

Peace Corps

Objective:

Accomplishments:

- Participated in national headquarters building dedication ceremony (10/98)
- Helped send new Peace Corps contingency to Jordan (9/98)
- Swore in volunteers in Panama (10/97)
- Helped to bring winter clothing to an orphanage project in the Kyrgyz Republic
- Facilitated the delivery of books to a Volunteer project in Mongolia (9/95)
- Met with a group of trainees on their first day in China
- Met with volunteers/held events in Chile (4/98), Ghana (3/98), Nepal, Ukraine (11/97), Kyrgystan (11/97), Uzbekistan (11/97), Kazakhstan (11/97), Uganda (3/97), Tanzania (3/97), Bolivia (10/96), Paraguay (10/95)

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CHORNOBYL CHALLENGE '96

UNITING THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY FOR THE CHORNOBYL 10TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION

May 15, 1996

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Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Melanne:

I just wanted to write and thank you for your extraordinary work in organizing the May 1st ceremony at the White House. It was a real privilege to speak on that occasion, and I will always feel both humbled and proud to be a part of such a historic gathering.

Never before has the Chornobyl cause and the Ukrainian-American community received this level of support from the U.S. government. Mrs. Clinton's participation in the Coalition as the Honorary Chair of Chornobyl Challenge '96 lent tremendous credibility to this vital campaign. Years from now, I'm sure we will remember the May 1st event as something very special and personally, I will always be very grateful for your crucial role in helping to create this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

We have received nothing but positive feedback. The program was deeply rewarding and meaningful for all of our faithful supporters at the grassroots level who were able to attend. Your stewardship and your sensitivity to the many human dimensions of this issue led to wonderful results. I'm especially happy for Vova and his parents, who endured so much a few years ago, and for whom this was a moment they will treasure forever.

Please extend our greetings and our thanks to the First Lady and to the Vice President. We look forward to working closely with your office to continue the life-saving effort on behalf of Chornobyl's children.

Sincerely,



Alex Kuzma

SPONSORING COALITION: Children of Chornobyl Relief Fund; Chornobyl Committee of Washington; Coordinating Committee for Aid to Ukraine; Embassy of Ukraine; The Harriman Institute at Columbia University; Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations; Ukrainian American Coordinating Council; Ukrainian Catholic Church; Ukrainian Congress Committee of America; Ukrainian Evangelical Baptist Fellowship; Ukrainian Fraternal Association; Ukrainian National Association; Ukrainian National Women's League of America; Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America; The Washington Group; World Federation of Ukrainian Medical Association; World Information Transfer.

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SUBJECT: ANNIVERSARY OF CHORNOBYL ACCIDENT: WHITE HOUSE
COMMEMORATIVE EVENT HOSTED BY FIRST LADY

1. The First Lady will host a ^{May 1} ~~reception~~ ^{an event} at the White House on ~~April 10~~ to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Chornobyl accident. The First Lady will honor the many victims of the tragedy and relief efforts of numerous private organizations. The event will also be an opportunity to review USG efforts to provide humanitarian assistance for the victims and to prevent reoccurrence by promoting nuclear safety. The Ambassadors of Belarus, Russia, and Ukraine, members of ~~the Ukrainian-American and Belarussian-American communities~~ ^{and Vice President} as well as representatives from the many humanitarian relief groups will be invited. ^{ethnic American}

2. President Clinton has issued the following message commemorating the 10th anniversary of Chornobyl. Upon receipt, posts are encouraged to share message with host governments.

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The White House
Washington

March 26, 1996

Warm greetings to all those across the United States, in Ukraine, Belarus, Russia and around the world who are commemorating the tenth anniversary of the Chornobyl nuclear disaster.

The devastating effects of the 1986 explosion and fire at the Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant are with us still. Dozens of people were killed almost immediately; thousands were stricken with acute radiation sickness. Radiation contaminated large areas of what are now Ukraine, Belarus, and the Russian Federation, reaching even the Baltics, Scandinavia, and beyond. Thousands risked -- and many lost -- their lives in the cleanup efforts, and in the years since, terrible cancers have claimed even more victims, many of them children.

I commend the noble work of the humanitarian relief organizations and the courageous individuals who have cared for the innocent victims of the calamity. In striving to save and protect the children of Chornobyl and their elders, they have responded to one of the world's worst environmental catastrophes with the best effort that the world has to offer. Their advice and initiative have led to constructive U.S. government programs to supply medicines and treatment for those who continue to suffer. And their compassionate work has earned our lasting admiration and gratitude.

But we know that relief and sustained medical care are not enough. The United States will continue to lead international efforts to prevent another such disaster. Late last year, we joined with Ukraine and the other G-7 nations in a Memorandum of Understanding to close the Chornobyl plant by the year 2000. Through this Memorandum, our countries entered into a partnership to mobilize the resources not just to close Chornobyl, but also to help Ukraine develop a more vibrant, self-sustaining energy sector that will advance its prosperity as a sovereign nation in the new Europe. And on April 19 and 20, world leaders will meet in Moscow to

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recommit themselves to a global mandate for nuclear safety and security. This is a goal of the highest order -- for we must not rest until Chornobyl is remembered not only as a tragedy, but also as a signpost on the road to a safer world.

As we mourn those who lost their lives at Chornobyl and pray for those who still suffer its effects, let us renew our solemn pledge: to promote healing, ensure prevention, and offer hope.

Bill Clinton

End Text.

3. The white House ^{will} ~~does not plan to~~ release this message, ^{prior to the event and} ~~but~~ has no objections if the host government chooses to ^{release it as well.}

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Agency: Office of the First Lady

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Trafficking Prevention in Ukraine: A Pilot Program

In July 1998 Winrock International established a pilot program to prevent trafficking in women from Ukraine with support from the United States Agency for International Development. Winrock has worked with women's NGOs in the former Soviet Union since 1992 as a founding member of the *NIS-US Women's Consortium*, a coalition of more than 250 women's organizations which it administers.

The pilot program addresses two key factors that contribute to the susceptibility of Ukrainian women to trafficking: lack of economic opportunity, and violence against women. Activities are aimed at women between the ages of 15 and 30, the group at greatest risk of being trafficked. In addition to training and legal consultation programs managed from the Kyiv office, three regional centers have been established to provide services and local outreach. Each center houses a Job Skills Training Program to stimulate women's economic opportunities as well as a Violence Prevention Program to protect victims of violence and prevent further trauma. More than 1190 women have been trained in basic employment skills and more than 1385 women have used walk-in violence prevention services to date.

TRAFFICKING PREVENTION CENTERS

An extensive competition was held to identify Ukrainian partners with whom to establish the three regional trafficking prevention centers. The centers, located in **Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk and Lviv**, are managed by previously existing Ukrainian non-governmental women's organizations with demonstrated experience in cooperating with other NGOs, health providers and the legal community as well as with local government. The Kyiv office coordinates training of trainer seminars for staff in the centers and develops materials for use in trainings and in their resource libraries.

JOB SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM

The Job Skills Training Program (JSTP) offers free services that include walk-in job counseling, resume writing and interviewing advice, legal consultations, employment listings, access to computers, placement in mentoring programs, and referrals to government and other NGO career centers. In addition, the centers conduct training seminars for women in smaller cities, towns and villages in the surrounding regions on basic job search skills and starting a small business.

