PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THIS ANNIVERSARY HAS BEEN MARKED BY SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS IN U.S.-UKRAINIAN RELATIONS: BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND THE CREATION OF THE U.S.-UKRAINIAN BINATIONAL COMMISSION. "THERE HAS BEEN MAJOR PROGRESS IN VIRTUALLY ALL AREAS OF BILATERAL COOPERATION. THE LEVEL OF OUR COOPERATION IS ELOQUENTLY ILLUSTRATED BY THE FACT THAT UKRAINE HAS

BECOME THE THIRD LARGEST RECIPIENT OF U.S. FINANCIAL AID, AND THAT THE U.S. IS DEFIN
ITELY IN FIRST PLACE IN
TERMS OF THE AMOUNT OF INVESTMENT IN THE UKRAINIAN ECONOMY.

"WITH THE HELP OF THE UNITED STATES, UKRAINE HAS REALIZED ITS ASPIRATION TO TOTALLY ELIMINATE THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEPLOYED ON ITS TERRITORY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A FURTHER DEEPENING OF COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES IN THIS AREA.

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"UKRAINE'S COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES IN THE AREA OF PEACEFUL SPACE EXPLORATION IS ANOTHER PROMINENT LANDMARK OF OUR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP. WE ARE PLEASED, IN PARTICULAR, WITH THE PROGRESS OF THE SEA LAUNCH PROJECT.

"THE COOPERATION OF OUR ARMED FORCES HAS REACHED A QUALITATIVELY NEW LEVEL, ESPECIALLY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE PROGRAM.

"THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS HELPED DEEPEN UKRAINE'S RELATIONSHIP WITH NATO WHICH, I HOPE, WILL SOON ACQUIRE A SPECIAL CHARACTER.

"ALL THESE ACHIEVEMENTS ARE THE RESULTS OF THE PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR RELATIONS OVER THE PAST YEARS, OF ACTIVE AND REGULAR POLITICAL DIALOGUE AND OF THE HIGH LEVEL OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PRESIDENTS OF UKRAINE AND THE UNITED STATES. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE, OUR COOPERATION IS ONLY JUST BEGINNING.

"OUR 'STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP' HAS NOT YET BEEN ADEQUATELY REALIZED IN PRACTICE. WE HAVE TO JOINTLY GIVE IT CONCRETE SUBSTANCE. IN THIS RESPECT A PROMINENT ROLE MUST BE PLAYED BY THE U.S.-UKRAINIAN BINATIONAL COMMISSION, WHICH IS DUE TO HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING SOON.

"I ALSO BELIEVE THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW TYPE OF RELATIONSHIP HAS PLACED MORE RESPONSIBILITY UPON US, AND THAT IT REQUIRES A HIGHER LEVEL OF TRUST AND COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY IN THE FOREIGN POLICY AND SECURITY AREAS. I THINK THAT THERE MUST BE NO LACK OF

CLARITY OR UNCERTAINTY BETWEEN US, NOR MISUNDERSTANDING REGARDING ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST. THAT INCLUDES SUCH IMPORTANT AND SENSITIVE AREAS AS THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY AND OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, COMPLIANCE WITH THE EXISTING REGIME OF INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONS, FIGHTING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AND NARCOBUSINESS, ETC.

"IN THIS CONTEXT I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT WE ARE PREPARED FOR CLOSE AND PRODUCTIVE COOPERATION AT THE LEVEL OF THE RESPECTIVE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES. IT WOULD ENSURE THE TIMELY EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND THE PROMPT ADOPTION, AS NECESSARY OF EFFECTIVE DECISIONS. IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES ALL POSSIBLE PROBLEMS COULD BE RESOLVED AT THE WORKING LEVEL WITHOUT INVOLVING THE HEADS OF STATE.

"IN THAT REGARD, I HAVE INSTRUCTED THE DIRECTOR OF THE UKRAINIAN SECURITY SERVICES. VOLODYMYR RADCHENKO, TO DEVELOP CLOSE COOPERATION AND REGULAR WORKING CONTACTS WITH THE APPROPRIATE UNITED STATES BODIES AND AGENCIES.

"I HOPE OTHER OUTSTANDING ISSUES, WHICH ARE FACING US NOW OR WHICH MIGHT ARISE IN THE FUTURE WILL BE RESOLVED IN A SIMILAR MANNER. THAT WOULD MEET THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WHICH WE HAVE DECLARED.

"NOW, IN PARTICULAR, WE ARE TAKING DECISIVE ACTION TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED STATES COMPANIES IN UKRAINE, AND TO CONSIDERABLY IMPROVE THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE FOR THE FOREIGN INVESTORS.

"ON THE DATE OF THE FIRST (SIC) ANNIVERSARY OF OUR RELATIONS, I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE MY ASSURANCE THAT UKRAINE ASPIRES TO FILL ITS STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES WITH CONCRETE SUBSTANCE. IT IS MY FIRM CONVICTION THAT IT WOULD MEET THE LONG-TERM INTERESTS OF OUR COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES AND ENHANCE GLOBAL SECURITY.

"RESPECTFULLY AND WITH BEST REGARDS, LEONID KUCHMA"
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An important progress has been achieved practically in all spheres of our bilateral cooperation. For example, the facts that Ukraine has been granted the third place among the countries-recipients of the American foreign assistance and that the USA has been firmly holding the first place in the amount of investments to the Ukraine's economy expressively speak for themselves.

Being supported by the US assistance Ukraine realized its desire to completely eliminate nuclear weapons deployed on its territory. We hope for further deepening of cooperation with the American side in this area.

Cooperation between Ukraine and the Unites States in the field of peaceful exploration of the outer space is another clear direction of our strategic partnership. We are satisfied in particular with positive achievements in the implementation of ``The Sea Launch'' Project.

Qualitatively new stage was achieved in cooperation between our armed forces in particular in the framework of the ``Partnership for Peace'' Program. The US support promoted deepening Ukraine-NATO relations which, I believe, soon will acquire a special character.

His Excellency
William Jefferson Clinton
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All these achievements are the result of the continuous progress in our relations during last few years, as well as the result of an active and regular dialog and high level of mutual understanding between the Presidents of Ukraine and the United States.

At the same time, to my mind, these developments are only a beginning of our cooperation.

As it is for the present the formula of ``strategic partnership'' has not found yet its adequate and practical representation. We still need to fill it up with actual meaning. The Ukrainian-American Binational Commission, which first session will be held soon, should play a significant role in this process.

I also believe that the initiation of the new type of relations presumes our greater responsibility and demands a higher level of trust and interaction, first of all in areas of foreign policy and security. I think that no unclearness or uncertainty should appear in our relations, especially there should be no place for misunderstandings in matters of our mutual interest. It can be applied in particular to such important and sensitive issues as nonproliferation of nuclear technology and weapons of mass destruction, as well as to implementation of the regime of international sanctions, combating international terrorism and drug trafficking, etc.

In this context I would like to mention that we are ready to develop close and productive cooperation on the level of respective competent services. This cooperation would insure timely exchange of information and taking, if it is necessary, operative and effective decisions. Under such circumstances all possible problems could be resolved on the working level that do not require interference from the chiefs of the states.

That is why I have instructed Chairman of the National Security Service Volodymyr Radchenko to initiate close cooperation and regular working contacts with respective authorities and services of the United States.

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At this time, in particular, we are taking decisive actions to resolve problems of investment activities in Ukraine performed by American companies, as well as to significantly improve investment climate for foreign investors.

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THE LETTER SHOULD BE DATED MARCH 28.
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DEAR LEONID:
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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SUBJECT: Letter to Ukrainian President Kuchma

Purpose

To approve a message responding to Kuchma's February 28 letter.

Background

President Kuchma's letter (Tab B) covered a laundry list of items, including the CFE flank agreement, Ukraine-NATO relations, Russia, Chornobyl and economics issues. Kuchma also wrote on similar themes to the Vice President, and his Foreign Economic Relations Minister wrote to Daley and Barshefsky on trade issues. Your response focuses on European security and economic reform. We are preparing a separate letter on Chornobyl that you will send on behalf of the G-7, who received similar messages. The Vice President and others will address the other issues.

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Сучасний розвиток наших двосторонніх стосунків вимагає подальших кроків, які б доповнювали і поглиблювали зміст політичного визнання Сполученими Штатами статусу України як країни з перехідною економікою. У цьому контексті було б бажано в рамках Українсько-американської міждержавної комісії якомога швидше спільно узгодити наші підходи, маючи на меті юридичне закріплення цього статусу через ухвалення Конгресом США відповідного законопроекту.

Сподіваємося також, що робота Міждержавної комісії сприятиме позитивному вирішенню проблеми переходу від

щорічного поновлення окремими актами Президента США режиму найбільшого сприяння у торгівлі України з США до його запровадження на постійній основі.

На окрему увагу заслуговує ситуація, що складається навколо Чорнобильської АЕС.

Після тривалого переговорного процесу ми наблизилися до етапу практичної реалізації широкомасштабної програми виведення ЧАЕС з експлуатації. Зокрема, зупинено її 1-й енергоблок, що підтверджує прагнення нашої держави суворо дотримуватися взятих на себе зобов'язань. Детально обговорено та схвалено стратегію перетворення об'єкту "Укриття" в екологічно безпечну систему, розробляється спрощений механізм фінансування даної програми.

На цьому позитивному фоні нас дуже непокоїть проблема фінансування з боку ЄБРР завершення будівництва двох енергоблоків на Рівненській та Хмельницькій АЕС. В умовах, які склалися на сьогодні, ми не можемо погодитися з пропозиціями окремих експертів щодо можливості створення компенсуючих ЧАЕС потужностей за рахунок реабілітації сектору теплової енергетики та енергозбереження. Тому ще раз звертаюся з проханням використати Ваш вплив для позитивного вирішення питання про термінове виділення коштів ЄБРР для завершення будівельних робіт на згаданих атомних станціях.

З огляду на надзвичайно важливе значення ефективного виконання взаємних зобов'язань держав "Сімки" і України щодо виведення ЧАЕС з експлуатації, вважав би за доцільне включити пункт про реалізацію домовленостей, відображених у Меморандумі про взаєморозуміння та рішеннях Московського самміту, до порядку денного наступної зустрічі лідерів "Великої сімки" в червні ц.р. в м.Денвері.

Сподіваюсь, що відвертий діалог, як це й мусить бути серед друзів, сприятиме поглибленню відносин стратегічного партнерства між нашими державами.

Бажаю Вам, дорогий Білле, міцного здоров'я, щастя та успіхів у виконанні Ваших державних обов'язків.

Щиро Ваш

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The President of Ukraine

Kyiv, February 28, 1997

Dear Bill,

I would like to emphasize with pleasure that relations of strategic partnership between Ukraine and the USA are being gradually filled up with a concrete content. There are a lot of positive examples of that.

Recently, I had an opportunity to discuss a wide range of Ukrainian-American relations issues with a delegation of members of the US Congress and representatives of the North-Atlantic Assembly. This visit demonstrated once again our mutual desire to deepen our cooperation.

As extremely positive we assess the fact that the four committees of the Ukrainian-American Binational Commission started their activities. I am confident that the documents, conclusions and recommendations worked out by the committees will promote achieving important concrete results during the first session of the Binational Commission which, I believe, will take place shortly. I am convinced that within its framework we will be able to jointly map out in a fast and effective manner the main directions of cooperation between our countries, including our attitudes towards some problems which have not yet been solved.

In particular, I would like to reconfirm once again the validity of the reservations by the Ukrainian side to the Document on the resolution of ``flank'' limitations. The matter is that in its current form the document allows Russia to deploy its armaments and military equipment within the limits of a ``flank'' region, as it was understood by the USSR at the time of signing the respective Treaty--i.e. on the territory of Ukraine. Thus, the rights of Ukraine under this Treaty are limited.

We would be also very grateful for more active role of your country in the final settlement of the issue on compensation to our country for the tactical nuclear armaments transferred from its territory in 1991-1992. By now Russia has not fulfilled its obligations.

His Excellency
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Washington, D.C.

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Summing up the ''Russian theme'', I would like to emphasize that we are in great need of the US support in settling a very important problem for Ukraine--the restructuring of its debts to the Russian Federation. Taking into account that this March in Helsinki you will meet the President of Russia Boris Yeltsin, I would like to ask you to convince him to accept the restructuring of ``old'' debts of Ukraine to the Russian Federation on the terms, which are similar to those that Paris and London Clubs provide for restructuring Russia's debts.

It is extremely important for us to have the US support of Ukraine's proposals regarding the content of the Agreement on special partnership between our country and NATO, which is aimed to become yet another element of ensuring national security of Ukraine.

The current development of our bilateral relations demands making further steps, which would enrich and deepen the content of the political recognition by the United States of the Ukraine's status as a country with economy in transition. In this context it would be desirable to reach as soon as possible within the framework of the Ukrainian-American Binational Commission an agreement in our positions aiming at a legal endorsement of this status through ratification of respective legislation by the US Congress.

We also hope that the Binational Commission will contribute to a positive solution of the issue concerning a transition from annual renewals by special acts of the US President of the regime of the most favorable nation for Ukraine in trade with the US to its introduction on a permanent basis.

A special attention should be paid to the situation, which occurred around the Chornobyl nuclear power plant.

After a long process of negotiations we approached the stage of the practical realization of a wide-scale program on decommissioning the Chornobyl plant. In particular, its 1st block has been stopped, that reconfirmed the desire of our country to strictly follow our obligations. A strategy of transformation of the unit ``Shelter'' to a safe environmental system was discussed in details and approved, a simplified mechanism of financing this program is being developed.

Against this positive background, we are very much concerned with a problem of financing by the EBRD of the completion of the construction of two blocks in Rivne and Khmelnytsky power plants. In present conditions we cannot agree with the proposals by some experts concerning a possibility to create compensating capacities for nuclear

power plants at the expense of rehabilitation of thermal energy sector and energy savings. That is why, I kindly ask you once again to use your influence for a positive solution of the issue concerning the urgent EBRD funding to accomplish construction works on the above-mentioned nuclear power plants.

Taking into account the importance of effective implementation of the mutual commitments by the G7 and Ukraine with regard to decommissioning the Chornobyl plant, I consider it expedient to include a provision on the realization of the arrangements, fixed in the Memorandum on Mutual Understanding and decisions of the Moscow summit, into the agenda of the next G7 summit to be held this June in Denver.

I hope that an open dialogue, the one that should exist between fiends, will further deepening relations of strategic partnership between our countries.

I wish you, dear Bill, good health, happiness and success in the realization of your governmental duties.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) Leonid Kuchma

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(BEGIN TEXT)

DEAR LEONID:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 28. I UNDERSTAND THAT SECRETARY ALBRIGHT AND MINISTER UDOVENKO HAD A PRODUCTIVE MEETING ON MARCH 7, CONTINUING OUR CONSTRUCTIVE BILATERAL DIALOGUE. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE U.S.-UKRAINE BINATIONAL COMMISSION WILL OCCUR IN MAY. THIS FIRST COMMISSION MEETING WILL PROVIDE FURTHER OPPORTUNITY TO BROADEN AND DEEPEN OUR STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIP. I EXPECT THAT MANY OF THE ISSUES RAISED IN YOUR LETTER WILL BE EXPLORED IN MORE DEPTH DURING THE COMMISSION MEETING. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE SUSTAIN THESE CONTACTS DURING THIS HISTORIC PERIOD AS WE WORK TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF EUROPE.

I FELT IMPORTANT STEPS WERE TAKEN TOWARD A MORE STABLE, SECURE AND UNDIVIDED EUROPE DURING MY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT YELTSIN IN HELSINKI. PRESIDENT YELTSIN COMMITTED TO ESTABLISH A COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH NATO, A STEP WHICH WILL BENEFIT ALL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT NO COMPROMISES WERE MADE TO LIMIT ANY EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY FROM DEVELOPING A RELATIONSHIP WITH NATO OR FROM CONSIDERATION FOR NATO MEMBERSHIP.

I WAS PLEASED THAT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES LAUNCHED PRODUCTIVE NEGOTIATIONS IN BRUSSELS ON A NATO-UKRAINE DOCUMENT. I HOPE YOU VIEW THIS DOCUMENT AS A STARTING POINT FOR AN EVOLVING NATO-UKRAINE RELATIONSHIP, CHARACTERIZED BY PRACTICAL AND MEANINGFUL COOPERATION. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT UKRAINE AND NATO WILL COMPLETE THEIR NEGOTIATIONS TO ALLOW THE DOCUMENT TO BE SIGNED BY THE MADRID SUMMIT IN JULY. FOR OUR PART, WE HAVE INSTRUCTED OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN BRUSSELS TO WORK HARD TOWARD THIS OBJECTIVE.

A KEY ELEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN SECURITY FRAMEWORK, FOR UKRAINE AND THE REST OF THE CONTINENT, WILL BE SUCCESSFUL ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE CFE FLANK AGREEMENT. WE HAVE EXERTED CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TO ESTABLISH A STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES; YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THE CFE FLANK AGREEMENT IS OF THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO US. THE FLANK AGREEMENT AND CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS ON CFE ADAPTATION ARE CRUCIAL FOR MAINTAINING THE VIABILITY OF THE TREATY INTO THE NEXT CENTURY -- AN OBJECTIVE THAT SERVES THE NATIONAL INTERESTS OF UKRAINE AND THE UNITED STATES.

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WE RECOGNIZE YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF RUSSIAN TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT IN UKRAINE AND POSSIBLE INTERPRETATIONS OF THE FLANK AGREEMENT. WE BELIEVE THE AGREEMENT IS AN ESSENTIAL TOOL TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE, PARTICULARLY AS IT REINFORCES THAT THE BASING OF FOREIGN MILITARY EQUIPMENT ON THE TERRITORY OF ANY TREATY PARTY REQUIRES, UNDER CFE, THE CONSENT OF THE HOST COUNTRY. AS WE HAVE ASSURED YOU IN THE PAST, THE CFE FLANK AGREEMENT DOES NOT CONFER A RIGHT TO ANY STATE TO LOCATE CFE EQUIPMENT ON UKRAINIAN TERRITORY. TO UNDERSCORE OUR COMMITMENT TO WORK WITH YOU, WE ARE WILLING TO PROVIDE YOU WITH AN OFFICIAL U.S. STATEMENT THAT THE FLANK AGREEMENT CONFERS NO SUCH RIGHT.

