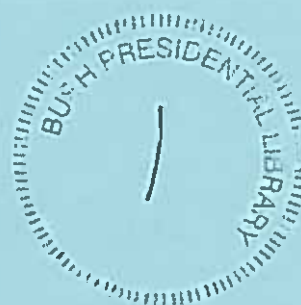


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AMBASSADOR POPADIUK: PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO
PRESIDENT KRAVCHUK FROM PRESIDENT BUSH

BEGIN TEXT:

DECEMBER 4, 1992

DEAR LEONID:

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE
UKRAINE ON ITS FIRST YEAR AS AN INDEPENDENT, DEMOCRATIC NATION.
UNDER YOUR STRONG LEADERSHIP, UKRAINE IS BUILDING A SOLID FOUNDATION
FOR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REFORM, AND A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR THE
UKRAINIAN PEOPLE.

OVER THE PAST YEAR, THE UNITED STATES AND ITS PARTNERS HAVE WELCOMED
UKRAINE INTO THE WESTERN COMMUNITY OF NATIONS. UKRAINE IS A PARTY
TO CSCE AND THE CFE TREATY, AND A MEMBER OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC
COOPERATION COUNCIL. UKRAINE HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS COMMITMENT TO
PEACE BY THE BRAVERY OF YOUR PEACEKEEPERS NOW ON DUTY IN BOSNIA.
UKRAINE'S PLEDGE IN ITS DECLARATION OF SOVEREIGNTY TO BE A NON-
NUCLEAR STATE HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY WELCOMED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

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BUILDING ON OUR EXCELLENT MEETING IN WASHINGTON WE WERE ABLE TO CONCLUDE THE AGREEMENT IN LISBON WHICH MAKES UKRAINE A FULL PARTY TO THE START TREATY. I AM EXTREMELY PLEASED THAT THE PARLIAMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES, RUSSIA AND KAZAKHSTAN HAVE OVERWHELMINGLY APPROVED THE START TREATY WITHOUT CHANGES. I AM FOLLOWING CLOSELY UKRAINE'S PROGRESS IN RATIFYING START AND ACCEDING TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AS A NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATE. THE NEED FOR PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE AND ACTION ARE WELCOME HALLMARKS OF A DEMOCRATIC NATION. I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT IT IS IN THE VITAL INTEREST OF UKRAINE TO RATIFY START AND JOIN THE NPT. THE ENTIRE WORLD WILL WELCOME THAT ACTION.

AS I WROTE TO YOU IN OCTOBER, THE UNITED STATES IS EAGER TO ASSIST UKRAINE TO HELP ELIMINATE THE STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS ON YOUR TERRITORY. IN YOUR SEPTEMBER LETTER TO ME, YOU REQUESTED \$174 MILLION IN U.S. ASSISTANCE, AND PROPOSED THAT OUR EXPERTS DISCUSS SPECIFIC PROJECTS THAT WE COULD UNDERTAKE TOGETHER. AS YOU KNOW, IN OCTOBER A TEAM OF U.S. EXPERTS, LED BY GENERAL BURNS, AGREED IN PRINCIPLE WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT ON A WIDE RANGE OF MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL PROJECTS THAT COULD BE UNDERTAKEN WITH U.S. ASSISTANCE.

AS A RESULT, I CAN INFORM YOU THAT THE U.S. IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WORTH AT LEAST \$175 MILLION TO UKRAINE. OF COURSE, BEFORE WE CAN DO SO, THE START TREATY AND THE NONPROLIFERATION TREATY MUST BE APPROVED, THE UMBRELLA AGREEMENT ON ASSISTANCE AND APPROPRIATE IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENTS MUST BE SIGNED, AND U.S. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET. I ENVISION THAT THE MAJORITY OF THIS SUM WILL BE USED TO ASSIST IN THE DISMANTLEMENT OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS. HOWEVER, AS I WROTE TO YOU IN OCTOBER, AND GENERAL BURNS DISCUSSED IN KIEV, WE ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO SUPPORTING A NUMBER OF OTHER IMPORTANT PROJECTS IN UKRAINE. I PROPOSE TO SEND GENERAL BURNS TO KIEV IN JANUARY TO CONTINUE HIS DISCUSSIONS, WITH THE AIM OF GETTING ASSISTANCE PROJECTS UNDER WAY AS SOON AS THE APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS ARE SIGNED AND IN FORCE.

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YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO ASKED FOR SOME ADJUSTMENTS TO START PROCEDURES TO HELP UKRAINE IMPLEMENT THE TREATY MORE EFFECTIVELY. I AM HAPPY TO INFORM YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES AGREES THAT KIEV CAN BE MADE THE POINT OF ENTRY FOR ALL START AND INF INSPECTIONS ON THE TERRITORY OF UKRAINE. WE ARE ALSO READY TO WORK WITH YOU TO HELP REDUCE THE BURDEN OF INSPECTION COSTS FOR UKRAINE. WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT SHORTLY TO DISCUSS BOTH OF THESE STEPS.

THE UNITED STATES LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH UKRAINE AS PARTNERS IN ENHANCING THE SECURITY AND PROSPERITY OF OUR TWO NATIONS.

SINCERELY,

GEORGE BUSH

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