Participants receive a handbook for future reference, especially prepared for this program, and are encouraged to use the services of the centers.

VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Violence Prevention Program (VPP) provides walk-in consultations and referral services for psychological, legal and medical assistance. These services are also available anonymously through telephone support lines. Center staff receive ongoing training in hotline operation and crisis intervention to deepen their expertise. In addition, the centers foster self-help groups for victims of violence and conduct public awareness campaigns on domestic violence and trafficking in women. More than 9460 calls have been made to the hotlines since they were established in March 1999. Since domestic violence is rarely discussed in Ukraine and women are reluctant to identify themselves as victims, co-location of the job skills program with the violence prevention program allows women to discreetly receive violence prevention materials while availing themselves of job skills services.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Lawyers at each center provide legal consultations related to employment issues, trafficking and work abroad, and domestic violence. They work with lawyers in the Kyiv office who have created materials for both the layperson and the legal community, that explain, for example, laws relating to work abroad, laws governing employer-employee relations, and how to register a business in Ukraine. They have also created a manual summarizing laws and regulations that relate to domestic violence.

SEED GRANTS PROGRAM

Through a competitive Seed Grants Program administered in cooperation with the International Renaissance Foundation, the program awarded 48 grants to Ukrainian NGOs in 27 cities, towns and villages ranging from \$1,700 to \$9,600, for a total of \$148,000. Proposals were evaluated by an independent review board which awarded support for projects in the areas of: increasing economic opportunities for women; decreasing violence against women; increasing public awareness of trafficking in women; and increasing the capacity of rural women's NGOs.

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**U.S. - Ukraine Regional Law Enforcement
Workshop Against Trafficking in Women and Children
21-23 June 2000
Kiev, Ukraine**

Co-host's Statement

Ukraine and the United States of America, in their capacity as co-hosts of the U.S. - Ukraine Regional Law Enforcement Workshop Against Trafficking in Women and Children, called an action-oriented meeting of law enforcement officials, international organizations and non-governmental organizations to address the problem of thousands of women and children being trafficked throughout the world, and particularly in the European region, each year. The following Participants and Observers, Albania, the Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Moldova, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Turkey, Ukraine and the United States of America, the Budapest Group, EU Commission, Europol, the IGC, Interpol, IOM, SECI, the UN Crime Center and several non-governmental organizations met in Kiev on 21-23 June 2000.

1. Participants and Observers noted with concern that trafficking in human beings can translate into violations of human rights, inhumane treatment and various forms of abuse and exploitation. The causes of trafficking are complex. While there are numerous contributing factors, the primary root cause is poverty, most particularly among women and children who may have little or no access to education, support services, or resources.
2. Participants and Observers emphasized that trafficking in persons is a transnational crime and combating this global problem will require an integrated approach at national, sub-regional, regional and international levels. Countries of origin, transit and destination must work together in order to achieve significant progress, including working within established frameworks for regional cooperation. This pernicious modern-day slavery is repugnant to all nations and on that basis Participants and Observers expressed confidence that with cooperation among countries of origin, transit, and destination it will be possible to protect the human rights of trafficked persons and bring the criminals who now traffic with impunity to justice.

3. To that end, the above noted Participants and Observers met, considered the advice of international experts and, in a series of workshops, exchanged information, engaged in dialogue, reviewed best practices, discussed and developed an Action Plan for the region. This plan offers suggestions for possible future steps and practices to fight trafficking in persons, especially women and children, in all its forms.
4. The U.S. - Ukraine Law Regional Law Enforcement Workshop Against Trafficking in Women and Children contains many practical proposals to combat trafficking. The co-hosts urge countries in the region and other organizations to carefully examine the attached Action Plan and, in the light of their domestic legal systems and the circumstances in each country consider appropriate implementation in their jurisdictions. Participants are encouraged to cooperate with one another and with civil society at national, sub-regional, regional and international levels in addressing the strategic areas set out in the Action Plan, namely prevention, protection, prosecution and reintegration.



Center for Strategic & International Studies
Washington, DC

for Ukraine

February 19, 1998

Melanne Verveer
Assistant to the President and
Chief of Staff to the First Lady

Dear Melanne:

I attended the First Lady's briefing on Tuesday. Impressive, and at moments quite moving. What strength she has! Thank you for the invitation.

Melanne, a few items of importance to our common cause of improving the terrible health care situation in Ukraine.

First, I did - by God! - get Zbig Brzezinski involved. See the enclosed letter to Serdiuk. Now we must build on this and make the trip a success. I'm seeing Ambassador Shcherbak next week if they can work me in. He is a friend of Serdiuk's and surely must be a principal in the effort.

Second, I also send along a copy of a letter Brian Kline wrote to me after I wrote to Don Pressley (you have that letter but I send it again). A good response from Brian but I hope to inform him further on pharmaceutical procurement. His comments on waiver provisions are really not square on the target. We can bring dramatically more quality goods to Ukraine for dramatically lower prices if we rethink fundamentally the present unimaginative procurement process.

I will continue this dialogue with AID but at some point you might be willing to be brought into it.

We will soon have a date (or dates) for Serdiuk. I know I can count on you and your marvelous staff to lend a hand in "spreading the word" and opening the doors for Serdiuk.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill".

Dr. William Bader



Center for Strategic & International Studies
Washington, DC

February 13, 1998

The Honorable A. Serdiuk
Minister of Health of Ukraine
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Ukraine

Dear Mr. Minister:

On behalf of the American-Ukrainian Advisory Committee, which I chair, I would like to invite you to address a meeting of the Committee's Political-Economic Working Group on the topic of the state of public health in Ukraine. I am aware of the gravity of Ukraine's health crisis and believe that this meeting would provide you with an excellent forum to educate a broader American audience on the nature and scope of the crisis.

The American-Ukrainian Advisory Committee is a group of prominent Americans and Ukrainians, including some of your colleagues in the Ukrainian government, which since 1993 has been devoted to promoting a strategic partnership between the two nations. Our Committee's work has contributed significantly to strengthening American-Ukrainian relations. Its working group consists of experts in various U.S. government agencies and the Congress and non-governmental public policy research institutes who closely monitor developments in Ukraine, as well as representatives of other non-governmental organizations with interests in Ukraine. We would plan to invite representatives of various health care institutions and organizations to participate in the meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Zbigniew Brzezinski

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Dr. William Bader
Center for Strategic & International Studies
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Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letter of January 23, 1998 and for keeping me abreast of your activities as they correspond with USAID's efforts in health in the New Independent States. Your energy and enthusiasm are always appreciated.

I'd like to comment on a few points raised in your letter. USAID shares your concern regarding conditions in the health sector in Ukraine. It is clear that without addressing social issues such as health care, Ukraine will not be able to sustain support for its economic transition. For that reason, despite limited budgetary discretion, we do plan to augment our spending in the health sector in Ukraine in FY 1998, with particular emphasis on new health partnerships, women's reproductive health and infectious disease.