I AM SENDING A TEAM TO KIEV IN EARLY APRIL TO TAKE UP THIS ISSUE, AS WELL AS THE QUESTION OF NATO-UKRAINE RELATIONS. IT WILL BE EMPOWERED TO EXPLAIN HOW SUCH A STATEMENT CAN MEET YOUR CONCERNS; IT CAN ALSO EXPLAIN WHY WE WOULD OPPOSE AMENDING OR REOPENING THIS AGREEMENT. AS YOU KNOW, IN ORDER FOR THE FLANK AGREEMENT TO ENTER INTO FORCE, IT MUST BE APPROVED BY MAY 15 BY ALL TREATY PARTIES. WE ARE WORKING HARD TO ENSURE TIMELY U.S. APPROVAL. I ASK YOU TO WORK WITH US TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE PROMPTLY.

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FINALLY, LET ME COMMENT ON THE BOLD COURSE OF REFORM YOU OUTLINED IN YOUR MARCH 21 SPEECH. YOU HAVE PUT THE MATTER WELL; THIS IS THE KEY MOMENT FOR UKRAINE TO SHOW RESOLVE ON ECONOMIC REFORM. THE MEASURES YOU PROPOSED ON TAX AND REGULATORY REFORMS, IN OUR VIEW, ARE PRECISELY ON TARGET AND WILL DETERMINE UKRAINE'S COMPETITIVENESS IN A DYNAMIC GLOBAL MARKET. APRIL COULD BE THE DECISIVE MOMENT TO SECURE RADA APPROVAL FOR YOUR PACKAGE AND DISPEL ANY NOTION THAT UKRAINE'S POLICIES MAY BE ADRIFT. IF I WERE TO ADD ANOTHER PRIORITY, IT WOULD BE TO ACT FIRMLY AGAINST CRIME AND CORRUPTION; NO ISSUE IS MORE IMPORTANT TO THE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY. I KNOW THAT YOU SHARE MY CONCERNS.

LEONID, I WILL SOON WRITE TO YOU ON BEHALF OF THE G-7 LEADERS REGARDING CHORNOBYL. TODAY, I WANTED TO UNDERSCORE ISSUES -- NATO, CFE, ECONOMIC REFORM -- WITH A COMMON THEME: UKRAINE'S INTEGRATION WITH EUROPE. OUR COLLECTIVE ACTIONS IN THE COMING YEARS COULD VERY WELL SHAPE THE NATURE OF THE CONTINENT FOR THE NEXT CENTURY. A GOAL WE SHARE IS TO SEE UKRAINE TAKE ITS PLACE AS A EUROPEAN STATE, AND IN SO DOING BRING PROSPERITY TO THE

UKRAINIAN PEOPLE. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU WHEN YOU COME TO WASHINGTON TO CONVENE THE BINATIONAL COMMISSION WITH AL. AL WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU SHORTLY REGARDING DATES FOR THE MEETING.

SINCERELY,

BILL

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Сучасний розвиток наших двосторонніх стосунків вимагає подальших кроків, які б доповнювали і поглиблювали зміст політичного визнання Сполученими Штатами статусу України як країни з перехідною економікою. У цьому контексті було б бажано в рамках Українсько-американської міждержавної комісії якомога швидше спільно узгодити наші підходи, маючи на меті юридичне закріплення цього статусу через ухвалення Конгресом США відповідного законопроекту.

Сподіваємося також, що робота Міждержавної комісії сприятиме позитивному вирішенню проблеми переходу від

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щорічного поновлення окремими актами Президента США режиму найбільшого сприяння у торгівлі України з США до його запровадження на постійній основі.

На окрему увагу заслуговує ситуація, що складається навколо Чорнобильської АЕС.

Після тривалого переговорного процесу ми наблизилися до етапу практичної реалізації широкомасштабної програми виведення ЧАЕС з експлуатації. Зокрема, зупинено її 1-й енергоблок, що підтверджує прагнення нашої держави суворо дотримуватися взятих на себе зобов'язань. Детально обговорено та схвалено стратегію перетворення об'єкту "Укриття" в екологічно безпечну систему, розробляється спрощений механізм фінансування даної програми.

На цьому позитивному фоні нас дуже непокоїть проблема фінансування з боку ЄБРР завершення будівництва двох енергоблоків на Рівненській та Хмельницькій АЕС. В умовах, які склалися на сьогодні, ми не можемо погодитися з пропозиціями окремих експертів щодо можливості створення компенсуючих ЧАЕС потужностей за рахунок реабілітації сектору теплової енергетики та енергозбереження. Тому ще раз звертаюся з проханням використати Ваш вплив для позитивного вирішення питання про термінове виділення коштів ЄБРР для завершення будівельних робіт на згаданих атомних станціях.

З огляду на надзвичайно важливе значення ефективного виконання взаємних зобов'язань держав "Сімки" і України щодо виведення ЧАЕС з експлуатації, вважав би за доцільне включити пункт про реалізацію домовленостей, відображених у Меморандумі про взаєморозуміння та рішеннях Московського самміту, до порядку денного наступної зустрічі лідерів "Великої сімки" в червні ц.р. в м.Денвері.

Сподіваюсь, що відвертий діалог, як це й мусить бути серед друзів, сприятиме поглибленню відносин стратегічного партнерства між нашими державами.

Бажаю Вам, дорогий Білле, міцного здоров'я, щастя та успіхів у виконанні Ваших державних обов'язків.

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NOTE TO SIT ROOM -- SHOULD GO TO STATE CHANNEL//IMMEDIATE

THE AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT KUCHMA. THE LETTER SHOULD BE DATED MARCH 28.

(BEGIN TEXT)

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SINCERELY,

BILL

(END TEXT)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER

SUBJECT: Letter to Ukrainian President Kuchma

Purpose

To approve a message responding to Kuchma's February 28 letter.

Background

President Kuchma's letter (Tab B) covered a laundry list of items, including the CFE flank agreement, Ukraine-NATO relations, Russia, Chornobyl, and economics issues. Kuchma also wrote on similar themes to the Vice President, and his Foreign Economic Relations Minister wrote to Daley and Barshefsky on trade issues. Your response focuses on European security and economic reform. We are preparing a separate letter on Chornobyl that you will send on behalf of the G-7, who received similar messages. The Vice President and others will address the other issues.

Your letter encourages Kuchma to complete the CFE flank agreement by May 15; winning Ukraine's support is key to getting approval from Georgia, Moldova and Azerbaijan. State will send a team on April 2 to work with Kuchma's CFE experts, and Madeleine is willing to issue a joint statement with the Ukrainian Foreign Minister to allay Ukrainian concerns that a flank agreement might condone a Russian military presence on Ukrainian territory.

Your letter notes that negotiations on a NATO-Ukraine agreement are progressing well. On economic reform, we have helped Kuchma develop a sound program; you encourage him to make a decisive push to get it through his parliament in April.

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RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the message at Tab A.

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cc: VP
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Attachments
Tab A Message to President Kuchma
Tab B Incoming

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ПРЕЗИДЕНТ УКРАЇНИ

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м. Київ

Дорогий Білле,

Із задоволенням хотів би відзначити, що відносини стратегічного партнерства між Україною і США починають поступово наповнюватись конкретним змістом. Цьому є чимало позитивних прикладів.

Щойно я мав нагоду обговорити широкий спектр українсько-американських відносин з делегацією членів Конгресу США та представників Північно-Атлантичної Асамблеї. Цей візит ще раз продемонстрував обопільне прагнення до поглиблення нашої співпраці.

Надзвичайно позитивно сприймаємо ми факт започаткування діяльності чотирьох Комітетів Українсько-американської міждержавної комісії. Впевнений, що напрацьовані Комітетами документи, їхні висновки і рекомендації сприятимуть досягненню вагомих конкретних результатів під час першого засідання Міждержавної комісії, яке, як я сподіваюсь, відбудеться найближчим часом. Переконаний, що в її рамках ми зможемо спільно, вельми швидко і ефективно узгодити основні напрямки співробітництва між нашими країнами, в тому числі підходи і до деяких ще не врегульованих проблем.

Його Високоповажності
Пану Уільяму Дж.КЛІНТОНУ,
Президенту Сполучених
Штатів Америки
м.Вашингтон

Хочу, зокрема, ще раз підтвердити чинність застережень української сторони до Документа про вирішення проблеми "флангових" обмежень. Справа в тому, що в своєму нинішньому вигляді він надає Росії право розміщувати свої озброєння та військову техніку в межах "флангового" району, як він розумівся СРСР при підписанні відповідного Договору, тобто і на території України. Таким чином обмежуються права України за цим Договором.

Ми також були б вдячні за більш активну роль Вашої країни в остаточному вирішенні питання про надання нашій державі компенсації за тактичну ядерну зброю, вивезену з її території у 1991-1992 роках. Росія досі не виконала своїх зобов'язань.

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Сподіваємося також, що робота Міждержавної комісії сприятиме позитивному вирішенню проблеми переходу від

щорічного поновлення окремими актами Президента США режиму найбільшого сприяння у торгівлі України з США до його запровадження на постійній основі.

На окрему увагу заслуговує ситуація, що складається навколо Чорнобильської АЕС.

Після тривалого переговорного процесу ми наблизилися до етапу практичної реалізації широкомасштабної програми виведення ЧАЕС з експлуатації. Зокрема, зупинено її 1-й енергоблок, що підтверджує прагнення нашої держави суворо дотримуватися взятих на себе зобов'язань. Детально обговорено та схвалено стратегію перетворення об'єкту "Укриття" в екологічно безпечну систему, розробляється спрощений механізм фінансування даної програми.

На цьому позитивному фоні нас дуже непокоїть проблема фінансування з боку ЄБРР завершення будівництва двох енергоблоків на Рівненській та Хмельницькій АЕС. В умовах, які склалися на сьогодні, ми не можемо погодитися з пропозиціями окремих експертів щодо можливості створення компенсуючих ЧАЕС потужностей за рахунок реабілітації сектору теплової енергетики та енергозбереження. Тому ще раз звертаюся з проханням використати Ваш вплив для позитивного вирішення питання про термінове виділення коштів ЄБРР для завершення будівельних робіт на згаданих атомних станціях.

З огляду на надзвичайно важливе значення ефективного виконання взаємних зобов'язань держав "Сімки" і України щодо виведення ЧАЕС з експлуатації, вважав би за доцільне включити пункт про реалізацію домовленостей, відображених у Меморандумі про взаєморозуміння та рішеннях Московського самміту, до порядку денного наступної зустрічі лідерів "Великої сімки" в червні ц.р. в м.Денвері.

Сподіваюсь, що відвертий діалог, як це й мусить бути серед друзів, сприятиме поглибленню відносин стратегічного партнерства між нашими державами.

Бажаю Вам, дорогий Білле, міцного здоров'я, щастя та успіхів у виконанні Ваших державних обов'язків.

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PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE

February 28, 1997
Kiev

Dear Bill:

I am pleased to note that the relations of strategic partnership between Ukraine and the United States are gradually taking concrete shape. There are quite a few positive examples of this.

Recently, I had the opportunity to discuss a wide range of issues pertaining to Ukraine-U.S. relations with a delegation of US Congress members and representatives of the North Atlantic Assembly. This visit demonstrated once again our mutual desire to intensify our cooperation.

We regard the initiation of the activity of the four committees of the Ukrainian-American

His Excellency,
William J. Clinton,
President of the
United States of America
Washington, D.C.

Binational Commission as an extremely positive step. I am certain that the documents, conclusions, and recommendations formulated by the committees will help to produce important concrete results during the first session of the Bilateral Commission, which, I hope, will be held in the near future. I am certain that through joint efforts made within its framework we will be able to quickly and effectively identify the main areas of cooperation between our countries, including approaches toward some problems that are still unresolved.

I would like in particular to reaffirm the validity of Ukraine's reservations with respect to the Document resolving the matter of "flank" limitations. The problem is that the document in its present form gives Russia the right to deploy its armaments and military equipment within a "flank" region as it was understood by the USSR at the time of signature of said treaty, and thus in the territory of Ukraine. Ukraine's rights under this treaty are thereby limited.

We would also be grateful if your country could play a more active role in the final settlement of the issue of compensation for our country for the tactical nuclear weapons transferred from its territory in 1991-1992. Russia has not yet fulfilled its obligations.

Concluding the "Russian theme," let me stress our urgent need for U.S. support in settling a matter of vital importance to Ukraine: rescheduling its debts to the Russian Federation. Inasmuch as you will be meeting with Russian President Boris Yeltsin in Helsinki in March of this year, may I ask you to persuade him to agree to the rescheduling of Ukraine's "old" debt to the Russian Federation on terms similar to those provided by the Paris and London Clubs for rescheduling Russia's debts.

It is extremely important for us to have the U.S. support Ukraine's proposals concerning the nature of the Agreement on Special Partnership between our country and NATO, which is intended to be one more element ensuring Ukraine's national security.

The current development of our bilateral relations requires further steps to reinforce the political recognition by the United States of Ukraine's status as a country with a transitional economy. In this context, it would be desirable to reach an agreement on our approaches as

quickly as possible within the framework of the Ukraine-U.S. Bilateral Commission , with the aim of consolidating this status through approval of relevant legislation by the U.S. Congress.

We also hope the Bilateral Commission's work will facilitate a favorable solution to the problem of transition from the yearly renewal, by special acts of the U.S. President, of the most favored nation regime for Ukraine in trade with the U.S. to its establishment on a permanent basis.

The situation developing around the Chernobyl nuclear power plant deserves special attention.

After a long negotiating process we are near the stage of practical implementation of a large-scale program for decommissioning the plant. In particular, its first unit has been stopped, which confirms the desire of our country to fulfill its obligations scrupulously. We have discussed in detail and approved a strategy for transforming the "Shelter" facility into an environmentally safe system, and are developing a simplified mechanism for financing this program.

Against this positive background, we are greatly concerned about EBRD financing of the completion of construction of two energy units at the Rivne and Khmel'nitskiy nuclear power plants. In the present conditions we cannot agree with proposals by some experts regarding the possibility of creating facilities compensating for the Chernobyl plan at the expense of rehabilitating the thermal energy sector and energy savings. That is why I am asking you once more to use your influence to effect a favorable solution to the problem of prompt allocation of EBRD funds to complete construction projects at the above-mentioned nuclear power plants.

In view of the tremendous importance of effective fulfillment of the mutual obligations of the G-7 countries and Ukraine to decommission the Chernobyl plant, I would consider it advisable to include a provision on carrying out the arrangements set forth in the Memorandum of Mutual Understanding and the decisions of the Moscow summit in the agenda of the next meeting of the G-7 leaders in Denver in June of this year.

I hope that an open dialogue, one that should exist between friends, will help to deepen the relations of strategic partnership between our two countries.

I wish you, dear Bill, good health, happiness, and success in the performance of your governmental duties.

Yours sincerely,
[s] Leonid Kuchma

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The President of Ukraine

Kyiv, February 28, 1997

Dear Bill,

I would like to emphasize with pleasure that relations of strategic partnership between Ukraine and the USA are being gradually filled up with a concrete content. There are a lot of positive examples of that.

Recently, I had an opportunity to discuss a wide range of Ukrainian-American relations issues with a delegation of members of the US Congress and representatives of the North-Atlantic Assembly. This visit demonstrated once again our mutual desire to deepen our cooperation.

As extremely positive we assess the fact that the four committees of the Ukrainian-American Binational Commission started their activities. I am confident that the documents, conclusions and recommendations worked out by the committees will promote achieving important concrete results during the first session of the Binational Commission which, I believe, will take place shortly. I am convinced that within its framework we will be able to jointly map out in a fast and effective manner the main directions of cooperation between our countries, including our attitudes towards some problems which have not yet been solved.

In particular, I would like to reconfirm once again the validity of the reservations by the Ukrainian side to the Document on the resolution of ``flank'' limitations. The matter is that in its current form the document allows Russia to deploy its armaments and military equipment within the limits of a ``flank'' region, as it was understood by the USSR at the time of signing the respective Treaty--i.e. on the territory of Ukraine. Thus, the rights of Ukraine under this Treaty are limited.

We would be also very grateful for more active role of your country in the final settlement of the issue on compensation to our country for the tactical nuclear armaments transferred from its territory in 1991-1992. By now Russia has not fulfilled its obligations.

His Excellency
William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States of America
Washington, D.C.

Summing up the ''Russian theme'', I would like to emphasize that we are in great need of the US support in settling a very important problem for Ukraine--the restructuring of its debts to the Russian Federation. Taking into account that this March in Helsinki you will meet the President of Russia Boris Yeltsin, I would like to ask you to convince him to accept the restructuring of ``old'' debts of Ukraine to the Russian Federation on the terms, which are similar to those that Paris and London Clubs provide for restructuring Russia's debts.

It is extremely important for us to have the US support of Ukraine's proposals regarding the content of the Agreement on special partnership between our country and NATO, which is aimed to become yet another element of ensuring national security of Ukraine.

The current development of our bilateral relations demands making further steps, which would enrich and deepen the content of the political recognition by the United States of the Ukraine's status as a country with economy in transition. In this context it would be desirable to reach as soon as possible within the framework of the Ukrainian-American Binational Commission an agreement in our positions aiming at a legal endorsement of this status through ratification of respective legislation by the US Congress.

We also hope that the Binational Commission will contribute to a positive solution of the issue concerning a transition from annual renewals by special acts of the US President of the regime of the most favorable nation for Ukraine in trade with the US to its introduction on a permanent basis.

A special attention should be paid to the situation, which occurred around the Chornobyl nuclear power plant.

After a long process of negotiations we approached the stage of the practical realization of a wide-scale program on decommissioning the Chornobyl plant. In particular, its 1st block has been stopped, that reconfirmed the desire of our country to strictly follow our obligations. A strategy of transformation of the unit ``Shelter'' to a safe environmental system was discussed in details and approved, a simplified mechanism of financing this program is being developed.

Against this positive background, we are very much concerned with a problem of financing by the EBRD of the completion of the construction of two blocks in Rivne and Khmelnytsky power plants. In present conditions we cannot agree with the proposals by some experts concerning a possibility to create compensating capacities for nuclear

power plants at the expense of rehabilitation of thermal energy sector and energy savings. That is why, I kindly ask you once again to use your influence for a positive solution of the issue concerning the urgent EBRD funding to accomplish construction works on the above-mentioned nuclear power plants.

