

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1993

All day with Grachev, he is in an extraordinarily good mood, I think he thinks things are on a roll, because they've kind of rolled the Ukrainians at the recent meetings on September 3rd between Yeltsin and Kravchek. He recounted in some detail his triumphant tour of the border area, he arrived, it was raining, we went out to meet him at Andrews, we had a one-on-one meeting at the Pentagon for a while in which he went through his exploits, he also said in the one-on-one meeting not to believe that anything we heard about how people were cutting back on the military to military contacts in Russia, he said don't believe that, we will go ahead with them. Anyway he was in a great mood, we went into the plenary session and he wanted to make decisions, and in quick order we had set up working groups on all the issues that we were to deal with, submarines, CFE flanks, de-targeting, bilateral working groups, military to military contacts, exchange of the people on the top 25 officers.

Did an MOU signing and had the two commanders there, the Third Armor Division and the 27th Motorized Rifle Division, who are going to do peacekeeping. The press coverage the next day was really very good, front page of the Post, inside story in the Times, but good coverage about the new era and the new relationship, a picture on the front page of the Post.

Dinner that night with Grachev over at the Library of Congress, I took Jane, good event, lots of people, former Secretary's of Defense, Russian experts and had a very good time.

Big flap on the trip to Sarajevo, Tony was very unhappy, again it's a screw-up with the system, nobody seemed to have cleared it with him, we talked to Chris and talked to the State Dept. we did not talk to Tony, Wisner had not done it, Jumper had not done it, and just a general screw-up, fortunately it didn't get bad press, although somebody over in Tony's shop leaked that Tony had blown up at the staff meeting in the morning when he heard about it, somebody over there called the Post, the Times and Time Magazine. There was something on it buried in the general Tom Friedman story on Bosnia the next day in the Times, the Post had nothing on it, Lancaster had followed the story, but didn't put anything into the piece. We were lucky, because it was a real screw-up and basically Tony was right, for us to go into Sarajevo now would be fraught with all kinds of difficulties of sending the wrong signal, so we're not going to do that, although we're going to do the rest of the trip, we will not do anything in the Balkans itself.