I appreciate your encouragement, based on your extensive Congressional experience, that USAID take greater advantage of the waiver provision regarding source and origin requirements for pharmaceutical procurement. As you know, while the requirements that pharmaceutical products be manufactured in the U.S. can be waived, they rarely are. USAID's concern, and I believe rightly so, really focuses on quality control, with its corollary risk factors. A waiver can be considered if the following three conditions are met for each pharmaceutical: 1) the pharmaceutical product is essential to the activity; 2) the product, in the same or equivalent form, is not available from the United States, or the delivered price from the United States would be at least 50 percent more than from another source; and 3) information is available to attest to the safety, efficacy and quality of the product, or the product meets the standards of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration or other controlling U.S. authority. Fulfilling these three criteria for each pharmaceutical has generally proven to be onerous. As a result, USAID seldom buys vaccines or pharmaceuticals directly.

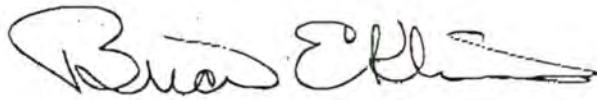
I know you would concur that it is critical for USAID to be absolutely sure of the safety and efficacy of any and all pharmaceuticals it buys.

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Following-up on prior correspondence, let me reiterate that USAID/Ukraine is continuing to integrate pharmaceutical management and health information systems into its overall program of assistance to the health sector in Ukraine. The Mission continues to meet with Minister Serdiuk and his assistants on a regular basis and USAID is collaborating with the MOH as they each develop their respective health strategies.

Again, I appreciate your keeping in touch with me on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Brian E. Kline". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Brian E. Kline
Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator
Bureau for Europe and the
New Independent States

January 23, 1998

Mr. Donald L. Pressley
Acting Administrator
Bureau for Europe and the New
Independent States
The Ronald Reagan Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Don:

It was good to see you at the meeting with Melanne Verveer. I've been down a lot of trails in my forty years in Washington but I have rarely been at a meeting that was as crisp and well-directed as that one. Melanne has a real talent in the way she moves to calling for "solutions".

Before moving to a few of the ideas expressed at the meeting permit me to send along to you two of the letters I sent to Melanne over the last few months. Have a look at them as background to my rendition of "assignments".

- ▶ I'm going to do "God's Work" (Melanne's phrase) and try to bring Zbig Brzezinski into this operation. This will include pushing CSIS to host and/or sponsor Serdiuk while he is here.
- ▶ I have a good relationship with George Soros and his troops. Again I will try to move George "back" to Ukraine at least in the health care area. (By the way, I hear President Kuchma may be visiting with Soros soon. Is this the case? If so we should try to get the social sector questions brought up).

One last point - for now - on an observation you made at the meeting. That was on the difficulty - if not impossibility - of getting "non-American" drugs/pharmaceuticals into the process.

In my letter to Melanne I mention the Bulgarian operation where Soros, the Albert Schweitzer Foundation, and an American wholesaler using all sources (mainly European drugs) was able to do far better than the AID shipment in terms of quantity and cost.

The reason one says quickly that it was a better deal was that the funds were all "non-American".

Mr. Donald L. Pressley
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January 23, 1998

But if one looks at AID's own regulations (Section 310, Source, Origin, and Nationality) one sees that if "the delivered price from the United States would be at least 50 percent more than from another source" a waiver of U.S. source policy "will be considered".

Don, I worked on the basic legislation years ago (Fulbright, Church committees) and I'm sure that Congress would be as open to such waivers particularly if it were in the area of essential pharmaceuticals.

Just a thought - and just to say I've seen a number of cases where the 50% was there - and the AID contractor didn't even consider the option.

We can talk about that last point sometime in the future if you wish. For now, just know that I am very much engaged in the health care issues in your area. And want to help in any way I can.

I gather you are bringing the troops together in Kiev (Kate Schecter leaves for Ukraine on the 26th). I've communicated to a number of folk around the Minister that he must "have an agenda" for his American trip - not just a tin cup!

All the best,

Dr. William Bader

Enclosures

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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM UKRAINIAN FIRST LADY TO MRS.
CLINTON

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COPY OF A CONGRATULATORY
LETTER FROM UKRAINE'S FIRST LADY, MRS. LYUDMILA KUCHMA,
ON THE OCCASION OF MRS. CLINTON'S BIRTHDAY. AN
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2. BEGIN TEXT OF INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION:

OCTOBER 24, 1997

KIEV

DEAR MRS. CLINTON:

PLEASE ACCEPT MY HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS ON THE
OCCASION OF YOUR ANNIVERSARY. I WISH YOU SUCCESS,
HEALTH AND MANY HAPPY YEARS AHEAD.

YOUR LIFE IS A SHINING EXAMPLE THAT THERE IS A CLOSE
TIE BETWEEN DEMOCRACY AND TRUE EQUALITY FOR WOMEN. A
FREE DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY ALLOWS WOMEN TO ENJOY ALL CIVIL
RIGHTS AND PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM TO INFLUENCE
THE ACTIVITIES OF SUCH A SOCIETY, REGARDLESS OF SEX.

YOUR ARE RESPECTED AND LOVED IN OUR COUNTRY, AND YOUR
SUPPORT OF DEMOCRATIC PROGRESS IN A YOUNG COUNTRY SUCH
AS UKRAINE IS HIGHLY APPRECIATED.

WE WISH YOU SUCCESS IN YOUR NOBLE ENDEAVORS, WARMTH AND
LOVE IN YOUR HOME, AND HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY FOR
YOUR HOMELAND.

SINCERELY,
LYUDMILA KUCHMA

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Dear Ms. Fedoriw:

Thank you for your letter of November 6 regarding the problems you have had with the Grand Hotel project in Lviv, Ukraine. Ambassador Morningstar has briefed me on the situation and on the efforts of the Gore-Kuchma Commission to help resolve his case. As you noted, the First Lady will not be staying at the Grand Hotel while in Lviv precisely because of the problems you have encountered.

I agree that the First Lady's trip to Lviv offers an opportunity to help press for resolution of this case. Ambassador Morningstar will be travelling with our delegation, and I have asked him to brief the First Lady on this case during our trip and to advise her on the best manner in which to raise the case. I would urge you to keep Ambassador Morningstar and his staff briefed on your situation so that we make the best use of the opportunity this trip provides.

I am sorry that your commendable efforts to invest in Ukraine have encountered such extensive difficulties. The U.S. Government continues to stress to the Ukrainians that improvement of Ukraine's investment climate is essential to its economic growth and the nation's continued independence. This cannot happen until and unless the Government of Ukraine takes steps to ensure that American and other foreign investors are protected and treated fairly.

We will do what we can to help resolve your case and to press the Ukrainians on the need to improve their investment climate while in Ukraine. We will be back in touch upon our return.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer

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SUBJECT: NOVEMBER VISIT OF THE FIRST LADY

REF: STATE 177443

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TREAT ACCORDINGLY.

1. (SBU) EMBASSY MOSCOW WARMLY WELCOMES THE PLANNED
VISIT OF FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON TO RUSSIA.
WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE FIRST LADY'S TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
INCLUDES STOPS IN NOVOSIBIRSK AND YEKATERINBURG AT SOME
POINT AFTER NOVEMBER 9 OR 10.

2. (SBU) OVERALL EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER FOR THE
VISIT IS EMBASSY EST COUNSELOR JOHN ZIMMERMAN (WORK
PHONE: 956-4029, HOME PHONE: 956-4214, FAX: 956-
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UNTIL MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING
NOVOSIBIRSK SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MR. BENTON. END
NOTE.) OVERALL EMBASSY SITE OFFICER FOR YEKATERINBURG
IS CONSUL GENERAL DAN RUSSELL (WORK PHONE: 7-3432-56-
46-019, HOME PHONE: 7-3432-20-61-76, FAX: 7-3432-56-
45-15).