Taking into account the importance of effective implementation of the mutual commitments by the G7 and Ukraine with regard to decommissioning the Chornobyl plant, I consider it expedient to include a provision on the realization of the arrangements, fixed in the Memorandum on Mutual Understanding and decisions of the Moscow summit, into the agenda of the next G7 summit to be held this June in Denver.

I hope that an open dialogue, the one that should exist between fiends, will further deepening relations of strategic partnership between our countries.

I wish you, dear Bill, good health, happiness and success in the realization of your governmental duties.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) Leonid Kuchma

ПРЕЗИДЕНТ УКРАЇНИ

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Дорогий Білле,

Із задоволенням хотів би відзначити, що відносини стратегічного партнерства між Україною і США починають поступово наповнюватись конкретним змістом. Цьому є чимало позитивних прикладів.

Щойно я мав нагоду обговорити широкий спектр українсько-американських відносин з делегацією членів Конгресу США та представників Північно-Атлантичної Асамблеї. Цей візит ще раз продемонстрував обопільне прагнення до поглиблення нашої співпраці.

Надзвичайно позитивно сприймаємо ми факт започаткування діяльності чотирьох Комітетів Українсько-американської міждержавної комісії. Впевнений, що напрацьовані Комітетами документи, їхні висновки і рекомендації сприятимуть досягненню вагомих конкретних результатів під час першого засідання Міждержавної комісії, яке, як я сподіваюсь, відбудеться найближчим часом. Переконаний, що в її рамках ми зможемо спільно, вельми швидко і ефективно узгодити основні напрямки співробітництва між нашими країнами, в тому числі підходи і до деяких ще не врегульованих проблем.

Його Високоповажності
Пану Уільяму Дж.КЛІНТОНУ,
Президенту Сполучених
Штатів Америки
м.Вашингтон

Хочу, зокрема, ще раз підтвердити чинність застережень української сторони до Документа про вирішення проблеми "флангових" обмежень. Справа в тому, що в своєму нинішньому вигляді він надає Росії право розміщувати свої озброєння та військову техніку в межах "флангового" району, як він розумівся СРСР при підписанні відповідного Договору, тобто і на території України. Таким чином обмежуються права України за цим Договором.

Ми також були б вдячні за більш активну роль Вашої країни в остаточному вирішенні питання про надання нашій державі компенсації за тактичну ядерну зброю, вивезену з її території у 1991-1992 роках. Росія досі не виконала своїх зобов'язань.

Закінчуючи "російську тему", зазначу, що нам вкрай необхідна підтримка з боку США у врегулюванні дуже важливої для України проблеми - реструктуризації її боргів Російській Федерації. З огляду на те, що в березні цього року Ви зустрічатиметеся з Президентом Росії Борисом Єльциним у Хельсінкі, просив би Вас переконати його погодитися на реструктуризацію "старої" заборгованості України перед Російською Федерацією на умовах, аналогічних тим, на яких Паризький та Лондонський клуби кредиторів передбачають реструктуризувати Росії її борги.

Для нас надзвичайно важливо мати від Сполучених Штатів Америки підтримку пропозицій України щодо змісту Угоди про особливе партнерство між нашою державою та НАТО, яка покликана стати ще одним елементом забезпечення національної безпеки України.

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Щиро Ваш

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER
DAN TARULLO DRT

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Approve ✓

Disapprove _____

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Tab B Incoming

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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

Unofficial translation from Ukrainian

The President of Ukraine

Kyiv, February 28, 1997

Dear Bill,

I would like to emphasize with pleasure that relations of strategic partnership between Ukraine and the USA are being gradually filled up with a concrete content. There are a lot of positive examples of that.

Recently, I had an opportunity to discuss a wide range of Ukrainian-American relations issues with a delegation of members of the US Congress and representatives of the North-Atlantic Assembly. This visit demonstrated once again our mutual desire to deepen our cooperation.

As extremely positive we assess the fact that the four committees of the Ukrainian-American Binational Commission started their activities. I am confident that the documents, conclusions and recommendations worked out by the committees will promote achieving important concrete results during the first session of the Binational Commission which, I believe, will take place shortly. I am convinced that within its framework we will be able to jointly map out in a fast and effective manner the main directions of cooperation between our countries, including our attitudes towards some problems which have not yet been solved.

In particular, I would like to reconfirm once again the validity of the reservations by the Ukrainian side to the Document on the resolution of ``flank'' limitations. The matter is that in its current form the document allows Russia to deploy its armaments and military equipment within the limits of a ``flank'' region, as it was understood by the USSR at the time of signing the respective Treaty--i.e. on the territory of Ukraine. Thus, the rights of Ukraine under this Treaty are limited.

We would be also very grateful for more active role of your country in the final settlement of the issue on compensation to our country for the tactical nuclear armaments transferred from its territory in 1991-1992. By now Russia has not fulfilled its obligations.

His Excellency
William Jefferson Clinton
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Washington, D.C.

Summing up the ''Russian theme'', I would like to emphasize that we are in great need of the US support in settling a very important problem for Ukraine--the restructuring of its debts to the Russian Federation. Taking into account that this March in Helsinki you will meet the President of Russia Boris Yeltsin, I would like to ask you to convince him to accept the restructuring of ``old'' debts of Ukraine to the Russian Federation on the terms, which are similar to those that Paris and London Clubs provide for restructuring Russia's debts.

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power plants at the expense of rehabilitation of thermal energy sector and energy savings. That is why, I kindly ask you once again to use your influence for a positive solution of the issue concerning the urgent EBRD funding to accomplish construction works on the above-mentioned nuclear power plants.

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I hope that an open dialogue, the one that should exist between fiends, will further deepening relations of strategic partnership between our countries.

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CONSIDERABLE EFFORT WILL BE REQUIRED ON THE PART OF UKRAINE AND THE EBRD IN THE COMING MONTHS TO DETERMINE IF COMPLETING THE RIVNE AND KHEMELNITSKY NUCLEAR PLANTS IS VIABLE AND ECONOMICALLY THE MOST SENSIBLE WAY TO PROCEED. AS IN THE PAST, THE G-7 WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ANALYTIC AND FACTUAL INPUTS. THE G-7 ALSO WANT TO UNDERSCORE THAT THE RIVNE AND KHEMELNITSKY REACTORS PROJECT MUST MEET THE EBRD'S REQUIREMENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCING; IN THIS REGARD, AN EARLY AND POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THE ISSUES RAISED IN PRESIDENT DE LAROSIERE'S LETTER IS ESSENTIAL.

IN ADDITION, THE G-7 WOULD NOTE SPECIAL CONCERN OVER RECENT MEASURES WHICH MAY LIMIT COMPETITION IN THE POWER MARKET. THIS COULD UNDERMINE ONE OF THE MAIN MOU OBJECTIVES, AND THREATEN THE VIABILITY OF ANY LOAN-FINANCED PROJECTS.

FINALLY, UKRAINE AND THE G-7 HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ON THE CHORNOBYL SARCOPHAGUS PROJECT AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE TO THE NEXT STAGE OF FINANCING IF TECHNICAL DETAILS AND FINANCING RESPONSIBILITIES CAN BE RESOLVED. THE GOAL IS TO ENSURE THAT THE SARCOPHAGUS IS STABILIZED AND MADE A SAFE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SECURE ENCLOSURE FOR THE REMAINS OF CHORNOBYL UNIT 4. BOTH UKRAINIAN AND G-7 EXPERTS CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THE ISSUE OF REMOVING RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS WITHIN THE SARCOPHAGUS. G-7 EXPERTS UNANIMOUSLY AGREE THAT IT IS NOT VIABLE TO REMOVE THESE MATERIALS FOR MANY YEARS AS THE HIGH RADIOACTIVE CONTENT WOULD KILL OR SEVERELY INJURE THOSE INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT. THE DRAFT PROJECT DESIGNED BY UKRAINIAN AND G-7 EXPERTS ENSURES - THAT THESE MATERIALS CAN BE SAFELY STORED IN THE SARCOPHAGUS UNTIL REMOVAL BECOMES TECHNICALLY AND FINANCIALLY VIABLE DECADES FROM NOW. WITH UKRAINE'S ASSURANCE THAT THIS ISSUE IS NOW RESOLVED, G-7 AND UKRAINE WOULD BE able TO FINALIZE DETAILS ON THE PROJECT IN APRIL, TO ALLOW FOR AN INTERNATIONAL PLEDGING CONFERENCE THIS YEAR. THE G-7 HAVE ALREADY SECURED THE COMMITMENT OF THE EBRD TO MANAGE THE FUNDS AND IMPLEMENT THE PROJECT IN COOPERATION WITH THE G-7 AND UKRAINE.

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2. ~~(C)~~ BELOW IN INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER FROM KUCHMA TO PRESIDENT CLINTON REGARDING THE UPCOMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND DEFENSE ADVISOR HORBULIN AND SBU CHIEF RADCHENKO, WHICH THE MFA HAS ASKED US TO TRANSMIT. SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL BE TRANSMITTED VIA UKRAINIAN EMBASSY.

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR BILL,

I AWAIT WITH PLEASURE MY FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH YOU IN WASHINGTON.

I NOTE WITH SATISFACTION THAT UKRAINIAN AMERICAN RELATIONS ARE ACQUIRING THE DIMENSIONS OF A TRUE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP. IT IS MY SPECIAL HOPE THAT MY WORKING VISIT TO THE USA AND THE FIRST MEETING OF THE UKRAINIAN/AMERICAN BILATERAL COMMISSION WHICH THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND I CHAIR WILL GIVE NEW IMPULSE TO THESE RELATIONS.

THE PREPARATION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED EVENTS IS TAKING PLACE UNDER MY PERSONAL SUPERVISION IN ORDER TO CARRY

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OUT A DETAILED EXAMINATION OF THE WHOLE COMPLEX OF QUESTIONS RELATING TO OUR MUTUAL RELATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PREPARATION OF THE VISIT AND THE SESSION OF THE COMMISSION, A HIGH-LEVEL ADVANCE GROUP HEADED BY THE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL COUNCIL ON SECURITY AND DEFENSE OF UKRAINE, V.P. HORBULIN WILL BE DISPATCHED.

I WISH PARTICULARLY TO NOTE THAT I HAVE DECIDED TO INCLUDE AMONG ITS MEMBERS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SBU, V.I. RADCHENKO. HE WILL HAVE ALL NECESSARY AUTHORITY TO DISCUSS WITH AMERICAN COLLEAGUES QUESTIONS WHICH WERE RAISED IN OUR MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT OF THE USA AL GORE IN LISBON, AND WHICH WERE MENTIONED IN YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 28.

I MUST OPENLY SAY THAT I AM VERY DISTURBED BY WHAT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED RECENTLY IN THE AMERICAN MASS MEDIA REGARDING THE SPREAD OF CORRUPTION IN UKRAINE. MY POSITION IN THIS MATTER IS FIRM AND UNCOMPROMISING. AS IS PERHAPS KNOWN TO YOU, RECENTLY ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE HAS DECREED A NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR COMBATTING CORRUPTION. WITHOUT DENYING THE REALITY OF THIS SHAMEFUL PHENOMENON IN UKRAINIAN SOCIETY, I DO NOT CONSIDER THAT ON THE BASIS OF INDIVIDUAL FACTS IT IS POSSIBLE TO MAKE GENERALIZATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS REGARDING ANYTHING LIKE ALL-EMBRACING AND TOTALLY EXTENDED CORRUPTION IN UKRAINE.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE MENTIONED, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO CHARGE THE COMPETENT FEDERAL ORGANS WITH PROVIDING ANY CONCRETE INFORMATION THEY HAVE TO V.I. RADCHENKO AND TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES ON MEANS TO ACHIEVE URGENT PRACTICAL COOPERATION IN THE STRUGGLE WITH CORRUPTION.

I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS TO YOU MY SINCERE THANKS FOR YOUR PRINCIPLED POSITION IN THE U.S./RUSSIA SUMMIT IN HELSINKI, WHICH IN FACT MADE IMPOSSIBLE ANY NEW DIVISION OF EUROPE.

WITH RESPECT AND WARMEST PERSONAL GREETINGS.

L. KUCHMA

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Unofficial translation from Ukrainian

PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE

June 11, 1997
City of Kyiv

Dear Bill,

In reply to your letter of April 19, 1997, I would like again to draw your attention to the situation regarding the possibility of closing the Chornobyl APS and fulfilling the related conditions of the Memorandum of Understanding between the G-7, the European Commission and the Government of Ukraine.

It is obvious for us, that the importance of the Memorandum extends far beyond the closing of the Chornobyl APS, since it mobilizes the joint efforts aimed at setting up the competitive energy sector in Ukraine which would enhance the energetic security and the economic growth of our country.

I was pleased to learn the confirmation of your point of view concerning the necessity to cooperate with Ukraine on the basis of commitments by the G-7 according to the Memorandum. Besides, it gives the possibility of allocating the loan of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development to accomplish the construction of the two aggregates of APSs in Rivne and Khmelnytsky (Project X2/P4) in case the project will correspond to the principles of the Bank's operations in energy sector.

His Excellency
Mr. William J. CLINTON
President of the United States of America
Washington, D.C.

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Please let me remind these principles: (a) corresponding the project to the least cost principle; (b) corresponding the project to the western principles and practices of licensing the nuclear objects; (c) the project should be related to closing the objects on high-risking atomic power station; (d) corresponding to the international standards on a nuclear utility; (e) the adequate measures to insure the third parry in case of accidents on the atomic power stations should be taken; (f) the payback of project and the creditworthiness of borrower should be proved by the financial and economic analysis.

I would like to inform you that during the last months the Government of Ukraine took a number of the decisive steps regarding accelerating and deepening the reforms in energy sector, particularly, improving the system of payments for energy, strengthening the financial sufficiency of electricity generating companies, including "Energoatom", etc.

According to the conclusions of western experts, the range, the tempos and the importance of reforms in the energy sector of Ukraine are unprecedented among all the countries of the former Soviet Union. For us these reforms, as well as solving the problem of Chornobyl and curtailing the dependence on importing energy are, without exaggeration, the main priorities. These programs are under my personal control.

The current situation with the Project X2/P4 in the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development evokes our serious concern. On the one hand, the project practically corresponds to the above-mentioned principles of the Bank. Early in June of this year the Ukrainian delegation provided the Bank's management with the convincing arguments and the related facts in this connection. Mr. de Larosiere, President of the Bank, was personally informed about it by Mr. Yury Kostenko, Minister of Environmental Protection and Nuclear Safety of Ukraine.

On the other hand, the conclusions of the Sarray's Commission about not corresponding the project to the least cost principle have become the main obstacle to it being further considered by the EBRD. We respect the scientific authority of the Commission's experts but the basis of their main conclusion is argued by practically all the other independent expert studies. Even in the opinion of the Bank's management, some parts of the Sarray Commission's study and its conclusions are not convincing and contradicting .

Upon the request of the G-7 the American company "Stone and Webster" fulfilled its own study of the conclusions of the Sarray's Commission. It came to conclusion that the variant to accomplish the construction of the mentioned aggregates is the least cost to compensate the power output with the probability at least 60 percent.

The scientific disputes concerning various parameters and models have continued for months, and may yet continue for a long time. Ukraine took very concrete and great responsibility to close the Chornobyl APS by the year of 2000 not only to the G-7 but to the World as well. At the same time, it may be done only in case of accomplishing the construction of the compensating powers of APSs in Rivne and Khmelnytsky on account of credits.

The further delay with the decision concerning financing the Project X2/P4 either rejecting crediting it by the EBRD will practically unable us to close the Chornobyl APS by the year of 2000, according to the conditions of the Memorandum.

I would ask you once more, dear Bill, to pay attention to this important question during the Summit in Denver, Colo., and to assist to fixing it in the Summit concluding document among the commitments taken by the G-7 concerning putting into operation the compensating aggregates of APSs in Rivne and Khmelnytsky. I am convinced if there is goodwill, the sense of responsibility and flexibility of all the parties, we, together with the EBRD, will be able to solve all the problems.

With deep respect,

Leonid KUCHMA
(signed)

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ПРЕЗИДЕНТ УКРАЇНИ

"11" червня 1997 року
м.Київ

Дорогий Біле,

Відповідаючи на Ваш лист від 19 квітня цього року, хотів би ще раз привернути Вашу увагу до ситуації навколо можливості закриття Чорнобильської АЕС та виконання відповідних умов Меморандуму про взаєморозуміння між урядами країн "Великої сімки", Комісією Європейських співтовариств та Урядом України.

Для нас очевидно, що Меморандум за своїм значенням сягає набагато далі, ніж закриття Чорнобильської станції, оскільки він мобілізує спільні зусилля з метою створення в Україні конкурентноздатного енергетичного сектора, який зможе забезпечити енергетичну безпеку і економічне зростання нашої країни.

Із задоволенням сприйняв підтвердження Вашої позиції щодо необхідності співпраці з Україною на основі зобов'язань "Великої сімки" відповідно до положень Меморандуму. Це, крім іншого, означає можливість надання Європейським Банком реконструкції та розвитку кредиту на завершення будівництва двох блоків на Рівненській і Хмельницькій АЕС (проект X2/P4) за умови відповідності проекту принципам операцій Банку в енергетичному секторі.

Дозволю собі нагадати ці принципи: (а) відповідність проекту принципу найменшої вартості, (б) відповідність проекту принципам безпеки та практики, яка використовується при ліцензуванні ядерних об'єктів на Заході, (в) проект має бути пов'язаний із закриттям еквівалентної потужності на високоризикових атомних станціях,

Його високоповажності
Панові Уільяму Дж. КЛІНТОНУ
Президентові Сполучених Штатів Америки
м.Вашингтон

(г) відповідність міжнародним стандартам умов зберігання відпрацьованого ядерного палива та радіоактивних відходів, (д) наявність адекватних заходів щодо страхування третіх сторін від відповідальності при аваріях на АЕС, (е) самоокупність проекту та платоспроможність позичальника, доведені фінансовим і економічним аналізом.

Хотів би поінформувати Вас, що протягом останніх місяців Уряд України вжив низку рішучих заходів щодо прискорення та поглиблення реформ в енергетичному секторі, зокрема покращання системи платежів за електроенергію, зміцнення фінансової спроможності електрогенеруючих компаній, у тому числі "Енергоатому" тощо.

За висновками західних експертів, глибина, темпи та значення реформ в енергетичному секторі України є безпрецедентними для всіх країн колишнього Радянського Союзу. Для нас ці реформи, так само як і вирішення проблем Чорнобилю та зменшення залежності від імпорту енергоносіїв, є, без перебільшення, головними пріоритетами. Я особисто контролюю виконання цих програм.