3. (SBU) WE HAVE NOTIFIED THE MFA AND THE KREMLIN OF
THE FIRST LADY'S INTENTION TO VISIT AND ARE CONTINUING
PREVIOUS EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY POSSIBLE SITES FOR THE
FIRST LADY'S STOPS IN NOVOSIBIRSK AND YEKATERINBURG

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(SEPTTEL). WE LOOK FORWARD TO NOTIFICATION OF THE
ARRIVAL OF THE PRE-ADVANCE TEAM.

4. (U) PLEASE NOTE THAT CONGEN YEKATERINBURG CAN
NEITHER SEND NOR RECEIVE CLASSIFIED TRAFFIC, THERE IS
NO CLASSIFIED POUCH SERVICE TO OR FROM THE POST, AND NO
SECURE VOICE SERVICE. CLASSIFYING ADMINISTRATIVE
MESSAGES RELATED TO THIS TRIP WILL PREVENT US FROM
INFORMING CONSULATE PERSONNEL ABOUT POTENTIALLY
IMPORTANT DETAILS OF THE PRE-ADVANCE, ADVANCE, AND
VISIT PORTIONS OF THIS TRIP.

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Children of Chernobyl Relief Fund

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Assistant to the President & Chief of Staff to the First Lady
Old Executive Office Building, Room 100
Washington, D.C. 20500

September 26, 1997

Dear Melanne:

For your reference, I am enclosing a letter which was sent to Col. Charles R. Hardesty regarding the November airlift which is being coordinated with the First Lady's official visit to Lviv, Ukraine.

As per my conversation with John Post at the State Department, he informed me that the advance team will be arriving to Lviv on October 11th. Please call me in order to work out the details related to this airlift. There are a few components that need to be confirmed before I send the cargo manifest to Col. Russ Hardesty.

Thanking you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,

Nadia Matkiwsky

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Col. Charles R. Hardesty
Director of Humanitarian Assistance
Office of the Special Adviser to the President
on Assistance to the Newly Independent States
United States Department of State
2201 C Street, NW, Room 4419

September 8, 1997

Dear Col. Hardesty:

It was a pleasure to speak with you on Friday, September 5th regarding our November airlift, to be coordinated with an official visit to Lviv by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. I did not have an opportunity to speak with you sooner regarding this airlift, as Zenon and I just returned from a three week-week visit to Ukraine.

The Children of Chernobyl Relief Fund is honored to accept full responsibility for this humanitarian mission, including coordination and management of the cargo. We currently have between 25 – 30 tons of medical cargo available for this airlift with an additional 40 tons for sea shipment. This cargo, for this airlift, consists of state of the art neonatal equipment (new), hospital supplies (new) and medication approved by the Ukrainian Ministry of Health, with expiration dates in excess of six months beyond the day of delivery. As in the past, we will be happy to work with other private voluntary organizations to include their cargo on this flight. As soon as we have completed the cargo manifest, we will fax copies to you and Andrew Hewitt.

CCRF and I truly look forward to working with you and your staff to make this mission a successful one.

Sincerely,

Nadia Matkiwsky
Executive Director

cc: Melanne Verveer, Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady

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Ms. Melanne Verveer
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October 15, 1997

e-mail: UNWLA@worldnet.att.net

Dear Melanne:

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Just recently I wrote you - and here I am again. As you well know, UNWLA humanitarian programs to Ukraine are expanding and I want to share them with you. Our concern zeroed in on the welfare of youth and children in Ukraine, for we strongly believe that they are the victims who cannot speak for themselves. From 1990 to 1996- our priority was medical equipment for children's hospitals. We fully equipped a laboratory in Lviv Regional Specialized Children's Hospital, Dnistrovska 27, and we are keeping these blood analyzers supplied with parts etc. to keep them running.

Lviv, Ukraine. In the summer of 1996 Lidia Czernyk, Social Welfare Chair and Luba Bilowchtchuk, Scholarship Chair, spent their vacation time in Ukraine - on UNWLA business. That year we purchased a children's ultrasound for Lviv's hospital. At that time Lidia presented Dr. Myndiuk with a photograph of First Lady Hillary Clinton and herself (taken in May of 1996 - Chernobyl commemoration at The White House) - thanks to you - and a photo from "In Celebrations of Ethnic America" (June 14, 1996) - President Clinton, VP Gore and I - which are displayed at the hospital.

Kyiv, Ukraine - in a joint project with CCRF we purchased GE MRI (\$350,000.00 - UNWLA's share was \$200,000.00) for Kyiv Emergency Hospital and Trauma Center at Bratislavska 3, Dr. Hryhorij Roshchyn, Director.

The UNWLA and CCRF logos are displayed on the outside of the trailer housing this MRI. Almost across the street from this hospital is a settlement of expatriates from Chernobyl region. Not far from it - a children's hospital.

This project was not only beneficial to Kyiv's hospital, but also for General Electric (Medical Systems) for it was the first time they set foot in Ukraine.

In 1997 a decision was made to send children from radiation zones to summer camp and a health center. 50 children spend a month in August at "Zorepad" summer camp - again from the Chernobyl region and 20 children (from Ivankiv - Chernobyl region) at "Dzerelo" - Children's Health Sanatorium -

Санаторій "Джерело" in Truskavets, Ukraine. In 1994 we purchased and donated a children's fibrogastroscope for this institution. They are in need of other medical equipment. Before the year ends we will send another 35 sick children to "Dzerelo" for this is a year round facility. We are working very closely with the Ukrainian National Women's League of Ukraine - they do most of the work and we supply them with funds.

We also have an extensive program in helping бабусям - elderly grandmothers. Aid to the orphanages is coordinated with World Congress of Ukrainians based in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Canadian government has appropriated funds and "Help Us Help the Children" organization of Canada is doing wonders at the orphanages in Ukraine. Our Branches are sending food and clothing.

UNWLA Scholarship Program has already accepted over 300 new applicants and we anticipate over 1000 scholarship recipients by the end of academic year 1997-1998. We are in the process of a fund raiser and are really looking for grants to support this escalating program. We have under the care of our sponsors students in other countries - Brazil, Argentina, Poland, Romania etc. We have finally opened an office in Matawan, New Jersey for it outgrew my recreation room and was flooding our dining room.....

I hope you don't mind my reporting this, but I thought that it would be beneficial for you to be informed. We are so proud of you. If it would be at all possible for our First Lady to pass by the hospital in Kyiv, she would see the trailer with the Ukrainian National Women's League of America, Inc. displayed. I am enclosing a photo.

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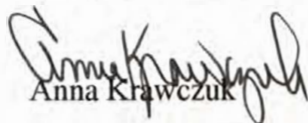
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Otherwise, we are starting the preparation for our convention in 1999 - and it looks that it will be in Rochester, NY.

Lidia and Luba are sending their regards.

Sincerely.

На все добре!


Anna Krawczuk



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TO CARLOS 456-9160

Dear Ms. Fedoriw:

Thank you for your letter of November 6 regarding the problems you have had with the Grand Hotel project in Lviv, Ukraine. Ambassador Morningstar has briefed me on the situation and on the efforts of the Gore-Kuchma Commission to help resolve this case. As you noted, the First Lady will not be staying at the Grand Hotel while in Lviv precisely because of the problems you have encountered.

I agree that the First Lady's trip to Lviv offers an opportunity to help press for resolution of this case. Ambassador Morningstar will be travelling with our delegation, and I have asked him to brief the First Lady on this case during our trip and to advise her on the best manner in which to raise the case. I would urge you to keep Ambassador Morningstar and his staff briefed on your situation so that we make the best use of the opportunity this trip provides.

I am sorry that your commendable efforts to invest in Ukraine have encountered such extensive difficulties. The U.S. Government continues to stress to the Ukrainians that improvement of Ukraine's investment climate is essential to its economic growth and the nation's continued independence. This cannot happen until and unless the Government of Ukraine takes steps to ensure that American and other foreign investors are protected and treated fairly.

We will do what we can to help resolve your case and to press the Ukrainians on the need to improve their investment climate while in Ukraine. We will be back in touch upon our return.

Sincerely,

Melanne Verveer

1290 Highland Ct
Allentown, PA
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November 6, 1997

Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
Washington, DC

Via Fax 202-456-6244

Dear Ms. Verveer:

We met last year at the Kennedy Center concert reception commemorating the Chernobyl disaster. I have had the pleasure of talking with you at several other Ukrainian-American events, my mother being a vice-president of the Ukrainian National Women's League of America.

Because you are very busy with the upcoming trip with the First Lady let me briefly give my reason for trying to get in touch with you.

I was one of the first American investors in Ukraine - the Grand Hotel project in Lviv. The project was written up on the front page of *The Wall Street Journal* in March, 1993 and since then in major newspapers from Los Angeles to New York as well as a chapter in the book, *Between East and West* by Anne Applebaum. Basically, the project turned into a disaster/ tragedy with my general manager being murdered, and my business expropriated by my then soviet partner who is still being protected by corrupt Ukrainian government officials.

The Grand Hotel case is now one of the 5 cases still unresolved and being handled by Ambassador Morningstar's office within the Gore-Kuchma Commission framework. The Grand Hotel has been off-limits to American Embassy personnel for a while now and the First Lady and entourage will not be staying at the Grand Hotel during your stay in Lviv, I have been told.

Two weeks ago in Kiev I had the opportunity to introduce Mayor Kuybida of Lviv to Mrs. Miller (Ambassador Miller's wife)- at an informal social gathering - and I was asked to translate their discussion of the First Lady's upcoming visit to Lviv.

Considering that the Ukrainian-American community all over the US is mostly from the Lviv regions of Ukraine - they are all very aware of the Grand Hotel case - it has been called a "test case" in the Ukrainian-American press and by other American Investors in Ukraine such as Motorola - is there anything I can do - or you can do during the First Lady's trip to Lviv to diplomatically emphasize the need to resolve this case?

Please respond to me about this as soon as you can - perhaps we can talk about the possibilities of how best to achieve this goal - over the phone?

I sincerely appreciate your taking time to help resolve this matter and as an added note - I am the only American woman who first invested in Ukraine - women in Ukraine have told me I stand for everything they wish to be - strong, honest and persistent - I tell them its my American upbringing!

Sincerely yours,
Marta Fedoriw

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Ukraine: Trip Overview

Objective: To highlight joint U.S./Ukrainian efforts at battling trafficking through a comprehensive set of programs that help prevent trafficking; help protect the victims of trafficking and increase prosecution of the criminals involved in trafficking.

BACKGROUND:

Ukraine is one of four democracies whose success Secretary Albright has made a priority. However, Ukraine's transition to a free market democracy has been slow and troubled and its economic weakness has undercut its case for integration into Western institutions. The emergence of a constructive Rada majority in February, supportive of Kuchma and backing the government's reform program, is evidence that Ukraine may have turned a corner. However, the IMF scandal has distracted the government and slowed progress on reform.

Economic Situation:

Since independence, Ukraine has experienced eight straight years of negative economic growth. This has led to poverty and a decline in living standards. It has undermined support for reform and slowed Ukraine's western integration. The lack of reform has been the principal cause.

Kuchma has been at best a lukewarm advocate of reform. Other constraints on reform in Ukraine have been Ukraine's oligarchs, who oppose reforms that would make the economy more competitive, especially in the energy sector, which has been the source of much of their wealth, and relations between the executive branch and the Rada. Ukraine's "oligarchs," like their Russian brethren, have profited through political connections and control large parts of the Ukrainian economy.

An inhospitable regulatory environment and lack of flexibility have hampered growth in the small and micro business sector. Following PM Yushchenko's May 8-9 visit to Washington and in preparation for the President's June 5 announcement of a new USG funded micro-credit program, First Deputy PM Yuriy Yekhanourov gave assurances to Ambassador Pifer that the necessary regulatory and legal changes to allow for micro-credit programs will be given high priority.

USG Assistance:

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Office of the Press Secretary
(Kiev, Ukraine)

For Immediate Release

June 5, 2000

FACT SHEET

U.S. Assists Ukraine in Small and Medium Enterprise Development

President Clinton announced today plans to establish a multi-million dollar micro-enterprise credit program for Ukraine, modeled after the successful Fundusz Mikro program in Poland and a new, five-year, \$25 million program called BIZPRO to support the development of small and medium sized private businesses, a key to sustainable economic growth in Ukraine.

Micro-enterprise credit program: The United States, the Polish "Fundusz Mikro" and Ukraine will work together on this initiative to address a major constraint to economic growth in Ukraine -- a severe lack of credit resources for small business ventures. The Government of Ukraine has agreed to provide the necessary legal and regulatory environment to create this program and ensure its success.

More than three million Ukrainians are involved in small and micro-businesses. Many lack business experience, reside in rural areas, and were formerly engaged in agricultural activities. They have been deprived of opportunities to engage in business due in part to a lack of access to credit, training and business support services available in cities.

President Clinton, a longtime strong supporter of micro-credit programs said on April 5, 2000 at the White House Conference on the New Economy: "Promotion of capital formation at the grassroots level is one of the most powerful tools to attack poverty." The Fundusz Mikro program in Poland, established at President Clinton's initiative in 1994 by the Polish-American Enterprise Fund, has provided over 33,000 small loans averaging about \$2,000 to over 20,000 entrepreneurs.

BIZPRO: BIZPRO is aimed at improving business management skills, competitiveness and productivity; enhancing the policy environment for small business growth; and increasing access to financial services for small businesses. Over the past five years, U.S. assistance for small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) has resulted in the development of fifteen business service centers and three business incubators throughout Ukraine to transfer skills and information on operating a business in a market economy, reaching over 30,000 SME clients in Ukraine, over 35% of whom were women.

BIZPRO will focus on the broader business service industry, including business centers, trade and professional associations, consultants, research and information services, and financial services. The BIZPRO program will provide support for policy and regulatory reform, including work with regional and local level officials and business associations to improve the environment for SMEs in Ukraine. BIZPRO will also focus on the expansion of micro-finance options through non-government finance organizations. This work will build on U.S. assistance programs that have supported the development of 11 model credit unions in Ukraine.