Що стосується проекту X2/P4, то ситуація, що склалася навколо нього в Європейському Банку реконструкції та розвитку, викликає серйозне занепокоєння. З одного боку, проект практично повністю відповідає усім вищенаведеним принципам Банку. Українська делегація на початку червня цього року надала його керівництву переконливі аргументи та відповідні факти з цього приводу. Про це Президент Банку де Лароз'єр був особисто поінформований міністром охорони навколишнього природного середовища та ядерної безпеки Ю.Костенком.

З іншого боку, перешкодою на шляху подальшого розгляду цього проекту Європейським Банком стали висновки комісії Саррея про невідповідність згаданого проекту принципу найменшої вартості. Ми поважаємо науковий авторитет експертів Комісії, але обгрунтованість її головного висновку ставиться під сумнів практично усіма іншими незалежними експертними дослідженнями. Деякі частини дослідження комісії Саррея та її висновки, навіть на думку керівництва Банку, є непереконливими і суперечливими.

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ПРЕЗИДЕНТ УКРАЇНИ

"11" червня 1997 року
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Дорогий Біле,

Відповідаючи на Ваш лист від 19 квітня цього року, хотів би ще раз привернути Вашу увагу до ситуації навколо можливості закриття Чорнобильської АЕС та виконання відповідних умов Меморандуму про взаєморозуміння між урядами країн "Великої сімки", Комісією Європейських співтовариств та Урядом України.

Для нас очевидно, що Меморандум за своїм значенням сягає набагато далі, ніж закриття Чорнобильської станції, оскільки він мобілізує спільні зусилля з метою створення в Україні конкурентноздатного енергетичного сектора, який зможе забезпечити енергетичну безпеку і економічне зростання нашої країни.

Із задоволенням сприйняв підтвердження Вашої позиції щодо необхідності співпраці з Україною на основі зобов'язань "Великої сімки" відповідно до положень Меморандуму. Це, крім іншого, означає можливість надання Європейським Банком реконструкції та розвитку кредиту на завершення будівництва двох блоків на Рівненській і Хмельницькій АЕС (проект Х2/Р4) за умови відповідності проекту принципам операцій Банку в енергетичному секторі.

Дозволю собі нагадати ці принципи: (а) відповідність проекту принципу найменшої вартості, (б) відповідність проекту принципам безпеки та практики, яка використовується при ліцензуванні ядерних об'єктів на Заході, (в) проект має бути пов'язаний із закриттям еквівалентної потужності на високоризикових атомних станціях,

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Хотів би поінформувати Вас, що протягом останніх місяців Уряд України вжив низку рішучих заходів щодо прискорення та поглиблення реформ в енергетичному секторі, зокрема покращання системи платежів за електроенергію, зміцнення фінансової спроможності електрогенеруючих компаній, у тому числі "Енергоатому" тощо.

За висновками західних експертів, глибина, темпи та значення реформ в енергетичному секторі України є безпрецедентними для всіх країн колишнього Радянського Союзу. Для нас ці реформи, так само як і вирішення проблем Чорнобилю та зменшення залежності від імпорту енергоносіїв, є, без перебільшення, головними пріоритетами. Я особисто контролюю виконання цих програм.

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June , 1997

His Excellency
The President
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Washington, DC USA

Dear Mr. President,

Thank-you very much for your letter dated June 2, 1997. It is with great pleasure that I also remember our last meeting in Washington, which gave us the opportunity to discuss the course of Ukrainian-US cooperation and to determine ways in which we can imbue our strategic partnership with substance.

We consider the further development of our relations with your great country an important factor which facilitates the development of Ukraine as an independent and democratic state. I have already sent a letter to Vice-President Gore, with whom I co-chair the US-Ukrainian Binational Commission, concerning concrete problems and specific paths of development of this relationship.

I am looking forward to meeting with you at the July NATO summit during the course of which we could discuss how the decisions made in Madrid would influence the strengthening of stability and security in the European and Transatlantic region.

I would like to take this opportunity to convey greetings from my wife to Mrs. Clinton.

With respect,

Leonid Kuchma

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 20, 1997

Dear Leonid:

It was an honor to participate in the signing ceremony of the NATO-Ukraine Charter. The event marked an historic moment in Ukraine's integration with Europe, and the ties we established will serve the interests of Ukraine, Europe and North America for years to come. I enjoyed, as well, the chance to see you in New York in September. Vice President Gore reported to me on his excellent meeting with you on November 20.

I promised at our earlier meetings to return to your concerns on financing for the Rivne and Khmelnitsky nuclear plants. Allow me to take this opportunity to respond on behalf of the G-7 leaders. We asked our energy experts to prepare the attached paper on progress under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the closure of the Chornobyl nuclear power plant, with a special focus on projects that help Ukraine meet electricity demand now and beyond the closure of the plant by the year 2000.

International safety concerns at Chornobyl, as exemplified by the recent report of the World Association of Nuclear Operators, underscore our shared goal of rapid progress in implementing the MOU. Since Ukraine and the G-7 signed this landmark document, $1 billion for fuel supply, power and energy efficiency projects and about $550 million in grants for the Chornobyl sarcophagus and for decommissioning facilities for the Chornobyl reactors, have been mobilized. Many other projects are under preparation or consideration.

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The EBRD has agreed to establish a special fund for international contributions and to manage implementation of the SIP. The G-7 and Ukraine will host an international conference, for which President Kuchma and Vice President Gore will serve as the honorary chairs, to begin a process of obtaining international funding commitments for the SIP aimed at ensuring overall funding for this project. Since the Denver Summit, the G-7 and the EBRD have begun to mobilize support for the sarcophagus pledging conference. The conference will be November 20 in New York, on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). The Ukrainian contribution of $50 million to the SIP, as well as an additional $100 million in support of the SIP, will be important to the success of that conference.

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The Chornobyl Sarcophagus

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Table 3
Nuclear Safety Projects
($ millions)

	Approved	Preparation	Consideration
Shelter Implementation Plan (SIP)	300[2]		
Decommissioning of Chornobyl	144	13	
Chornobyl S-term Safety Upgrades	34		
Operational Safety Upgrades	72		
Totals	550	13	

The EBRD has agreed to establish a special fund for international contributions and to manage implementation of the SIP. The G-7 and Ukraine will host an international conference, for which President Kuchma and Vice President Gore will serve as the honorary chairs, to begin a process of obtaining international funding commitments for the SIP aimed at ensuring overall funding for this project. Since the Denver Summit, the G-7 and the EBRD have begun to mobilize support for the sarcophagus pledging conference. The conference will be November 20 in New York, on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). The Ukrainian contribution of $50 million to the SIP, as well as an additional $100 million in support of the SIP, will be important to the success of that conference.

To promote the sarcophagus project, U.S. and other G-7 and Ukrainian ambassadors

[2] This figure represents $300 million pledged out of a $750 million approved project.

have been briefed on the SIP and are approaching other governments to participate at the pledging conference. U.S., G-7 and Ukrainian delegates to UNGA and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) General Conference (GC) are approaching other governments about the pledging conference. We succeeded in getting the IAEA GC to support an important resolution calling on member states to join us at the pledging conference.

The EBRD has begun advertising and distributing the SIP in response to widespread international commercial interest in its projects. An expert team has drafted technical specifications for the early biddable projects under the SIP. These specifications are currently being reviewed by the Ukrainian Nuclear Regulatory Authority and Chornobyl plant staff. After they are finalized, these projects will be submitted for financial decision to the Shelter Fund Assembly in order to allow the EBRD to begin the tendering process for these projects as soon as possible. The EBRD Board of Directors has been briefed on the SIP, and is expected to approve the Shelter Fund Rules and the Bank's role in administering the project later this month. Even in advance of establishing the Fund, the U.S. and Canada have committed $2.5 million to repair the Chornobyl ventilation stack.

There are important steps that Ukraine can take to help ensure the success of the pledging process. Ukrainian ambassadors and high-level officials could approach other governments to encourage them to participate in the pledging conference. Similarly, Ukrainian delegates at pending international conferences can use other fora to emphasize the importance of this initiative. Minister Udovenko, as president of the 1997 UNGA, has an excellent opportunity to underscore the importance of the SIP and the need for a common international effort to support the project. Ukrainian delegates at the IAEA conference can also add their voices to those of G-7 delegates speaking on behalf of the sarcophagus project. Within Ukraine, the Rada's quick approval of the EBRD Framework Agreement for the SIP is critical to the EBRD's ability to begin work on the sarcophagus project this year.

Conclusions

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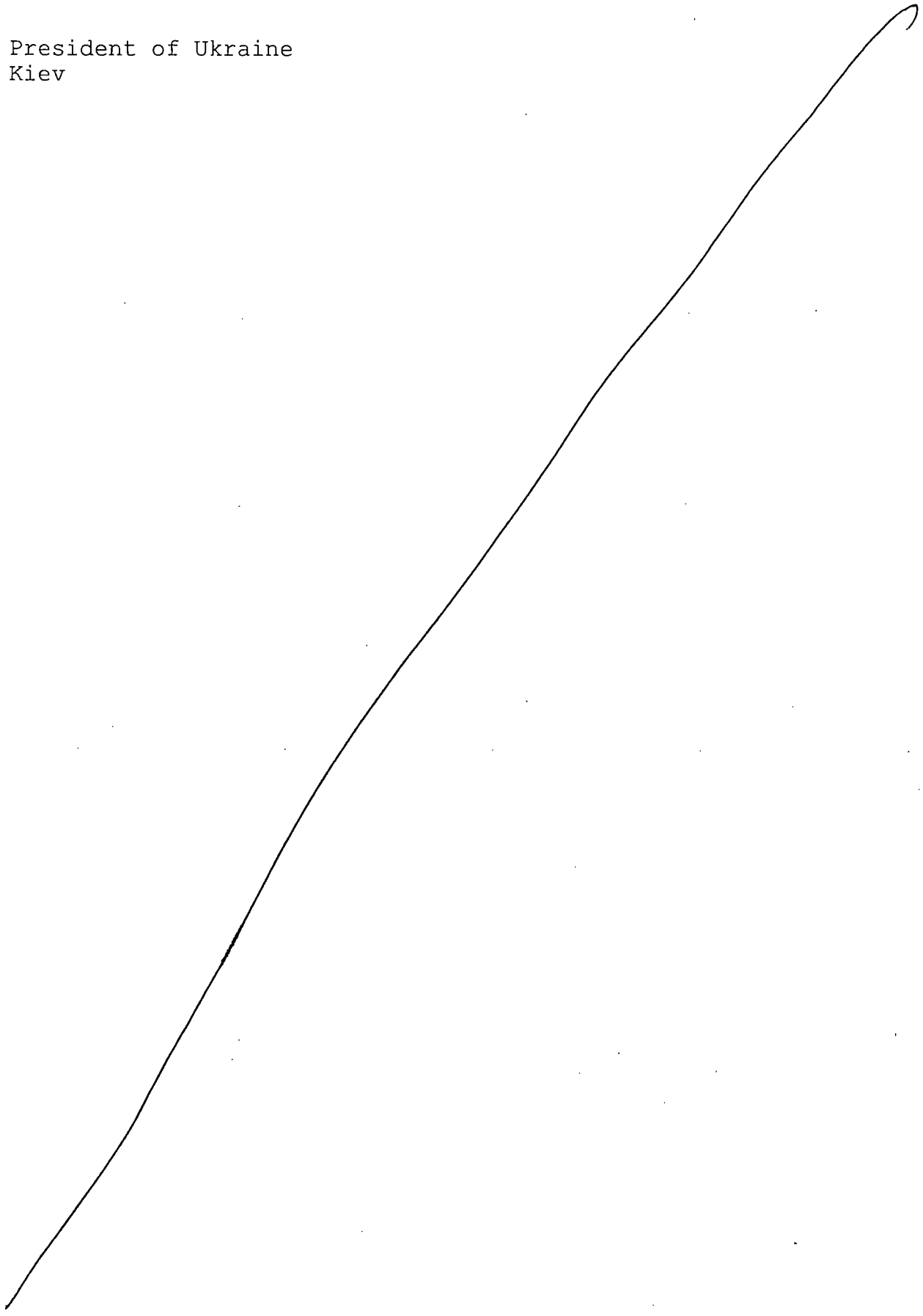

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Status Report on Chornobyl MOU

The G-7 are fully committed to implementing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Ukraine to support the closure of Chornobyl. To date, over $1.55 billion in projects have been approved, both to ensure adequate generating capacity to meet Ukraine's electricity demand and to promote nuclear safety.[1] This paper reviews the status of programs under the MOU on the closure of Chornobyl designed to help Ukraine meet its power demand now and beyond the closure of the plant by the year 2000 and to transform the sarcophagus over unit 4 into a stable and safe structure.

Power Sector Reform and the Chornobyl MOU

Ukraine and the G-7 committed in their MOU on Chornobyl to work together to create a viable and competitive power sector that meets Ukraine's electricity demand in a safe and environmentally sound way. The MOU's focus is therefore broader than simply compensating for the power generated by Chornobyl (since the closure of Chornobyl unit 1 in 1996, about 1,000 megawatts out of a peak demand of 30,000 megawatts). The G-7 committed to help Ukraine reform its power sector and develop and finance the most cost-effective investments to meet electricity needs in the context of a competitive electricity market. In this way, the MOU will address both the impact of closing Chornobyl and the urgent need to support far-reaching reforms in a vastly inefficient energy sector inherited from the Soviet Union.

Energy reforms, and in particular reform of the electricity sector, are key for several reasons. First, Ukraine must reduce fuel consumption in order to improve the international competitiveness of its economy. Second, creating market forces to guide the use of energy resources is the strongest incentive for efficiency and will have the greatest impact on reducing Ukraine's dependence on fuel imports. Third, improved financial administration in the energy sector is essential to collect overdue bills and create financial flows that allow power-generating plants to purchase fuel and maintain equipment. Fourth, these conditions – international competitiveness, market prices, reliable revenue flows – are essential to attract private investment and create the repayment capacity needed to justify loans from the international financial institutions.

Ukraine's Current Power-Generating Capacity

The Chornobyl MOU was designed in the context of Ukraine's current power-generating capacity. According to official Ukrainian data, Ukraine has 52,000 megawatts of nominal generating capacity. Current peak demand in Ukraine is estimated at 30,000 megawatts. Under optimistic projections, peak demand is estimated at 31,000 megawatts by the year 2000 and at about 46,000 megawatts by

[1] Total approved projects include $798 million for fuel supply projects, $227 million for power supply projects and $550 million for nuclear safety.

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That said, Ukraine has had serious problems in recent years meeting electricity demand during peak periods. Two issues are key:

1. *Fuel Availability.* Financial weaknesses in Ukraine's electricity system (low prices, poor collection) have compromised the ability of generating companies to purchase fuel for existing plants and reduced incentives for domestic fuel production. This suggests that programs to reform the power system, finance fuel imports, increase domestic fuel production and reduce fuel consumption would contribute directly to meeting Ukraine's electricity needs.

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The following analysis explains how these two issues are addressed in the MOU through G-7 and international financial institution support for Ukraine's energy sector.

Fuel Availability

Four steps are key to improving Ukraine's capacity to purchase fuel to ensure that it can generate sufficient power to meet demand.

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• Poltava Oil and Gas	8		
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Subtotal	323	100	200
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• Electricity Market – IBRD	317		
• Electricity Market – EBRD	55		
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Energy Efficiency			
• Gas Metering	80		
• Demand Side Management	23		
• Kiev District Heat		110	
• Sevastopol Heat Supply			40
• Efficiency in Public Buildings			50
Subtotal	103	110	90
Totals	798	210	290

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Generating Efficiency

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Table 3
Nuclear Safety Projects
($ millions)

	Approved	Preparation	Consideration
Shelter Implementation Plan (SIP)	300[2]		
Decommissioning of Chornobyl	144	13	
Chornobyl S-term Safety Upgrades	34		
Operational Safety Upgrades	72		
Totals	550	13	

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To promote the sarcophagus project, U.S. and other G-7 and Ukrainian ambassadors

[2] This figure represents $300 million pledged out of a $750 million approved project.

have been briefed on the SIP and are approaching other governments to participate at the pledging conference. U.S., G-7 and Ukrainian delegates to UNGA and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) General Conference (GC) are approaching other governments about the pledging conference. We succeeded in getting the IAEA GC to support an important resolution calling on member states to join us at the pledging conference.

The EBRD has begun advertising and distributing the SIP in response to widespread international commercial interest in its projects. An expert team has drafted technical specifications for the early biddable projects under the SIP. These specifications are currently being reviewed by the Ukrainian Nuclear Regulatory Authority and Chornobyl plant staff. After they are finalized, these projects will be submitted for financial decision to the Shelter Fund Assembly in order to allow the EBRD to begin the tendering process for these projects as soon as possible. The EBRD Board of Directors has been briefed on the SIP, and is expected to approve the Shelter Fund Rules and the Bank's role in administering the project later this month. Even in advance of establishing the Fund, the U.S. and Canada have committed $2.5 million to repair the Chornobyl ventilation stack.

There are important steps that Ukraine can take to help ensure the success of the pledging process. Ukrainian ambassadors and high-level officials could approach other governments to encourage them to participate in the pledging conference. Similarly, Ukrainian delegates at pending international conferences can use other fora to emphasize the importance of this initiative. Minister Udovenko, as president of the 1997 UNGA, has an excellent opportunity to underscore the importance of the SIP and the need for a common international effort to support the project. Ukrainian delegates at the IAEA conference can also add their voices to those of G-7 delegates speaking on behalf of the sarcophagus project. Within Ukraine, the Rada's quick approval of the EBRD Framework Agreement for the SIP is critical to the EBRD's ability to begin work on the sarcophagus project this year.

Conclusions

- Electricity market reforms, including increased tariffs and improved revenue collection, are essential to improve the financial standing of the electricity sector -- and to finance fuel purchases. These are the most important factors affecting short-term electricity supply as well as investments.

- As Ukraine moves forward with reform, donor-financed balance-of-payments support can help in the interim to meet fuel import requirements.

- In this context, the G-7/Ukraine MOU appropriately takes a broad approach that addresses fuel needs, energy efficiency, nuclear safety, market reforms and power investments.

- Increased retail electricity prices and revenue collections will be key to securing the financial viability of any new power investments, including the R4/K2 reactors.

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- Ukraine and the G-7 will need to continue to work closely together to secure the success of the Shelter Implementation Plan for the Chornobyl sarcophagus.