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Office of the Press Secretary
Kiev, Ukraine

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June 5, 2000

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After an initial assessment confirms the feasibility of this effort, a pilot lending operation will be launched in Ukraine within six months, with an initial allocation of \$2-3 million for loan capital from the WNIS Enterprise Fund and operational support from USAID. If the pilot program is successful, branch offices will be established throughout Ukraine.

A U.S.-funded survey conducted last year indicated that more than three million Ukrainians are involved in small and micro-businesses. Many lack business experience, reside in rural areas, and were formerly engaged in agricultural activities. They have been deprived of opportunities to engage in business due in part to a lack of access to credit, training and business support services available in cities.

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USAID/Anti-Trafficking Initiative

■ **The USAID- funded Trafficking Prevention Program (TPP) implemented by Winrock International**

- **Current End Date: 3/31/00**
- **Cost-Extension Planned through 12/02**

This program focuses on prevention, protection and assistance. The approaches used to accomplish these goals include:

- working with local Ukrainian women's NGOs to implement these activities and strengthen the existing network, particularly through a **competitive Seed Grants Program**;
- providing **Job Skills Training Programs, legal consulting services and a public education campaign, as well as crisis prevention programs.**

The model followed for the first three Trafficking Prevention Centers (TPCs) a.k.a. Women to Women Centers in Lviv, Dnipropetrovsk and Donetsk is very successful, addressing two key factors that greatly increase women's susceptibility to trafficking: restricted economic opportunities and violence against women.

The Job Skills Training aspect of the TPCs provides un- and underemployed young women with job skills, such as basic computer skills, resume-writing, job interview skills- that enable them to take advantage of existing local opportunities or to create new ones for themselves. They offer walk-in job counseling and life-skills training, as well as free legal consultations and distribution of information on sexual harassment and discrimination in the workplace. The program also fosters a mentorship program, through which mentors provide insight into their strategies for balancing work and home responsibilities, childcare and medical expense planning, developing self-esteem and personal professionalism. Free JST workshops are held throughout Ukraine and are designed to be an initial orientation to critical employment and life skills.

The Crisis Prevention aspect of the TPCs complements the above training by offering a number of additional services that can also assist returned trafficking victims, such as legal consultations, telephone info-support lines and referral services for psychological and medical assistance. They help raise public awareness through information campaigns on such topics as women's human rights and prevention of violence. Women who are in crisis situations at home tend to be more susceptible to both passively accepting abuse of all kind, as well as looking for whatever opportunities to get out of their current situation. The TPCs also coordinate with regional women's NGOs and medical/health professionals to create a network of assistance programs in the greater region surrounding the TPCs and provide access to women's leadership training programs in the rural areas around the TPCs.

33-month Cost Extension Planned

➤ Amount currently being negotiated; planned for FY 2000:

A cost extension is currently being planned through December 2002 to allocate additional funds to the three existing centers, in order to enable them to adjust to the increasing demand for services and training. Plans also include the opening of two additional centers to a) expand reach of the pilot project and b) expand the impact to oblasts of a model that is reaching the target population and is forging new relationships among municipal authorities, law enforcement, women's services and women's NGOs. In addition, the cost-extension will support a competitive seed-grant program for NGOs working on the anti-trafficking issue, a sub-grant to the Ukrainian NGO La Strada (see below), and critical baseline research which will address the following questions:

- Are rural women more at risk than urban?
- Are teenagers more at risk than 25 year olds?
- Are high school graduates more at risk than university graduates?
- Are some regions more at risk than others?
- What decides one unemployed woman to seek work abroad while another will avoid that route?
- Are women living in violent homes more likely to be trafficked? What proportion of trafficked women come from violent homes?
- What proportion of trafficked women are recruited by formal advertisements as opposed to informal networks of friends/acquaintances?
- What are the specific channels of trafficking (for example, might some women first be trafficked to Odessa to work as prostitutes there and then move on abroad; illegal visas)?
- To what countries are women most often sent? What kind of data is available from those countries?
- What is the return rate for victims of trafficking?

▪ Docudrama



The contractor for the docudrama should be selected by May 2000, and the series should be broadcast by December 2000.

The three-series docudrama is intended to incorporate a multi-faceted approach in addressing the trafficking issue. It is to be televised throughout Ukraine, and a larger public awareness campaign will be implemented along with it. Through this program we hope to reach women and girls, particularly in small towns and rural areas, who might not have access to, or be receptive to, other messages about trafficking. Members of the Trafficking Coordination Committee (see below) will act as a Technical Advisory Group on the production of this series.

The underlying purpose of this docudrama is to educate those at-risk victims, especially 12-15 years old girls as well as the general public, about the dangers of trafficking. Accordingly, the contractor shall develop a **Public Education Plan** to assure that the docudrama can be effectively linked to other activities to promote public awareness about the issue. Illustrative examples of the kinds of activities that might be included in the educational plan are radio and TV commercials, informational programs discussing trafficking (perhaps including promotional pieces for the docudrama itself), advertising posters, and/or other promotions through various corporate sponsorships. In addition, the plan should consider how USAID implementing partners could use the docudrama to advance their anti-trafficking programs. These additional activities might include trailers with public service announcements about the various economic programs for women, crisis centers, and/or small loan/grant programs. The plan should also publicize various hotline numbers.

PSAs continue to be supported through the Internews program, and are successful as such. However they cannot be used as separate segments for presentations in schools in order to promote awareness and discussion, nor can they provide the depth of information that needs to be transmitted.

- **The Program of the Cabinet of Ministers to Combat Trafficking in Women** was signed on September 25, 1999. The mechanism for the implementation of this program is being discussed by USAID Coordination Committee including GOU, NGO leaders, USAID and American Embassy coordinators. Currently, there are two **Coordination Committees** in Ukraine, which meet periodically :

- **Trafficking Coordination Committee**

This committee was formed after USAID sponsored a training course for GOU representatives and NGO leaders to the USA and Poland in July 1998. The goal of this training program was to increase understanding of realities of migration among present and potential women victims of trafficking and to assist relevant Ukrainian authorities in their efforts to prevent trafficking in women from Ukraine. Participants benefited from numerous opportunities to network with American and Polish professionals during their meetings, and their experience helped them to institute new collaborative relations by organizing the Trafficking Coordination Committee upon their arrival in Ukraine.

The Trafficking Coordination Committee meets every 6-8 weeks, and includes representatives from the Ombudswoman's Office, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Education, Interpol, NGO reps, IOM, US Embassy and USAID program coordinators. Each meeting focuses on specific aspects of the trafficking issue. After presentations by participating individuals, a plan of action or recommendations is usually drawn up and discussed.

- **Coordination Council within the GOU**

Based on the successful model of the Trafficking Coordination Committee, the National Coordination Council on prevention of Trafficking was established with the Verkhovna Rada Human Rights Ombudsman's Office in June 1999. The Council is an expert and consultative organ that was established for the coordination of efforts of the public

institutions and non-governmental organizations on prevention of trafficking in human beings. The objective of the Council is to provide consultative support, conduct scientific research, study proposals on improvement of the situation with human and citizen's rights protection and to facilitate working out a unified national policy in this direction, as well as mechanisms of its realization.