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DAN TARULLO

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Regarding the Rivne and Khmelnitsky reactors, a key issue that must be addressed to secure international financing is whether these projects prove cost-effective and financially viable. In order to complement previous cost-effectiveness analyses, my government, with the full support of the G-7, is funding additional analysis that will help the EBRD, with your assistance, reach the best conclusion on these projects. The first phase of this analysis will be completed this fall. We understand from the EBRD that the bank will hold a major progress review in November that will include Ukraine and all the major analysts and companies engaged in the feasibility work. This is a constructive step. If the phase 1 conclusions of the cost-effectiveness study are not clear, a second phase involving fieldwork in Ukraine will be completed by next spring. I hope your experts will cooperate fully in this process.

It is also essential that Ukraine demonstrate to lenders that Ukrainian utilities, in particular in the nuclear field, have the revenue to repay loans for investments. Several measures could make a crucial difference, particularly improving cash collection for electricity bills and establishing a clear process for future tariff adjustments based on market principles. Such steps could help overcome the financial concerns raised by the continued low rates of revenue collection that jeopardize the financial viability of investments in the electricity sector and Ukraine's ability to maintain existing plants. The coming months will be critical in demonstrating that Ukraine's electricity sector has been placed on firm financial ground.

The G-7 understand fully your interest in reaching a final conclusion as quickly as possible. In our approach to this issue we have taken into account your concerns, the EBRD's requirements and steps that would affect a positive outcome on the Rivne and Khmelnitsky loans. Given current fiscal problems in the electricity sector, a special effort is needed by Ukraine in order to ensure the financial viability of these loans. The additional work on the cost-effectiveness analysis will be completed during this time and will not further delay a final outcome. We expect that this analysis, complementary work under way by the EBRD in other areas and especially the steps Ukraine takes to improve the financial standing of the electricity sector will determine whether completing one or both of the reactors is consistent with EBRD requirements; if so, the G-7 will lend full support to EBRD financing.

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Leonid, let me assure you on behalf of the G-7 that we fully share Ukraine's determination to implement the Memorandum of Understanding on the closure of Chornobyl. The $1.55 billion we have already mobilized for the task is a sign of our commitment, and we will continue our efforts. As always, the speed of our progress will depend on our partnership. The faster reforms move ahead, the better the financial climate in Ukraine will be to mobilize new investments, both public and private. We are fully committed to do our part as Ukraine moves ahead with its reforms.

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I KNOW THAT THE STEPS YOU HAVE TAKEN RECENTLY HAVE BEEN OPPOSED BY SOME INSIDE UKRAINE. AT THE REQUEST OF YOUR AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, WE ARE INTENSIFYING OUR EFFORTS TO PROVIDE UPDATED INFORMATION ABOUT THE CRISIS DIRECTLY TO THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE VIA TELEVISION AND RADIO. ACCESS TO THE FACTS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ATROCITIES THAT MILOSEVIC HAS COMMITTED.

LEONID, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOUR PRINCIPLED STANCE ON KOSOVO PUTS UKRAINE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF HISTORY. IT TESTIFIES TO OUR COMMON AGENDA OF PROMOTING UKRAINE'S FULL INTEGRATION INTO THE EUROPEAN MAINSTREAM AND WILL REINFORCE UKRAINE'S RELATIONSHIPS WITH KEY EURO-ATLANTIC INSITUTIONS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN WASHINGTON AT THE NATO SUMMIT LATER THIS MONTH. THE MEETING OF THE NATO-UKRAINE COMMISSION, FOR THE FIRST TIME AT SUMMIT-LEVEL, WILL SEND A STRONG SIGNAL OF SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO BUILDING A NEW EUROPE AND WILL UNDERSCORE OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO FURTHER CEMENT THIS PROMISING PARTNERSHIP.

SINCERELY,
BILL

END TEXT.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER

SUBJECT: Message to Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma

Purpose

Approve a message to President Kuchma.

Background

Ukrainian President Kuchma has been helpful on Kosovo, articulating a position close to NATO despite harsh opposition. While Ukraine initially criticized NATO for acting without UN approval, it also blamed the crisis on Milosevic. Since then, Ukraine helped scuttle a proposed joint statement of condemnation by the CIS leaders at their April 1 meeting in Moscow. On April 6, President Kuchma issued an official statement calling on Milosevic to accept NATO demands. Ukraine is providing humanitarian relief to the refugees and may accept refugees on a temporary basis.

Kuchma is scheduled to come to Washington for the NATO-Ukraine Commission meeting that will take place during the NATO Summit; his parliament is trying to get him to cancel. Prime Minister Primakov has added to the pressure, proposing a visit to Kiev on April 22-23, intended to prod Kuchma to cancel his participation in the NATO Summit. Kuchma is still inclined to come but he needs reassurance of our support.

Your letter will help provide a needed moral and political boost. Assuming Kuchma does come, reaching out to him on the margins of the NATO-Ukraine Commission meeting will help reinforce his constructive stance on the Balkans.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the message at Tab A.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachment
Tab A Message to President Kuchma

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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

April 9, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL BERGER

THROUGH: CARLOS PASCUAL

FROM: JOHN TEDSTROM

SUBJECT: Message to Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma

The memorandum at Tab I recommends a Presidential message to President Kuchma on Kosovo. The message acknowledges Ukraine's increasingly constructive stance on the crisis and encourages President Kuchma to stay the course. It provides much needed moral support to Kuchma, who faces stiff opposition to his West-leaning policies at home and in Moscow.

The importance of this letter is heightened by the fact that ***Prime Minister Primakov has upped the political ante by proposing to reschedule his visit to Kiev to April 22-23, undoubtedly intended to prod Kuchma to cancel his participation in the NATO Summit.*** Kuchma is inclined to reject Primakov's proposal but obviously faces considerable pressure.

Recognizing the policy of no bilaterals during the NATO Summit, ***a special effort to reach out to President Kuchma on the margins of the NATO-Ukraine Commission meeting -- and signaling our intent to do so in advance of the meeting -- would help ensure a Kuchma decision to come to Washington and stay the course on Kosovo more generally.***

Concurrence by: Greg Schulte, Eric Schwartz, Richard Brody, Nancy McEldowney

ECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum for the President at Tab I.

Attachments
Tab I Memorandum for the President
Tab A Message to President Kuchma

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IMMEDIATE

FROM: THE WHITE HOUSE

TO: AMEMBASSY (KIEV)

INFO: SECSTATE WASHDC

SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KUCHMA

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2. BEGIN TEXT.

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AS SECRETARY ALBRIGHT INDICATED TO FOREIGN MINISTER TARASYUK ON TUESDAY, THE NEWS COMING OUT OF KOSOVO IS TRULY SHOCKING. WHOLE VILLAGES ARE BEING BURNED, INNOCENT CIVILIANS SUMMARILY EXECUTED AND TENS OF THOUSANDS DISPLACED BECAUSE OF A DELIBERATE CAMPAIGN BY YUGOSLAV FORCES. THE HUMANITARIAN DIMENSION OF THIS CRISIS IS GROWING DAILY, AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST COME TOGETHER TO PROVIDE RELIEF. WE MUST BE FIRM AND DECISIVE IN THE FACE OF THIS HUMANITARIAN TRAGEDY AND ENSURE THAT MILOSEVIC'S BRUTAL CAMPAIGN OF ETHNIC CLEANSING IS NOT ALLOWED TO STAND. FROM THE OUTSET, WE HAVE WANTED TO RESOLVE THIS CRISIS DIPLOMATICALLY, AND NATO STANDS READY TO SUSPEND ITS AIR STRIKES AS SOON AS PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC WITHDRAWS HIS FORCES FROM KOSOVO, ACCEPTS THE DEPLOYMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL SECURITY FORCE, AND MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR REFUGEES TO RETURN -- ALL AS WE MOVE TOWARD A JUST POLITICAL FRAMEWORK FOR KOSOVO.

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IN STANDING AS A FIRM PARTNER WITH THE WEST DESPITE PRESSURES YOU FACED FROM THE OPPOSITION. YOUR EARLY AND CONSISTENT RECOGNITION OF MILOSEVIC'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONFLICT, AND YOUR SWIFT ENDORSEMENT OF HIS INDICTMENT FOR WAR CRIMES, SUPPORTED THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND JUSTICE. WE ALSO APPRECIATED YOUR EFFORTS TO COORDINATE WITH US AND NATO ON OVER-FLIGHTS AND YOUR ENGAGEMENT WITH US ON OIL SHIPMENTS TO SERBIA. UKRAINE'S PRINCIPLED POSITION HELPED TO SEND A POWERFUL MESSAGE TO MILOSEVIC ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S UNIFIED STANCE AGAINST HIS ATROCITIES.

I WAS GLAD TO HEAR OF UKRAINE'S OFFER TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY FORCE IN KOSOVO. THIS IS ANOTHER CONFIRMATION OF OUR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AND UKRAINE'S INCREASING ROLE IN EUROPE, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON THE GROUND TO ENSURE THE PEACE. TOWARD THAT END, WE WOULD ALSO WELCOME UKRAINE'S PARTICIPATION IN AN EVENTUAL CIVILIAN ADMINISTRATION IN KOSOVO AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO WORK WITH THE UNITED NATIONS TOWARD THAT GOAL.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 29, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER

SUBJECT: Message to Ukrainian President Kuchma

Purpose

Approve a message to President Kuchma on Ukraine's constructive role during the Kosovo crisis.

Background

Despite serious opposition from the Ukrainian left and from Moscow, President Kuchma made a number of impressive, pro-NATO policy decisions during the Kosovo crisis that we found helpful. These decisions range from attending the NATO-Ukraine Summit, for which he was roundly criticized, to delaying approval of Russian over-flights of Ukraine until other countries solidified their positions.

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RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the message to President Kuchma at Tab A.

Approve

Disapprove _____

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Chief of Staff

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DEAR LEONID:

AS WE MOVE NOW TOWARD RESTORING PEACE IN KOSOVO, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR UKRAINE'S CONTRIBUTIONS AND FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN STANDING AS A FIRM PARTNER WITH THE WEST DESPITE PRESSURES YOU FACED FROM THE OPPOSITION. YOUR EARLY AND CONSISTENT RECOGNITION OF MILOSEVIC'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONFLICT, AND YOUR SWIFT ENDORSEMENT OF HIS INDICTMENT FOR WAR CRIMES, SUPPORTED THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND JUSTICE. WE ALSO APPRECIATED YOUR EFFORTS TO COORDINATE WITH US AND NATO ON OVER-FLIGHTS AND YOUR ENGAGEMENT WITH US ON OIL SHIPMENTS TO SERBIA. UKRAINE'S PRINCIPLED POSITION HELPED TO SEND A POWERFUL MESSAGE TO MILOSEVIC ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S UNIFIED STANCE AGAINST HIS ATROCITIES.

I WAS GLAD TO HEAR OF UKRAINE'S OFFER TO Make a Significant CONTRIBUTION ~~SIGNIFICANTLY~~ TO THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY FORCE IN KOSOVO. THIS IS ANOTHER CONFIRMATION OF OUR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AND UKRAINE'S INCREASING ROLE IN EUROPE, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON THE GROUND TO ENSURE THE PEACE. TOWARD THAT END, WE WOULD ALSO WELCOME UKRAINE'S PARTICIPATION IN AN EVENTUAL CIVILIAN ADMINISTRATION IN KOSOVO AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO WORK WITH THE UNITED NATIONS TOWARD THAT GOAL.

AS WE DISCUSSED AT THE NATO SUMMIT IN APRIL, I WANT TO DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO HELP REINFORCE UKRAINIAN DEMOCRACY, ECONOMIC PROSPERITY, AND INTEGRATION WITH THE WEST. FURTHER DEVELOPING UKRAINE'S RELATIONSHIPS WITH NATO, THE EU, THE OSCE, AND OTHER EURO-ATLANTIC INSTITUTIONS WILL CLEARLY HIGHLIGHT UKRAINE'S

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PRESENCE ON THE EUROPEAN AND GLOBAL STAGE, AND I HOPE WE CAN WORK IN THIS DIRECTION. THE SUCCESS OF WHAT WE CAN DO TOGETHER, OF COURSE, WILL DEPEND ON THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL FOUNDATIONS YOU BUILD AT HOME. INDEED, THE STRONGER UKRAINE'S EFFORTS TO DEEPEN ITS DEMOCRATIC AND ECONOMIC REFORMS, THE FASTER UKRAINE WILL REALIZE ITS OBJECTIVE OF INTEGRATION WITH EUROPE. WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO OUR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS.

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LEONID, AL ~~AND I LOOK~~ FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN THE UNITED STATES AGAIN IN AUGUST. ~~I KNOW THAT AL~~ AND HIS TEAM ARE WORKING HARD TO ENSURE THAT THE BI-NATIONAL COMMISSION MEETING WILL PRODUCE CONCRETE RESULTS AND HIGHLIGHT TO AMERICANS ~~OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON~~ THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR RELATIONSHIP. ~~AND OUR JOINT EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN IT.~~ THIS WILL BE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE OUR PARTNERSHIP TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

SINCERELY,
BILL

END TEXT

Again, thank you for leading Ukraine's ~~[illegible]~~ contribution to creating peace a reason. I look forward to ~~[illegible]~~ working with you to build a bright future for ~~[illegible]~~ Ukraine and all the people of northern Europe.

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м. Вашингтон

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Спільно з сусідніми Румунією і Болгарією Україна готова взяти на себе вирішення значної частки питань, пов'язаних з відновленням судноплавства на Дунаї, оскільки саме через його припинення економіки наших країн зазнали найбільших втрат.

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Taking the opportunity, I wish to stress that the EU-initiated Pact of Stability for South East Europe, in which the United States take most active part, is of great interest to Ukraine.

Hence I wish to ask you, dear Bill, for assisting Ukraine's participation in the Pact implementation.

Together with neighboring Romania and Bulgaria Ukraine is ready to assume a considerable part of the issues regarding renewal of navigation along the Danube, since due to its termination economies of our countries have suferred the major losses.

I also deem it important to engage Ukraine's representatives in those spheres of the Pact that encompass democratic transformations and inter-ethnic relations, because Ukraine possesses a unique positive experience in this area.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I take pleasure in forwarding this letter with the Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Borys Tarasyuk who, while being in Washington, could personally bring to your attention information of great significance for the prospects of the development of strategic relations between our states and in a broader context.

Sincerely yours,

Leonid Kuchma

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DEAR LEONID:

IT WAS GOOD TO SEE YOU IN ISTANBUL. AS YOU MAY KNOW, I HAVE

SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF MY TIME RECENTLY ON THE ABM TREATY AND NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE (NMD), AND I WANT TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND OUR CONTACTS ON THIS MATTER. OUR GOVERNMENTS HAVE DISCUSSED THE IMPORTANCE OF WORKING TOGETHER ON THESE ISSUES MANY TIMES IN RECENT MONTHS, BUILDING ON YEARS OF CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE IN THE ABM TREATY'S STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION (SCC). HOWEVER, I WANT TO INFORM YOU DIRECTLY REGARDING OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH RUSSIA AS WELL AS THE PROGRESS OF TESTING AND DEVELOPMENT OF A U.S. LIMITED NMD SYSTEM.

FIRST, LET ME TELL YOU HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE UKRAINE'S ABSTENTION DURING THE NOVEMBER 5 VOTE OF THE UN FIRST COMMITTEE AND THE DECEMBER 1 VOTE OF THE UNGA ON THE RUSSIAN ABM RESOLUTION. I RECOGNIZE THAT THERE WERE CONSIDERABLE PRESSURES ON UKRAINE TO VOTE DIFFERENTLY, AND I AM EXTREMELY PLEASED THAT YOU JOINED A CONSENSUS WITH VIRTUALLY ALL YOUR EUROPEAN NEIGHBORS. I VALUE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT ON THIS ISSUE, AND

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER

SUBJECT: Messages to Presidents Kuchma and Nazarbayev on NMD/ABM

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That you approve TRANSMISSION OF the messages at Tab A and Tab B.