- We are also working closely with the main local anti-trafficking **NGO LaStrada** (contact Kateryna Levchenko or Oksana Horbunova), which provides protection for victims. Direct information and assistance has been given to thousands of women, especially targeted at girls aged 15-19. The new cost-extension of the Trafficking Prevention Project includes a sub-grant to La Strada to support a hotline for returned victims, a Victim Assistance Fund and their joint project with the Ministry of Education of Ukraine on the development of a school curriculum on the trafficking issue.
- This FY we were planning to work at the national and municipal level with law enforcement, courts, government and consular officials to improve laws, policies, and prosecution, and with lawyers to provide legal assistance. Unfortunately, due to budget cuts the Legal Outreach portion of the program will be postponed.

There are several USAID-funded activities, which complement the Trafficking Prevention Project:

- ❖ **WEE(Women's Economic Empowerment)** program provides targeted assistance to women in establishing and running businesses and to women's business associations. This program has strong linkages to the anti-trafficking program. Through these and other activities, we are also helping to raise public awareness of the trafficking issue.

Life of project- 2/28/99-12/31/2001

The WEE project addresses the needs of Ukrainian women for business skills and entrepreneurship training, credit unions, and access to financing small business development. It helps strengthen women's organizations that are key to increasing women's economic opportunities and that work for policy change at the local and national level. A central component of the program involves the development of a cadre of senior trainers who receive in-service training in women's leadership, legal literacy, business skills and advocacy.

The WEE project is specifically linked to the TPCs in that the more women that are assisted in starting their own businesses and hiring other women to work in those businesses, or in finding jobs, are women that will not be susceptible to trafficking. In Donetsk, where the Anti-Trafficking Initiative and WEE Projects share a center, the women that come in to look for training or consultation also find out about the dangers of trafficking and how to avoid going abroad to work on illegal projects.

There is additional overlap in the WEE and Anti-Trafficking trainers and growing cooperation between the business and crisis centers. Both are working to include women in the market economy and availability of jobs is the single most important deterrent to trafficking.

- ❖ **Series of In-country Training courses for Young Girls** - "Girls' Leadership Program" to support anti-trafficking initiative. Included into FY2000 Mission Training Plan. .

A "Girls' Leadership Program" to support the **anti-trafficking** initiative is planned for this summer. This course is included into the FY 2000 Mission Training Plan and marked as a high priority training course. (Because of the sensitivity of the program for young girls, it was decided not to call it "Anti-Trafficking course for Youth ") It is expected that 90 girls, in three one-month shifts will attend these summer camps. At these camps they will receive leadership training, learn about women's and children's rights, define the problem of trafficking in women, identify key organizations in Ukraine responsible for combating Trafficking, increase leadership and conflict resolution skills among participants, get acquainted with the activities of the Crisis Centers, etc. These types of lectures and classes cover the main objectives of the Prevention Component of the Anti-Trafficking Initiative. Girls 12-16 will be chosen on a competitive basis from youth NGOs, orphanages, and schools. They will be trained to go back to their organizations to work with their peers, and encouraged to act as community spokespersons to raise awareness of the trafficking issue.

- ❖ **"Effective Communication-Anti-Trafficking Training Course"(Holland/USA);** amendment to the FY2000 Training Plan, due to the critical issue of coordination between all the parties involved in Anti-Trafficking Initiative.

**15-16 participants from GOU, NGOs, Crisis and
Trafficking Prevention centers**

This course will improve coordination between all the parties involved in Anti-Trafficking Initiative. Particularly with the recent changes in many government structures, there are a lot of new influential members of the Coordination Committee who need to be trained. Holland will be included in the Training Request this time, as we feel that participants will benefit from the Dutch experience in strong legislation and effective NGOs dealing with anti-trafficking issue and prostitution.

It is expected that upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- explain the different forms of legal protection available for women in two countries;
- prepare individual action plans;
- understand how the services to victims of violence are organized;
- explain cooperation between governmental agencies and NGOs in the US and Holland regarding women's issues;
- prepare a group action plan for Ukraine, that would bring together the knowledge and skills learned during the program with the professional background and country-specific concerns here in Ukraine.

- ❖ **Ukrainian Market Reform Education Project:** This project serves to promote public awareness and support for the transition of Ukraine to a free-market economy. Within this expansive project that includes components on the radio, television and print news, UMREP has placed a special emphasis on integrating and assisting women in business. These components include special reports on economic opportunities for women, business skills development for women, and profiles of successful Ukrainian women in business.

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Draft Schedule
Visit of Melanne Verveer, Chief of Staff, Office of the First Lady
June 19 -23

Monday, June 19

- 1335 Arrive Kiev from Frankfurt. Met by Maeve Dwyer at VIP lounge.
- 4- 1600 - 1620 Briefing on conference plans at Residence by Walt Sulzysky.
- 1620 - 1720 Time with interpreter to work on remarks (RLA interpreter).
- 1930 Dinner TBD (requesting private dinner with Natalia Zarudna. Reservation for four at 7:30 made at Khutorok restaurant on the Dnipro. Reservation is under Dwyer, and table should be on upper deck. Phone 463-7019.

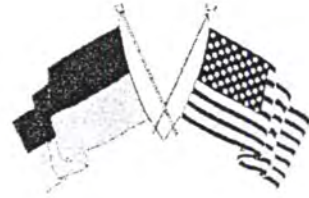
Possible visit to artist's studio.

RON Ambassador's Residence.

Tuesday, June 20

- 0900 Pick up by Embassy vehicle at Residence.
- 0930 - 1030 Meeting with Irina Turlo, Ministry of Education in Embassy conference room. (Volodya to interpret).
- 1045 - 1145 Meeting with Kateryna Levchenko at La Strada anti-trafficking center, Vul. Khmelnytskoho 45, 3rd fl., Apt. 314, 224-0446
- 1200 - 1400 Working lunch with AID Director Chris Crowley (focus on micro-credit program announced by President). Reservation for four made at Mimino Restaurant, Podil, 10 Spasska Vul., 417-3545. Reservation under "Crowley."
- 1415 - 1500 Meeting with Marta Baziuk, WINROCK anti-trafficking coordinator, at Kiev Women's Center, 20 Melnikova, 2nd fl., WINROCK office phone 238-6292.
- 1500 - 1700 Anti-Trafficking Coordination Meeting (AID), Kiev Women's Center, 20 Melnikova, 2nd fl.
(includes 30 minute coffee break at which Ms. Verveer can speak to participants on an informal basis.)

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RECOMMENDATIONS

U.S. – Ukraine Regional Law Enforcement Workshop Against Trafficking in Women and Children

On June 21-23, 2000 a Regional Law Enforcement Workshop Against Trafficking in Women and Children was held in Kiev to discuss the ways and areas of combating the problems that gained special importance worldwide and particularly in the European region.

Participants and Observers from Albania, the Czech Republic, Germany, Israel, Moldova, the Netherlands, Poland, Ukraine and the United States of America, the EU Commission, Interpol, the International Organization for Migration, the UN Center for International Crime Prevention and several non-governmental organizations,

Expressed their particular concern with the increased scope of this problem and the situation in the area of combating this problem,

Emphasized that trafficking in persons in countries of origin, transit and destination is a social problem which requires an integrated approach at national, sub-regional, regional and international levels to ensure a significant progress in combating this modern-day slavery,

Considered the advice of international experts, exchanged information, reviewed various practices, discussed and developed an Action Plan for the region. This plan offers suggestions for possible future steps and practices to fight certain forms of trafficking in women and children,

Urge governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations of participating countries to carefully examine the attached draft Action Plan and, in the light of their domestic legal systems and the circumstances in each country, develop appropriate ways of its implementation,

Invite to further cooperation between law enforcement agencies and non-governmental organizations at national, regional and international levels.

characterized only as proceeding by fits and starts. No sooner would talks begin than they would be halted, unable to yield a resolution acceptable to all sides.