Approve A Disapprove _____

Attachments
Tab A Message to President Kuchma
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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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FROM: THE WHITE HOUSE

TO: AMEMBASSY (MOSCOW)

INFO: SECSTATE WASHDC

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Tab A Message to President Kuchma
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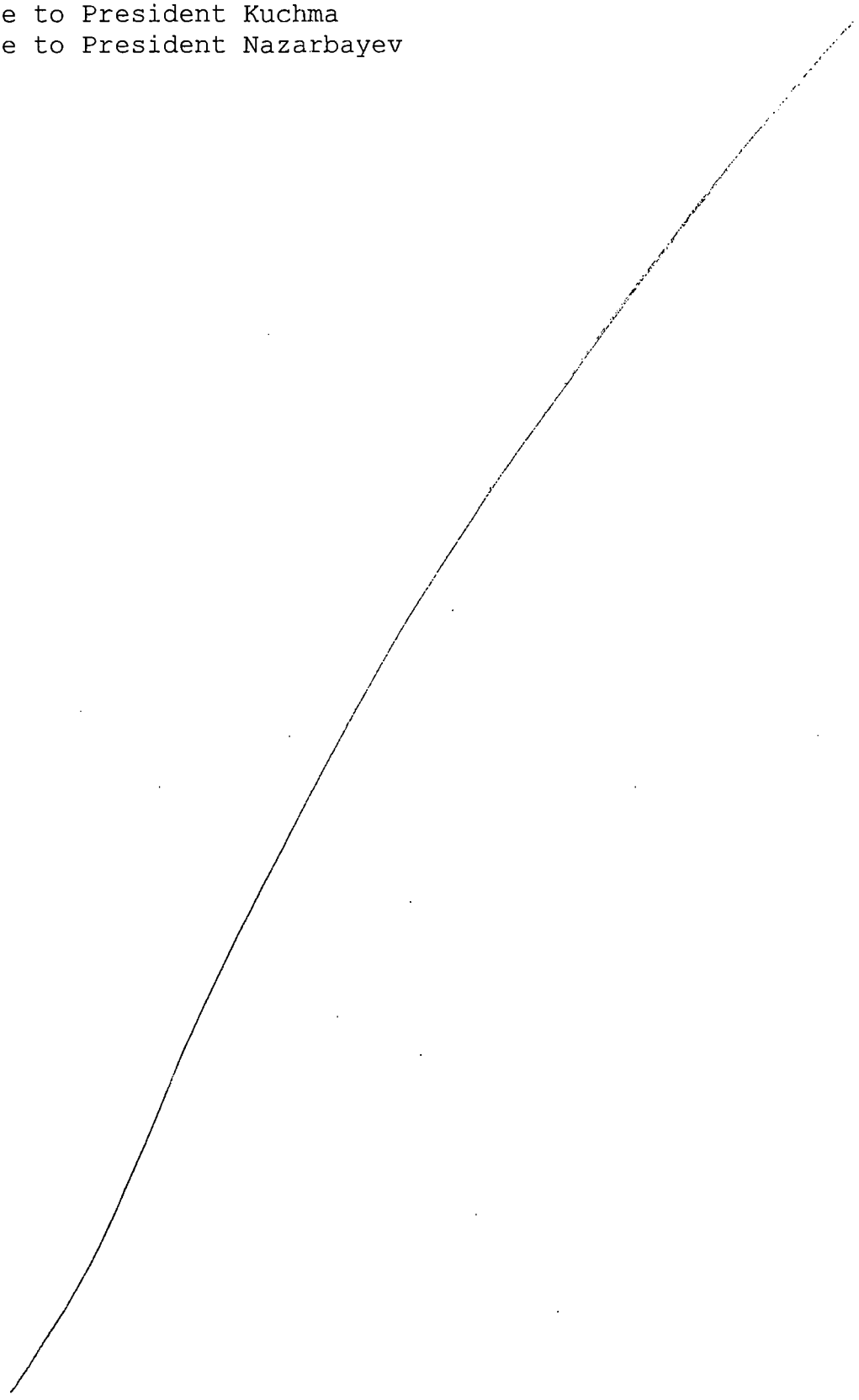

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ONE WAY TO BOLSTER THE TREATY'S EFFECTIVENESS UNDER PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE CONDITIONS IS THROUGH MEASURES THAT MAINTAIN MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND SECURITY BETWEEN RUSSIA AND THE UNITED STATES, AS WELL AS THE REST OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. PRESIDENT YELTSIN AND I BOTH AGREE THAT THERE IS A NEED TO REDUCE OUR STRATEGIC NUCLEAR ARSENALS. IN COLOGNE WE AGREED THAT OUR DIALOGUE ON STRATEGIC FORCE REDUCTIONS AND ON STRATEGIC DEFENSE MUST PROCEED WITH THE SAME URGENCY. LIMITATIONS AND REDUCTIONS OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE ARMS MUST BE BALANCED SO AS TO ENSURE THE SECURITY OF ALL PARTIES.

I ALSO WANT TO START A COOPERATIVE DIALOGUE WITH KAZAKHSTAN TO ADDRESS THE BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT. AN OPEN AND REGULAR DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND KAZAKHSTAN WILL STRENGTHEN OUR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AND PROVIDE A CHANNEL FOR ADDRESSING MATTERS OF SHARED INTEREST AND CONCERN. IF THIS IS ACCEPTABLE TO YOU, I WILL INSTRUCT MY EXPERTS TO BEGIN WORKING WITH KAZAKHSTANI OFFICIALS TO GET THIS PROCESS UNDERWAY IMMEDIATELY. PERHAPS WE CAN TAKE UP THIS ISSUE WHEN YOU VISIT WASHINGTON ON DECEMBER 20.

PRESIDENT NAZARBAYEV, I BELIEVE THAT BY WORKING TOGETHER WE WILL ENSURE THE VIABILITY OF THE ABM TREATY. AT THE END OF THE DAY, I HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO DEFEND MY COUNTRY -- AND TO MAKE SURE THAT MY SUCCESSOR IS FULLY ABLE TO DO THE SAME. BUT I HAVE BEEN EQUALLY CLEAR ABOUT MY DETERMINATION TO WEIGH CAREFULLY ALL FACTORS IN MY ULTIMATE DECISION. THE UNITED STATES AND KAZAKHSTAN SHOULD WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE OUR MUTUAL GOALS OF FACING THE SECURITY CHALLENGES OF THE 21ST CENTURY.

SINCERELY,
BILL CLINTON

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December 30, 1999

signed 1-3-00
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER

SUBJECT: Letters on Iraq to New UNSC Members

Purpose

Send letters to the leaders of four of the five new UNSC member states.

Background

In the past, we have sent a high-level intelligence officer to discuss Iraq with senior officials in new Security Council member countries. This year, we plan to send the Assistant National Intelligence Officer (ANIO) for the Near East and South Asia to brief officials in four of the five new Security Council countries -- Mali, Ukraine, Jamaica, and Bangladesh. (The outgoing National Intelligence Officer has already briefed officials in Tunisia.) As in the past, we would like to provide letters from you to the leader of each of the new Security Council member countries to ease the ANIO's access to high level officials and demonstrate the importance we attach to this matter.

The ANIO departs January 5 for Jamaica, and leaves for the other capitals on January 14.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached letters.

Attachments
Tab A Letter to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina
Tab B Letter to President Kuchma
Tab C Letter to President Konare
Tab D Letter to Prime Minister Patterson

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WASHINGTON

January 3, 2000

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Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

His Excellency
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December 29, 1999

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MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: BRUCE RIEDEL BR

FROM: KEN POLLACK KP / DEAN KAPLAN DK

SUBJECT: Letter on Iraq to New UNSC Members

As in years past, we are sending the National Intelligence Officer for the Near East to brief senior officials in the capitals of the five countries about to join the UN Security Council -- Tunisia, Mali, Ukraine, Bangladesh, and Jamaica. (b)(3) (b)(3) the Assistant National Intelligence Officer is scheduled to leave for Jamaica on January 5, and will travel to the other capitals beginning January 14. Once again, we believe (b)(3) should carry Presidential letters to ease his access to high level officials and demonstrate the importance we attach to the Iraq issue. (b)(3) the outgoing National Intelligence Officer for the Near East, has already traveled to Tunisia to brief officials, and therefore we are requesting only four Presidential letters.

Concurrence by: John Tedstrom, Catherine Byrne, Don Camp, Tom Shannon, Matt Vaccaro - cleared via e-mail 12-30) KP for all

RECOMMENDATION

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER

SUBJECT: Letters on Iraq to New UNSC Members

Purpose

To send letters to the leaders of four of the five new UNSC member states.

Background

In the past, we have sent a high-level intelligence officer to discuss Iraq with senior officials in new Security Council member countries. This year, we plan to send the Assistant National Intelligence Officer for the Near East and South Asia to brief officials in four of the five new Security Council countries -- Mali, Ukraine, Jamaica, and Bangladesh. (The outgoing National Intelligence Officer has already briefed officials in Tunisia.) As ~~we have~~ in the past, we would like to provide letters from you to the leader of each of the new Security Council member countries to ease the ANIO's access to high level officials and demonstrate the importance we attach to this matter.

The ANIO departs January 5 for Jamaica, and leaves for the other capitals on January 14.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached letters.

Attachments
Tab A Letter to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina
Tab B Letter to President Kuchma
Tab C Letter to President Konare
Tab D Letter to Prime Minister Patterson

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Dear Leonid:

I very much enjoyed seeing you here in December. I want to emphasize how impressed we all were with your vision for Ukraine. The steps you have taken since returning to Kiev help demonstrate your commitment to implementing the reforms that will promote economic recovery and growth. I also wanted to extend my congratulations as Ukraine assumes a seat on the United Nations Security Council. I look forward to working closely with you on the full range of issues before the Council.

One of the challenges we will undoubtedly face this year as members of the Security Council is ensuring that Saddam Hussein does not reemerge as a threat to our common interests. In this connection, I want to take this opportunity to share with you my thinking about Iraq.

I remain firmly convinced that, given the opportunity to do so, Saddam Hussein will restart his weapons of mass destruction programs and again threaten regional peace and security. His record speaks for itself -- his war with Iran; his use of chemical weapons against his own people; his invasion of Kuwait; his missile attacks on Israel and Saudi Arabia; his violation of key provisions of the Gulf War cease-fire agreement; his obstruction of UN monitors; and his repression of his own people. He has ~~while~~ refused to allow UN Human Rights Commission members to visit Iraq to investigate reports of human rights abuses.

Fortunately, on December 17 the Security Council voted to adopt UNSCR 1284, the "Omnibus Resolution" on Iraq. This resolution is an important new step in dealing with Saddam Hussein. Through UNSCR 1284, the Security Council has reestablished an effective disarmament and monitoring regime. The Security Council has also reaffirmed its determination to retain control of Iraq's finances, as the only way to ensure that Saddam Hussein cannot reconstitute his weapons of mass destruction programs. UNSCR 1284 will also improve the humanitarian situation in Iraq by expanding and streamlining the oil-for-food

program. It demands that Saddam Hussein account for people and property abducted from Kuwait during the Iraqi occupation. Finally, the Resolution addresses the religious concerns of the Iraqi people by exempting air travel by Hajj pilgrims from sanctions.

~~One of the key challenges facing~~ The Security Council will need to implement this new resolution in the coming year, ~~will be seeing this new resolution implemented.~~ Although Saddam Hussein's regime has so far rejected it, ~~as he~~ has other UN resolutions, we believe the international community must nonetheless move forward in executing its provisions. Indeed, even those on the Council who did not vote for the Resolution are in full agreement that it is now the law of the land, and Iraq must comply. We have seen in the past that when the Council is united in its determination to see Iraq comply, Saddam ~~will~~ eventually accepts that he has no alternative.

Once again the international community has stepped forward to deal with the threat posed to peace and stability by Saddam Hussein. Seeing implementation of the provisions of UNSCR 1284 ~~implemented~~ will require our close coordination in the period ahead. As in the past, patience, unity, and a common message to Saddam Hussein that we will not settle for half-measures will be the keys to success. I look forward to working with you on this and the other issues before the Security Council.

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Leonid Kuchma
President of Ukraine
Kiev

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FIRST, THE GOVERNMENT NEEDS RADA BACKING FOR ITS ECONOMIC PROGRAM. YOUR LEADERSHIP WILL BE NEEDED TO SECURE THAT APPROVAL, AND I URGE YOU TO DO WHATEVER YOU CAN TO WIN IT. RADA APPROVAL WILL GIVE THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS TEAM A BROAD MANDATE TO PURSUE THE AMBITIOUS REFORM AGENDA YOU HAVE ARTICULATED. YOUR ADVOCACY WILL SEND A MESSAGE TO VESTED INTERESTS IN UKRAINE THAT ARE ALL TOO WILLING TO SACRIFICE NATIONAL PROGRESS FOR PERSONAL GAIN. YOUR SUPPORT WOULD ALSO SEND A SIGNAL TO OTHER LEADERS IN EUROPE ABOUT THE URGENCY YOU ATTACH TO REFORM.
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GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION ENTERPRISES -- AND DOING SO IN A WAY THAT CONFORMS WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS. I KNOW THE GOVERNMENT IS MAKING PROGRESS IN PREPARING FOR THIS IMPORTANT STEP. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS CLOSELY WATCHING YOUR REFORM PROGRAM, IN HOPES THAT IT WILL SIGNAL THE EMERGENCE OF A STRONG INVESTMENT AND BUSINESS CLIMATE TO TIE UKRAINE MORE CLOSELY TO THE WEST. RECENT ALLEGATIONS OF MISMANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL BANK RESERVES HAVE ADDED TO THE CHALLENGES YOU FACE. THE PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS HAVE TAKEN THE RIGHT APPROACH TO DEALING WITH THESE ALLEGATIONS BY ENSURING FULL COOPERATION AND TRANSPARENCY WITH THE IMF AND ITS AUDITORS TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS. I URGE YOU TO CONTINUE THIS COOPERATION SO THE MATTER CAN SOONER BE PUT TO REST.

YOUR RECENT STATEMENT COMMITTING TO CLOSE CHORNOBYL BY THE END OF THIS YEAR IS A WELCOME STEP, BUT AS A FRIEND I MUST TELL YOU THAT IT IS INSUFFICIENT TO SECURE A SUCCESSFUL PLEDGING CONFERENCE THIS JUNE. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ALREADY TAKES UKRAINE'S COMMITMENT TO CLOSE CHORNOBYL BY YEAR END AS A MATTER OF FAITH, AS DOCUMENTED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF

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TO COMMIT TO A SPECIFIC, UNCONDITIONAL CLOSURE DATE FOR CHORNOBYL -- AND TO ANNOUNCE IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BEFORE THE PLEDGING CONFERENCE. ARMED WITH A FIRM DATE, WE WILL BE ABLE TO WORK WITH OTHER DONORS TO MAKE THE PLEDGING CONFERENCE AND OTHER ENERGY-RELATED PROJECTS SUCCESSES FOR UKRAINE.

LEONID, I AM IMPRESSED BY THE GROUNDWORK THAT YOU AND VIKTOR HAVE LAID FOR UKRAINE'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY, AND OUR TEAM HAS ALREADY BEGUN WORKING WITH HIS STAFF TO SELECT A DATE IN THE NEAR FUTURE FOR HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON. I LOOK FORWARD TO STAYING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOU ON THESE ISSUES.

SINCERELY,
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IMMEDIATE

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SINCERELY,
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END TEXT.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ 2340

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER

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Purpose

Forward a message to President Kuchma.

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RECOMMENDATION

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Approve _____

Disapprove _____

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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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IMMEDIATE

FROM: THE WHITE HOUSE

TO: AMEMBASSY (KIEV)

INFO: SECSTATE WASHDC

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April 5

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Translation from Ukrainian

LOGO

PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE

March «25», 2000
Kyiv

Dear Bill,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your congratulations on the occasion of commencement of Ukraine's participation in the UN Security Council activity. This course is one of our foreign policy's priorities. We are prepared for fruitful cooperation in this important international forum with all its member-states and, first of all, with our strategic partner - the USA.

I am greatly satisfied with the high level of cooperation that has been established between our states in the Security Council. This has been clearly demonstrated during the US presidency in the UNSC last January. I believe that common promotion of the Security Council recommendation to convene the UN General Assembly special session on strengthening the international cooperation in the field of fighting with AIDS is a good example of Ukrainian-American cooperation.

I share your opinion that the Iraqi problems remain among the key issues of the whole complex of the UN Security Council's agenda. The approval of resolution 1824 (1999) of December 17, 1999 demonstrated, to my mind, a significant progress toward unblocking the complicated situation around Iraq.

I am convinced that nowadays the success in realization of this document's provisions depends on the will of the Iraqi leadership to cooperate effectively with the UN and, first and foremost - with the Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC), fulfilling scrupulously the appropriate UN requirements. For our part, we would welcome such cooperation, considering it as a real basis for making a decision on suspension, and eventually lifting the Security Council sanctions against Iraq.

Ukraine realizes the need for creation of proper conditions for strengthening international security and preventing the threat of spread of weapons of mass destruction. This, in my opinion, can be reached only through the soonest resumption of the effective monitoring system over the process of Iraqi disarmament, which should be carried out by the UNMOVIC. We are interested in the beginning of the Commission's activity, and we have already proposed highly skilled Ukrainian experts to work in it.

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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I am also convinced that all members of the Security Council should combine their efforts with the purpose of promoting the implementation of resolution 1284 (1999) provisions. Only in this way we can achieve the fulfillment of appropriate requirements by Iraq, restore peace and stability in the region. Ukraine is prepared for constructive cooperation with the USA and other countries for the sake of achievement of desired results on this important direction.

I hope for understanding and support by the American side of the Ukraine's position in the Security Council on the issues of priority importance for our country.

I am ready to maintain further active dialog with you on all the range of issues of the Ukrainian-American cooperation within the UN Security Council.

Very truly yours,

(signed)

Leonid Kuchma

ПРЕЗИДЕНТ УКРАЇНИ

«25» березня 2000 року
м.Київ

Шановний Біле,

Щиро дякую за Ваші поздоровлення з нагоди початку участі України в діяльності Раді Безпеки ООН. Цей напрямок є одним із пріоритетів нашої зовнішньої політики. Ми налаштовані на плідну співпрацю в цьому важливому міжнародному форумі з усіма її державами-членами і, передусім, з нашим стратегічним партнером - США.

Я дуже задоволений високим рівнем співробітництва, що встановився між нашими країнами у Раді Безпеки. Це наочно проявилося під час головування Сполучених Штатів у РБ ООН у січні місяці. Вважаю, що спільне просування рекомендації Ради Безпеки щодо скликання спецсесії Генеральної Асамблеї ООН, присвяченій зміцненню міжнародної взаємодії у сфері боротьби зі СНІДом, є добрим прикладом українсько-американської співпраці.

Поділяю Вашу думку про те, що іракська проблематика є однією з ключових у всьому комплексі питань порядку денного діяльності Ради Безпеки ООН. На мою думку, схвалення 17 грудня 1999 р. резолюції 1284 (1999) є значним зрушенням на шляху до розблокування складної ситуації навколо Іраку.

Переконаний, що сьогодні успіх у реалізації положень даного документа залежить від волі іракського керівництва ефективно співпрацювати з ООН, насамперед - з Комісією зі спостереження, контролю та інспекцій (ЮНМОВІК), сумлінно виконуючи відповідні вимоги Ради Безпеки. Зі свого боку ми вітали б таке співробітництво, розглядаючи його як реальне підгрунтя для прийняття рішення про призупинення, а згодом - й скасування санкцій Ради Безпеки проти Іраку.

Його Високоповажності
Уільяму Дж. Клінтону
Президенту Сполучених Штатів Америки
м.Вашингтон

Україна усвідомлює необхідність створення належних умов для зміцнення міжнародної безпеки та запобігання загрозі розповсюдження зброї масового знищення. Цього, на мій погляд, можна досягнути лише шляхом якнайшвидшого відновлення системи ефективного спостереження за процесом роззброєння Іраку, яке має забезпечити ЮНМОВІК. Ми зацікавлені у початку діяльності даної Комісії і вже запропонували до її складу висококваліфікованих українських фахівців.

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Сподіваюся також на розуміння і підтримку з боку американської сторони позиції України в Раді Безпеки з питань, що мають для нашої держави пріоритетне значення.

Готовий і надалі підтримувати з Вами активний діалог з усього спектру питань українсько-американської взаємодії в Раді Безпеки ООН.

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Я дуже задоволений високим рівнем співробітництва, що встановився між нашими країнами у Раді Безпеки. Це наочно проявилося під час головування Сполучених Штатів у РБ ООН у січні місяці. Вважаю, що спільне просування рекомендації Ради Безпеки щодо скликання спецсесії Генеральної Асамблеї ООН, присвяченій зміцненню міжнародної взаємодії у сфері боротьби зі СНІДом, є добрим прикладом українсько-американської співпраці.

Поділяю Вашу думку про те, що іракська проблематика є однією з ключових у всьому комплексі питань порядку денного діяльності Ради Безпеки ООН. На мою думку, схвалення 17 грудня 1999 р. резолюції 1284 (1999) є значним зрушенням на шляху до розблокування складної ситуації навколо Іраку.

Переконаний, що сьогодні успіх у реалізації положень даного документа залежить від волі іракського керівництва ефективно співпрацювати з ООН, насамперед - з Комісією зі спостереження, контролю та інспекцій (ЮНМОВІК), сумлінно виконуючи відповідні вимоги Ради Безпеки. Зі свого боку ми вітали б таке співробітництво, розглядаючи його як реальне підгрунтя для прийняття рішення про призупинення, а згодом - й скасування санкцій Ради Безпеки проти Іраку.

Його Високоповажності
Уільяму Дж. Клінтону
Президенту Сполучених Штатів Америки
м.Вашингтон

Україна усвідомлює необхідність створення належних умов для зміцнення міжнародної безпеки та запобігання загрозі розповсюдження зброї масового знищення. Цього, на мій погляд, можна досягнути лише шляхом якнайшвидшого відновлення системи ефективного спостереження за процесом роззброєння Іраку, яке має забезпечити ЮНМОВІК. Ми зацікавлені у початку діяльності даної Комісії і вже запропонували до її складу висококваліфікованих українських фахівців.

Переконаний також, що всі члени Ради Безпеки мають об'єднати свої зусилля з метою сприяння втіленню в життя положень резолюції 1284 (1999). Лише у такий спосіб ми можемо добитися виконання Іраком відповідних вимог, відновити мир та стабільність у регіоні. Україна готова до конструктивної взаємодії зі США та іншими країнами заради досягнення бажаних результатів на цьому важливому напрямі.

Сподіваюся також на розуміння і підтримку з боку американської сторони позиції України в Раді Безпеки з питань, що мають для нашої держави пріоритетне значення.

Готовий і надалі підтримувати з Вами активний діалог з усього спектру питань українсько-американської взаємодії в Раді Безпеки ООН.

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BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR LEONID:

I AM VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO MY VISIT TO KIEV NEXT MONTH. I HOPE YOU AND I CAN USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE REFORMS THAT WILL ENHANCE UKRAINE'S INTEGRATION WITH THE EURO-ATLANTIC COMMUNITY OF MARKET-ORIENTED DEMOCRACIES, AND ENCOURAGE THE

UKRAINIAN PEOPLE TO SEIZE UPON YOUR COUNTRY'S TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL.

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White House Guidelines, September 11, 2006
By VL NARA, Date 7/9/2014
2016-0127-M (2.80)

I GREATLY APPRECIATED THE CHANCE TO MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER YUSHCHENKO DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON. HE OUTLINED YOUR REFORM AGENDA, AND I WAS IMPRESSED WITH HIS COMMAND OF THE POLICY AGENDA, HIS STEADFAST COMMITMENT TO REFORMS, AND HIS SENSITIVITY TO THE NEEDS OF AVERAGE CITIZENS, INCLUDING PENSIONERS.

VIKTOR CONVEYED YOUR MESSAGE THAT DECEMBER 15, 2000, IS THE DATE FOR CHORNOBYL CLOSURE; THIS WAS GOOD NEWS. TOGETHER, WE HAVE WORKED HARD ON THIS ISSUE SINCE WE FIRST TOOK OFFICE, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO MAKING THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WITH YOU IN

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SUPPORT ITS SECURITY AND INDEPENDENCE.

I ALSO MENTIONED TO VIKTOR A PROBLEM WITH THE ILLEGAL PRODUCTION OF COMPACT DISKS IN UKRAINE. RIGHT NOW, THERE ARE FIVE PLANTS IN UKRAINE WHICH PIRATE COMPACT DISCS. SHUTTING THESE FACILITIES DOWN BEFORE OUR MEETING IN KIEV WILL ALLOW ME TO HIGHLIGHT UKRAINE'S COMMITMENT TO MEETING INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND BUSINESS STANDARDS. REPRESENTATIVES FROM OUR RECORDING INDUSTRY WILL TRAVEL TO UKRAINE LATER THIS MONTH TO DISCUSS LICENSING FOR COMPACT DISC PRODUCTION, SO THAT UKRAINE'S FIRMS CAN PRODUCE LEGITIMATE GOODS.

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ONCE AGAIN, LEONID, I AM DELIGHTED BY YOUR NEWS ON CHORNOBYL, AND I WAS VERY PLEASED TO MEET YOUR NEW PRIME MINISTER. I AM

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LOOKING FORWARD TO A SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO KIEV IN EARLY JUNE.

SINCERELY,
BILL

END TEXT.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER

SUBJECT: Message to President Kuchma on Chornobyl Closure and Upcoming Visit

Purpose

To approve a message to President Kuchma on Chornobyl closure and upcoming visit.

Background

In response to Prime Minister Yushchenko's announcement this week that a firm date was set for Chornobyl closure, the message at Tab A congratulates President Kuchma for making progress on this issue. It also relays that you were pleased with the results of Yushchenko's visit, and that you intend to use your upcoming visit to Kiev to help energize reforms that will enhance Ukraine's integration with the Euro-Atlantic community of market-oriented democracies.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the message to President Kuchma at Tab A.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachment
Tab A Message to President Kuchma

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By VL NARA, Date 7/5/2016
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Declassify On: 3/13/10

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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IMMEDIATE

FROM: THE WHITE HOUSE

TO: AMEMBASSY (KIEV)

INFO: SECSTATE WASHDC

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SINCERELY,
BILL

END TEXT.

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IMMEDIATE

FROM: THE WHITE HOUSE

TO: AMEMBASSY (KIEV)

INFO: SECSTATE WASHDC

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER

SUBJECT: Message to President Kuchma on Chornobyl Closure and Upcoming Visit

Purpose

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Background

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RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the message to President Kuchma at Tab A.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachment
Tab A Message to President Kuchma

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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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END TEXT

DECL: 19 JUL 2010

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER
GENE SPERLING

SUBJECT: Message to President Leonid Kuchma of Ukraine

Purpose

Approve a message to President Kuchma.

Background

President Kuchma wrote to you with follow-up issues from your June 5 summit in Kiev. His letter describes your visit as "one of the most important foreign policy events in the life of the Ukrainian state." It addresses Ukraine's desire for full cooperation with the IMF and WTO, and it expresses President Kuchma's hope for U.S. support at the Chornobyl Shelter Pledging conference in Berlin and the G-8 Summit in Okinawa. Finally, it requests your consideration of granting Ukraine the status of Normal Trade Relations on a permanent and unconditional basis.

Your response emphasizes the importance of building on the momentum of the Kiev meetings and focusing on concrete steps that will help Ukraine achieve its European vision. It reiterates that critical reforms are necessary to achieving full integration with the IFIs, and it states that you are pleased with the success of the sarcophagus pledging conference in Berlin. It concludes by reaffirming that Ukraine can count on the support of the United States as reforms proceed.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the message to President Kuchma at Tab A.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

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Tab A Message to President Kuchma
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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FROM: THE WHITE HOUSE

TO: AMEMBASSY (KIEV)

INFO: SECSTATE WASHDC

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END TEXT

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Translation from Ukrainian

Logo "President of Ukraine "

"9" June, 2000
Kyiv

Dear William,

Pleasant memories of our recent meeting prompt me to express once again my deep satisfaction with the spirit and content of our negotiations in Kyiv.

Your visit to Ukraine has not only become a key milestone in the history of Ukraine-US strategic partnership but, to my mind, one of the most important foreign policy events in the life of our state which have happened lately. It was due to open and constructive character of negotiations, their long-term results, as well as a general atmosphere surrounding the visit, which amply reflected friendly feelings between our nations. It was best illustrated during your brilliant speech at the Mykhaylivska square that will be long remembered by the Kyivans. I am especially pleased that this event drew immense attention of the younger generation that tomorrow will be shaping the future of Ukraine.

I highly value your personal attention to the events occurring in our country, and to those deep transformation processes which the Ukrainian society experiences today. We consider your visit to Kyiv in this period of active implementation of radical social and economic reforms in Ukraine as a sign of support by the United States of America of the reformist course of the Ukrainian leadership and a recognition of our first real successes along this path.

This support is testified, in particular, by your announcement of the US decision to provide additional $78 million for the Chernobyl "Shelter" Fund, as well as funds for carrying out nuclear safety work in Ukraine. An important outcome of your visit was the US decision to remove the quota restrictions in the area of commercial space launches within the framework of the "Sea Launch" Co. I am very pleased that, in the course of our meeting and the talks between the national delegations of Ukraine and the USA, the sides expressed their readiness for constructive and mutually acceptable resolution of a number of issues related both to bilateral Ukraine-US relations, and to our countries' interaction within international organizations.

The President
of the United States of America
The White House,
Washington, D.C.20500

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Among the most urgent problems for Ukraine remains the renewal of full cooperation with the International Monetary Fund. You are well aware of the positive developments, which have taken place in the Ukrainian economy this year. In particular, it is worth noting that they have been achieved exclusively by using internal reserves, without any external financing. In my opinion, assistance from the international financial institutions at this particular stage could significantly exhilarate these positive trends. Moreover, the speedy renewal of financing by the IMF under the EFF Program would become a strong positive signal for foreign investors.

Ukraine's accession to the WTO is an issue of no less priority for us. It would undoubtedly provide a visible impulse to positive dynamics of our foreign trade. In this regard I rely on the United States support in resolving these actual for our nation issues.

We highly appreciate the considerable attention that has being consistently paid by the USA to the resolution of a cluster of problems associated with the Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant. It was not by accident that the exact date of Chornobyl's decommissioning was announced during your visit to Kyiv. At the same time, you are well aware that the closure of this nuclear plant raises a whole complex of very complicated financial, social and energy problems for our state. Among them there are commissioning compensatory capabilities; grant financing for fuel to cover deficit during the period from Chornobyl's closure to the commissioning of the 2-nd power-block of the Khmelnitska Nuclear Power Plant; creating infrastructure for the safe decommissioning of the Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant; resolving social problems of the city of Slavutych; transforming the "Shelter" into environmentally safe system.

These problems need to be solved urgently through concerted efforts of the international community because Chornobyl is not only the pain and tragedy of Ukraine but also a major global problem. Ukraine hopes that its position will be understood, and that the Second Chornobyl Shelter Pledging Conference, which will be held in Berlin on 5-6 July 2000, will be a success. The results of this, by no doubt, important international event should confirm that the international community, and first of all the G-7 states and the EU, are seriously committed to providing continuous support to Ukraine for resolving the Chornobyl problem. We rely on the support of our strategic partner, the United States, on this issue both in the course of the Pledging Conference and at the forthcoming G-7 Summit in Okinawa. In this context, I would like to express my hope that the United States will facilitate the realization of the EBRD project on financing energy compensatory facilities R2/K4 in Rivne and Khmelnytsky nuclear power plants.

I am pleased that during our recent summit we had an opportunity to discuss openly a number of issues as regards improving the climate of bilateral commercial, economic and investment cooperation, as well as to sketch plans to make that cooperation more active. To my mind, improving the Ukraine-US trade regime and providing mutual access to the markets of both countries would to a greater extent enliven our economic cooperation. We would very much appreciate if the United States made a political decision to grant Ukraine the status of Normal Trade Relations on a permanent and unconditional basis, and to broaden the range of commodities of traditional Ukrainian export that fall under the Generalized System of Preferences.

Our important common achievement is also a recent remarkable exhilaration of cooperation in combating corruption and organized crime. At the same time, we believe that such interaction should be based on a solid legal foundation. In this context, we believe that ratification of the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Cases, as well as conclusion of the Treaty on Extradition could become important steps of the USA in this direction.

Dear William,

I count on the U.S. favorable disposition toward resolving these important for further development of the Ukrainian-American relations problems. For my part, I would like to express readiness of Ukraine for constructive cooperation on the whole spectrum of international issues and problems. Support by the United States of my initiative to convene the UN Security Council Summit in the framework of the Millennium Assembly in September 2000 might be an example of such cooperation.

Let me once again sincerely thank you for your significant personal contribution to developing traditionally friendly and partner-like Ukrainian-American relations and for your active support of the course of reforms in Ukraine.

With deep respect and the best wishes of happiness, health and success for you and your family, and peace and prosperity for the friendly people of the United States of America.

/SIGNED/

Leonid Kuchma

ПРЕЗИДЕНТ УКРАЇНИ

" 9 " червня 2000 року
м. Київ

Вельмишановний Уільяме!

Приємні спогади про нашу нещодавню зустріч спонукають мене ще раз висловити Вам своє глибоке задоволення як духом, так і змістом переговорів, що відбулися у Києві.

Ваш візит в Україну став не лише ключовим етапом в історії розвитку українсько-американських відносин стратегічного партнерства, а й, переконаний, однією з ключових за останній час зовнішньополітичних подій у житті нашої держави. Цьому сприяли як відвертий і конструктивний характер переговорів, далекосяжність їх результатів, так і загальна атмосфера візиту, яка повною мірою відображала дружні почуття між народами наших країн. Найяскравішим підтвердженням цього став, безумовно, Ваш блискучий виступ на історичній Михайлівській площі, який надовго залишиться в пам'яті киян. Особливо приємно, що ця подія викликала величезний інтерес серед молоді, якій завтра належить будувати майбутнє України.

Я високо ціную Вашу особисту увагу до подій, що відбуваються в нашій державі, до тих глибоких трансформаційних процесів, які переживає сьогодні українське суспільство. Ми розглядаємо Ваші відвідини Києва саме в період активного впровадження радикальних соціально-економічних реформ в Україні як вияв підтримки з боку Сполучених Штатів Америки реформаторського курсу українського керівництва та визнання наших перших реальних успіхів на цьому шляху.

Його Високоповажності
Пану Уільяму Дж. Клінтону
Президенту Сполучених Штатів Америки

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Свідченням такої підтримки є, зокрема, оголошене Вами рішення про додаткове виділення Сполученими Штатами Америки 78 млн. дол. США для Чорнобильського фонду "Укриття", а також коштів для проведення робіт з ядерної безпеки в Україні. Важливим підсумком Вашого візиту стало рішення американської сторони про зняття кількісних обмежень у галузі комерційних запусків космічних апаратів в рамках консорціуму "Морський старт". Мені дуже приємно, що під час нашої з Вами зустрічі та в ході переговорів державних делегацій України та США було висловлено готовність сторін до конструктивного взаємоприйнятного вирішення низки питань як суто двосторонніх українсько-американських відносин, так і взаємодії наших країн в рамках міжнародних організацій.

Серед найактуальніших для України проблем залишається зараз відновлення повномасштабної співпраці з Міжнародним валютним фондом. Вам добре відомі ті позитивні зрушення, які спостерігаються в українській економіці протягом поточного року. Причому, слід відзначити, що вони були досягнуті виключно за рахунок внутрішніх резервів без будь-якого зовнішнього фінансування. На мій погляд, сприяння з боку міжнародних фінансових інституцій Україні саме на нинішньому етапі могло б суттєво пожвавити ці позитивні тенденції. Крім того, якнайскоріше відновлення фінансування з боку МВФ в рамках Програми "Механізм розширеного фінансування" стало б потужним позитивним сигналом для іноземних інвесторів.

Не менш актуальним для нас залишається і приєднання до Світової організації торгівлі. Вступ України до СОТ, безумовно, надав би помітного імпульсу позитивній динаміці нашої зовнішньої торгівлі. У зв'язку з цим сподіваюся на підтримку з боку Сполучених Штатів Америки у вирішенні цих актуальних для нашої держави завдань.

Ми високо цінуємо ту значну увагу, яку постійно приділяють Сполучені Штати Америки врегулюванню комплексу проблем, пов'язаних із Чорнобильською АЕС. Не випадково точна дата закриття ЧАЕС була оголошена саме під час Вашого візиту до Києва. Водночас, Вам добре відомо, що закриття цієї атомної станції породжує цілий комплекс дуже складних фінансових, соціальних та енергетичних проблем для нашої держави. Серед них: введення в дію компенсуючих потужностей; необхідність грантового фінансування паливного дефіциту на період з моменту закриття ЧАЕС до введення в експлуатацію 2-го енергоблоку Хмельницької АЕС; створення інфраструктури для безпечного виведення ЧАЕС з експлуатації; вирішення соціальних проблем міста Славутич; перетворення об'єкту "Укриття" в екологічно безпечну систему.

Ці проблеми потребують невідкладного вирішення шляхом поєднання зусиль усієї світової спільноти. Адже Чорнобиль – не лише біль і трагедія України, а й ключова глобальна проблема. Україна сподівається на розуміння своєї позиції і на успіх Другої конференції донорів Чорнобильського фонду "Укриття", яка відбудеться в Берліні 5-6 липня ц.р. Це, безумовно, важливий міжнародний захід, підсумки якого повинні підтвердити серйозність намірів світового співтовариства, насамперед країн "Великої Сімки" та ЄС, і надалі продовжувати надання допомоги Україні з метою вирішення цієї проблеми. Ми розраховуємо на підтримку нашого стратегічного партнера – Сполучених Штатів – з цього питання як в рамках зазначеної конференції, так і під час наступного саміту "Великої Сімки" в Окінаві. У цьому контексті хотів би також висловити сподівання на сприяння американської сторони реалізації проекту ЄБРР з фінансування компенсуючих потужностей Р2/Х4 на Рівненській та Хмельницькій АЕС.

Мені приємно, що під час останнього українсько-американського саміту був також у відвертому дусі обговорений ряд питань щодо поліпшення загального клімату двосторонньої торговельно-економічної та інвестиційної співпраці і намічені шляхи її подальшої активізації. На мій погляд, пожвавленню економічної взаємодії між двома державами значною мірою посприяло б поліпшення торговельного режиму та взаємного доступу до ринків обох країн. Ми були б вдячні Сполученим Штатам Америки за прийняття ними політичного рішення щодо надання Україні постійного та безумовного статусу Нормальних торговельних відносин, а також стосовно розширення кола товарів традиційного українського експорту, на які розповсюджуватиметься Генералізована система преференцій.

Нашим важливим спільним здобутком є також помітна останнім часом суттєва активізація двосторонньої співпраці у сфері боротьби з корупцією та організованою злочинністю. Вважаємо, що така взаємодія повинна водночас базуватися на солідній договірно-правовій базі. У цьому контексті важливими, на наш погляд, кроками з боку США могли б стати ратифікація Договору про взаємну правову допомогу в кримінальних справах, а також укладення Договору про видачу правопорушників (екстрадицію).

Вельмишановний Уільяме,

Сподіваюся на прихильне ставлення з боку США до вирішення цих важливих для подальшого розвитку українсько-американських взаємин проблем. Зі свого боку хотів би висловити готовність України до конструктивної взаємодії з усього спектру питань міжнародних

відносин та міжнародної проблематики. Прикладом такої співпраці могла б стати підтримка Сполученими Штатами моєї ініціативи щодо скликання у вересні ц.р. в рамках Асамблеї тисячоліття Спеціального засідання Ради Безпеки ООН на найвищому рівні.

Дозвольте ще раз щиро подякувати Вам за вагомий особистий внесок у розвиток традиційно дружніх та партнерських українсько-американських відносин і активну підтримку курсу реформ в Україні.

З глибокою повагою і найкращими побажаннями щастя, здоров'я та успіхів Вам і Вашій родині, а також миру та процвітання дружньому народу Сполучених Штатів Америки,

Леонід КУЧМА

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WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER
GENE SPERLING

SUBJECT: Message to President Leonid Kuchma of Ukraine

Purpose

To approve a message to President Kuchma.

Background

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Your response emphasizes the importance of building on the momentum of the Kiev meetings and focusing on concrete steps that will help Ukraine achieve its European vision. It reiterates that critical reforms are necessary to achieving full integration with the IFIs, and it states that you are pleased with the success of the sarcophagus pledging conference in Berlin. It concludes by reaffirming that Ukraine can count on the support of the U.S. as reforms proceed.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the message to President Kuchma at Tab A.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

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Chief of Staff

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FROM: THE WHITE HOUSE

TO: AMEMBASSY (KIEV)

INFO: SECSTATE WASHDC

SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KUCHMA

1. AMBASSADOR OR DCM: PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON TO PRESIDENT KUCHMA AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. NO SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL FOLLOW.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR LEONID:

THANK YOUR FOR YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 9, ~~FOR YOUR WARM INDEPENDENCE DAY WISHES~~, AND FOR YOUR GENEROUS HOSPITALITY DURING MY RECENT VISIT. MY STOP IN KIEV WAS A HIGH POINT OF MY EUROPEAN TRIP. ~~I HOPE YOU SAW THE FRONT PAGE OF THE JUNE 6 NEW YORK TIMES. THE SEA OF U.S. AND UKRAINIAN FLAGS IN THE PHOTOGRAPH CAPTURES THE~~ STRENGTH AND VITALITY OF OUR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP.

IT IS IMPORTANT NOW TO BUILD ON THE MOMENTUM OF OUR MEETINGS AND FOCUS ON CONCRETE STEPS THAT WILL HELP UKRAINE REALIZE THE EUROPEAN VISION WE DISCUSSED. UKRAINE'S EUROPEAN FUTURE IS NOT SOLELY A QUESTION OF FOREIGN POLICY. RATHER, IT IS FUNDAMENTALLY TIED TO THE ACTIONS YOU TAKE INTERNALLY TO ADVANCE THE RULE OF LAW, THE COMPETITIVENESS OF YOUR ECONOMY, THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME AND CORRUPTION, AND THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEDIA AND CIVIL SOCIETY. AS YOU MOVE FORWARD, THE UNITED STATES IS READY TO ACT AS UKRAINE'S ADVOCATE AND SUPPORTER.

I STRONGLY SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT BILATERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES ON LAW ENFORCEMENT IS CRITICAL TO COMBAT ORGANIZED CRIME AND CORRUPTION. RECENT SUCCESSES IN THIS AREA DEMONSTRATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR JOINT ENDEAVORS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO DEEPENING OUR ENGAGEMENT WITH YOU ON THESE ISSUES.

YOU AND PRIME MINISTER YUSHCHENKO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACCELERATE REFORMS THAT CAN CREATE SUSTAINED ECONOMIC GROWTH. IN KIEV, I PROMISED SUPPORT FOR YOUR EFFORTS WITH THE IMF AND THE OTHER INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. THE FASTER YOU AND VIKTOR ARE ABLE TO IMPLEMENT CRITICAL REFORMS, PARTICULARLY

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ACHIEVING FISCAL BALANCE, TRANSPARENT PRIVATIZATION AND RESTRUCTURING THE ENERGY SECTOR, THE MORE EFFECTIVE OUR SUPPORT CAN BE.

YOUR CHORNOBYL CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS TRULY HISTORIC AND SHOWED GREAT LEADERSHIP. THIS DECISION SENT A POWERFUL MESSAGE THAT UKRAINE WILL PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE AND RESPONSIBLE ROLE IN EUROPE BY PROTECTING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ITS PEOPLE AND ITS NEIGHBORS. THIS SORT OF LEADERSHIP IS ESSENTIAL AS YOUR GOVERNMENT TACKLES DIFFICULT ECONOMIC REFORMS. TOGETHER WITH OUR G-7/8 PARTNERS, WE WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE REFORMS NEEDED TO ADVANCE UKRAINE'S ENERGY SECURITY. I AM PLEASED AT THE SUCCESS WE HAD WITH THE SARCOPHAGUS PLEDGING CONFERENCE IN BERLIN.

FINALLY, UKRAINE'S ACTIVE ROLE ON THE UNSC ~~IS MUCH APPRECIATED~~ we greatly appreciate. THANK YOU FOR RELAYING YOUR PROPOSAL FOR A SECURITY COUNCIL HEADS OF STATE MEETING DURING THE MILLENNIUM SESSION. I THINK IT WILL PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. ?

LEONID, YOUR COUNTRY HAS TRAVELED A GREAT DISTANCE. HOWEVER, MUCH STILL REMAINS TO BE DONE. THE PATH OF REFORM IS NOT EASY, BUT I HAVE NEVER BEEN MORE CONVINCED THAT UKRAINE HAS EVERYTHING NEEDED FOR SUCCESS: TALENTED PEOPLE, ABUNDANT RESOURCES, AND A STRATEGIC LOCATION. ABOVE ALL, SUCCESS REQUIRES POLITICAL WISDOM AND COURAGE TO PURSUE SOUND POLICIES. YOU ARE DEMONSTRATING THAT THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE CAN COUNT ON YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND YOU CAN COUNT ON THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES.

I look forward to seeing you at the ~~United~~ Heads of State meeting of the United Nations Security Council day of the UN Millennium Summit.

SINCERELY,
BILL CLINTON

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER
GENE SPERLING

SUBJECT: Message to President Leonid Kuchma of Ukraine

Purpose

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RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the message to President Kuchma at Tab A.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECENT LETTER REGARDING THE CLOSURE AND DECOMMISSIONING OF THE CHORNOBYL NUCLEAR POWER PLANT. THE UNITED STATES REMAINS COMMITTED TO THE 1995 MEMORANDUM OF

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UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE G-7 AND UKRAINE.

I, TOO, WAS PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OF THE BERLIN PLEDGING CONFERENCE WHICH DEMONSTRATES INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR YOUR DECISION TO CLOSE CHORNOBYL BY DECEMBER 15, 2000. THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS COMMITTED IN BERLIN MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO PROCEED ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE WITH THE SARCOPHAGUS PROJECT. THE SUCCESS OF BERLIN ALSO REINFORCES OUR VIEW THAT THE MOU HAS BEEN A MORE EFFECTIVE TOOL TO MOBILIZING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THAN A SEPARATE AND SMALLER DECOMMISSIONING FUND. FINALLY, WE CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE OUR EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON THEIR OFFER OF GRANT SUPPORT TO DEFRAY FOSSIL FUEL COSTS.

THE UNITED STATES AND THE G-7 ALSO REMAIN COMMITTED TO HELPING UKRAINE RESTRUCTURE ITS ELECTRIC POWER SECTOR. THE FOCUS OF THE 1995 MOU IS NOT JUST CHORNOBYL; WE ARE WORKING TO SUPPORT UKRAINE'S CREATION OF AN EFFICIENT, SMOOTH-FUNCTIONING POWER SECTOR THAT CAN ATTRACT INVESTMENT AND MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL UKRAINIANS. I BELIEVE THE RECENTLY AGREED UPON POWER SECTOR

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REFORMS WILL HELP UKRAINE'S ELECTRIC SYSTEM MOVE TO A FIRMER FOOTING AND ARE KEY TO SECURING LOANS FOR PROJECTS SUCH AS K2/R4.

FOR OUR PART, THE UNITED STATES REMAINS PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE K2/R4 LOAN IF THE PROJECT MEETS THE DUE DILIGENCE REQUIREMENTS OF THE EBRD. MORE BROADLY, THE UNITED STATES STANDS READY TO SUPPORT UKRAINE'S EFFORTS TO MOVE AHEAD WITH REFORM AND MEET THE NEEDS OF YOUR PEOPLE.

SINCERELY,

BILL CLINTON

END TEXT

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER
GENE SPERLING

SUBJECT: Message to President Leonid Kuchma of Ukraine

Purpose

Approve a message to President Kuchma.

Background

President Kuchma wrote to seek support in securing continued implementation of the 1995 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Chornobyl closure and additional funding from the international community for costs associated with the closure and decommissioning of the plant. Your response emphasizes that we remain committed to the MOU and to support for Ukraine's restructuring of its electric power sector. Your response also underscores, as we have in the past, that we are prepared to support EBRD loans to complete the Rivne and Khmelnytskyy reactor plants (the "K2/R4" project) if the project meets certain due diligence requirements.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the message to President Kuchma at Tab A.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

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FROM: THE WHITE HOUSE

TO: AMEMBASSY (KIEV)

INFO: SECSTATE WASHDC

SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KUCHMA

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2. BEGIN TEXT.

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SUPPORT UKRAINE'S EFFORTS TO MOVE AHEAD WITH REFORM AND MEET THE NEEDS OF YOUR PEOPLE.

SINCERELY,

BILL CLINTON

END TEXT

The President of Ukraine

July 12, 2000
City of Kyiv

Dear Bill,

First of all I would like to express my great satisfaction with the results of the recent Second Pledging Conference on the Shelter Implementation Project (SIP) in Berlin.

This event has obviously demonstrated the general support by the international community for the efforts made by Ukraine, the G-7 countries and the European Commission to solve the problems of transformation of the Sarcophagus into ecologically safe system.

It is well known, that we have been granted more than 90% of the funds required for the full implementation of the SIP and we express our sincere gratitude for this invaluable assistance provided to Ukraine.

At the same time I'd like to express hope, that the international community will not leave our country alone with regard to other problems, closely related with early decommissioning of the Chornobyl NPP. This issue is now of special importance because these problems will be on the agenda of the G-8 Summit in Okinawa.

International experts estimated the total cost of non-profitable projects, related to the decommissioning of CNPP, at more than $ 600 million. Our foreign partners have provided only $ 180 million of this amount with the rest proposed to fund by Ukraine

His Excellency
Mr. William J. Clinton
President of the United States of America
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itself. In accordance with that, we rely on your country's effective support in finding positive solution to the problem of securing whole amount of funding needed for decommissioning of this power plant.

The European Commission has authorized the EBRD to establish three new funds to finance the activities, related to decommissioning of the nuclear power units of "soviet" construction type (Ignalina NPP – Lithuania, Kozlodui NPP – Bulgaria, Bohunice NPP – Slovakia). The establishing of similar fund for the decommissioning of the Chornobyl NPP will undoubtedly facilitate safety and efficiency of this work.

The problem of compensating capacities is becoming increasingly urgent after closing of the Chornobyl NPP.

The Ottawa Memorandum of Understanding recognized the completion of the construction of nuclear units on Khmelnitsky and Rivno NPP (K2/R4 project) as the compensation of capacities, which will be lost after the CNPP closing. Numerous studies have proved that this project is the most viable one from the economic and ecological points of view. But the issue of providing loans for its implementation has not been solved yet. And, although certain progress has been achieved during negotiations, Ukraine is interested in positive resolution of this problem as soon as possible. Taking into account that the implementation of the provisions of the Memorandum entirely depends on joint efforts of all parties involved, we rely on your support in this issue.

The delays in financing of K2/R4 project will undoubtedly cause almost two year suspension between the closing of the last unit of the CNPP and introduction of the 2-nd unit at the Khmelnitsky NPP. This will create significant additional problems in the functioning of the National energy system even during the coming autumn-winter period. Thus Ukraine desperately needs additional grant funding for fuel supply for thermal power plants. We count on your personal support on this issue.

In conclusion I would like to emphasize, that Ukraine has almost entirely honored its obligations stipulated in the Memorandum. We urge the other parties to this Memorandum to adhere to its provisions, in particular those that envisage adequate and timely financial and technical assistance to our country for safe decommissioning of the CNPP and establishing of compensating capacities.

Yours sincerely,

Leonid Kuchma

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER
GENE SPERLING

SUBJECT: Message to President Leonid Kuchma of Ukraine

Purpose

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Background

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RECOMMENDATION

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TO: AMEMBASSY (KIEV)

INFO: SECSTATE WASHDC

SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KUCHMA

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SINCERELY,
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PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE

Kyiv,
October 16, 2000

Dear Bill,

I am writing to you on an extremely important issue, on the resolution of which the USA and Ukraine have worked closely with other member-states of the G-8. It is related to the shutdown of the Chornobyl nuclear power plant that is scheduled for December 15, 2000.

Our country is acting in strict compliance with its international commitments, striving not only for clean environment but also for peace of mind both for itself and the whole world. Indeed, the very word Chornobyl became synonymous with nuclear disaster and causes fear in the minds of many people throughout the world.

At the same time, the shutdown of the Chornobyl NPP does not automatically solve all the problems related to Chornobyl. Ukraine is undergoing a difficult transformation into a new economic system and the establishment of market relations. At such times the economic issues are known to become extremely pressing. Shutting down the Chornobyl nuclear power plant will make the solution of these problems ever more difficult, as it will considerably reduce the supply of electric power and incur additional expenses.

His Excellency
President of the United States of America
William J. Clinton

Washington, D.C.

Having been first to meet the expectations of the international community in implementing their joint agreements, Ukraine, therefore, expects all its parties to fully implement the provisions of the Ottawa Memorandum.

We are referring above all to completing the construction of nuclear power units at the Rivne and Khmelnitsky NPPs, decommissioning the Chornobyl NPP in a safe way, and mitigating the consequences of its shutdown for the employees and the community of Slavutych. In the end, we will be able to claim that the threat posed by Chornobyl has been truly eliminated only when its ruined 4th reactor is transformed into an environmentally safe system.

This is our mutual concern and responsibility.

We believe that the USA, together with other members of the G-8 and international institutions, will continue to fulfill its obligations, and that not a single Ukrainian will have cause to say that his President and Government have made an ill-considered step.

December 15, 2000 will become, without any doubt, a special date in the history of Ukraine and that of the entire world. It will mean the end of those terrible times when Ukrainian land and nature were neglected, when people were sacrificed to nuclear monsters.

In this regard, I would like to invite you, dear Mr. President, to visit our country on this date and participate in this momentous event – the solemn ceremony of shutdown of the Chornobyl nuclear power plant, which for the last 14 years has been a symbol of the nuclear threat to humanity.

Your presence will confirm to the Ukrainian citizens and citizens of other countries that the USA will continue supporting us in overcoming the consequences of the biggest technogenic disaster of the 20th century, and it will symbolize the solidarity of international efforts in strengthening global environmental safety.

I am looking forward to meeting you in Kyiv,

Sincerely yours,
[signature]
Leonid KUCHMA

ПРЕЗИДЕНТ УКРАЇНИ

м.Київ,

"16" жовтня 2000 р.

Шановний Білле,

Звертаюся до Вас з питання надзвичайної важливості, у вирішенні якого США співпрацюють з Україною разом з іншими державами-членами Великої вісімки. Йдеться про закриття Чорнобильської атомної електростанції, що відбудеться 15 грудня 2000 року.

Наша країна пішла на цей крок, неухильно дотримуючись своїх зобов'язань перед міжнародним співтовариством, прагнучи забезпечити як для себе, так і для всього світу не лише чисте навколишнє середовище, а й моральний спокій. Адже саме слово "Чорнобиль" стало синонімом ядерної катастрофи і викликає страх у свідомості багатьох людей планети.

Водночас закриття Чорнобильської станції автоматично не закриє всі проблеми, пов'язані з нею. Україна зараз переживає нелегкий період переходу в систему нових економічних координат, побудови ринкових відносин. У цей час, як відомо, особливої гостроти набувають

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економічні питання. Зупинка ЧАЕС, яка суттєво зменшить рівень забезпечення країни електроенергією і спричинить додаткові фінансові витрати, набагато ускладнить їх вирішення.

Тому першою зробивши крок назустріч світовому співтовариству у здійсненні спільних домовленостей, Україна розраховує на виконання положень Оттавського меморандуму всіма його сторонами і у повному обсязі.

Йдеться передусім про проблеми завершення будівництва атомних енергоблоків на Рівненській та Хмельницькій АЕС, безпечне виведення ЧАЕС з експлуатації, пом'якшення соціальних наслідків закриття електростанції для її працівників та мешканців міста Славутич. І, нарешті, ми зможемо остаточно стверджувати, що загроза з боку Чорнобиля повністю ліквідована лише тоді, коли зруйнований четвертий блок буде перетворено на екологічно безпечну систему.

Це питання нашої спільної тривоги, нашої спільної відповідальності.

Ми віримо, що США, як і всі інші держави Великої вісімки та міжнародні інституції, і далі залишатимуться вірними своїм зобов'язанням, і жоден українець ніколи не матиме підстав вважати, що його Президент і Уряд зробили невиважений крок.

15 грудня 2000 року, безперечно, стане особливою датою в історії України та світу. Вона означатиме кінець тих страшних часів, коли зневажали українську землю та її природу, коли на догоду ядерним монстрам жертвували людьми.

У зв'язку з цим хотів би запросити Вас, шановний пане Президенте, відвідати цього дня нашу державу і стати безпосереднім учасником знаменної події - урочистої церемонії закриття Чорнобильської атомної електростанції, яка за останні 14 років перетворилася на символ ядерної загрози людству.

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Зі сподіваннями на зустріч у Києві,

Щиро Ваш **Леонід КУЧМА**

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