In October 1993, Secretary Christopher visited Latvia after his tour of the former Soviet Union. While in Russia, he pressed for a troop withdrawal. In Riga, Latvia, he suggested that the Baltics should extend citizenship to ethnic Russians. He feared that restricting citizenship might someday give Russia a plausible reason not only to keep troops in, but also to invade, the Baltics. While he was in Latvia, Secretary Christopher met with Aleksei Grigoriev, a journalist and spokesman for ethnic Russians. Grigoriev asked for U.S. mediation of the situation. Although his request was denied, Secretary Christopher suggested instead that an international committee review Latvia's restrictive citizenship law. Latvia promptly accepted the offer.

By 1994 Russian troops had completely withdrawn from Lithuania, where the situation was resolved without additional U.S. contributions. President Boris Yeltsin announced his intention to withdraw Russian troops from Latvia also, but stalled on a withdrawal from Estonia. Estonia turned to the United States for assistance.

The issue of a full withdrawal from Estonia was raised in communications between President Clinton and President Yeltsin. During the summit of the Group of Seven (G-7) in July 1994, President Clinton hand delivered a letter from Estonian president Lennart Meri to Yeltsin. The letter requested a personal meeting between the Russian and the Estonian leaders. On July 15, the U.S. Senate voted to make all aid to Russia contingent on a full withdrawal from Estonia.

Shortly after the G-7 summit, Presi-

dents Yeltsin and Meri met in Moscow. After a night of tumultuous negotiations a deal was struck. The last Russian troops were withdrawn from the Baltics on August 31, 1994, ending 54 years of military occupation. The U.S. mediation thus enabled completion of the process of Russian withdrawal from the Baltics. It helped remove the barriers especially in one remaining contested area—Estonia.

Russia-Ukraine: A Crowning Achievement

Following the fragmentation of the Soviet Union, the world faced the danger of instant nuclear proliferation because such weapons were positioned outside Russia in the now independent countries of Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Ukraine. Both the United States and Russia were interested, for a variety of motives, in eliminating these weapons or returning them to Russia. This matter was resolved relatively readily in negotiations between Russia and Belarus and Russia and Kazakhstan but the negotiations with Ukraine ended in an impasse.

In May 1993, Leonid Kravchuk, then president of Ukraine, reported that talks between Ukraine and Russia were deadlocked and that Russia's ultimatums and pressuring were only making the situation worse. (The United States had shown decided favoritism toward the Russian position.) Ukraine declared that it had to hold onto its missiles. The situation seemed hopeless.

At the beginning of June 1993, the United States reevaluated its position in the dispute between Russia and Ukraine. In a visit to Ukraine, Strobe Talbott, special envoy of the secretary of state, listened to Ukraine's fears about Russia—its military superiority (conventional and nuclear) and its im-

perialist tone—and promised that the United States would mediate the dispute. As reported in *Arms Control Today*, Talbott stated, “We told our Ukrainian hosts that the U.S. would like to try to find a way to serve as a facilitator in the complex relations between Ukraine and Russia, if that is acceptable to both sides.”² The issues requiring mediation included security guarantees, assurances of territorial integrity, and compensation for denuclearizing. Out of the mediation was born a new proposal to disarm the nuclear weapons but store them in Ukraine. This proposal was unsatisfactory to the Russians. In July the Ukrainians claimed full ownership of the weapons.

The Crimea Summit on September 3, 1993, produced a signed accord between Ukraine and Russia agreeing to the terms of withdrawal for all nuclear warheads in Ukraine. But less than three weeks later, Russia annulled the agreement, claiming that Ukraine had unilaterally altered the text. The word “all” had been crossed out and replaced with a handwritten phrase limiting the number and kind of nuclear missiles to be returned to Russia.

In November 1993, Secretary Christopher traveled to Ukraine to try to jump-start the negotiations between Russia and Ukraine. Ukraine sought \$2.8 billion in aid for dismantling costs and firm security guarantees from the United States. Ukraine wanted a trilateral agreement closely linking the security of Ukraine to that of Russia and the United States. Secretary Christopher offered the Clinton administration’s Partnership for Peace initiative—a plan that would offer alliances to former Eastern bloc countries that wanted membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Although this piqued interest in Ukraine, as of December 1993 Ukraine still feared

Russia’s nuclear and conventional military power and still worried about Russia’s failure to acknowledge its borders. By mid-December, Russia was threatening Ukraine with economic sanctions that would have crushed their victim because Ukraine was dependent upon Russia for much of the fuel used to run its power plants.

The series of trilateral talks about nuclear disarmament among Ukraine, Russia, and the United States over issues such as how to split proceeds from uranium sales had, however, been in progress since mid-December. During this time President Clinton sent a letter to Ukraine’s President Kravchuk urging a speedy solution to the standoff and Ukraine’s deputy foreign minister visited the United States to push the negotiations. On January 14, a trilateral agreement between the United States, Russia, and Ukraine was signed in Moscow.

The jubilation that success brought was soured by Ukraine’s noncompliance the following month. The Ukrainian government felt that the accord offered inadequate security guarantees. Further, the Ukrainian parliament failed to ratify the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which had been a condition of the January 14 accord.

Following additional efforts by the United States, the light at the end of the tunnel reappeared as the Ukrainian parliament ratified the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, signed the Lisbon protocol, which declared Ukraine to be a nonnuclear country under the NPT, and resumed missile transfers to Russia.

This may well be one of the only cases in which the nuclear proliferation process was reversed: a country that had control of nuclear arms gave them up (as distinct from a super-

power removing its nuclear forces)—all without a shot being fired. The interests of the parties, of the United States, and indeed of the world were directly served in this instance.

Northern Ireland: A Productive Tilt away from an Ally

Both the United Kingdom and Ireland repeatedly offered to hold direct talks with the Irish Republican Army (IRA). Both countries demanded, however, that the IRA first renounce terrorism by announcing a permanent cease-fire and, second, acknowledge the right of unionists and republicans to self-determination of Northern Ireland. For most of 1994 Gerry Adams, head of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA, refused to accept these conditions.

At the beginning of 1994, the National Committee on American Foreign Policy held a conference in New York on the prospects for peace in Northern Ireland after the Downing Street Declaration.³ The New York conference marked a new foray into the mediator role by the United States. Gerry Adams sought to attend the conference, but was initially refused entry into the United States because of his links to terrorism. At the behest of Senators Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.) and against the wishes of many key figures in his administration, President Clinton granted Adams a visa.

During the visit, Anthony Lake, President Clinton's national security adviser, pursued a secret exchange of views with Adams, urging the IRA's political leadership to accept the British conditions for attendance at the settlement table. U.S. willingness to vouch for the sincerity of the British offer provided the crucial weight that convinced the IRA to adopt a unilat-

eral cease-fire on September 1, 1994. During the same period, Lake maintained close contacts with Ulster Unionist Party leader James Molyneux, a relationship that culminated in a meeting at the White House. Lake also spoke frequently with leaders of Northern Ireland's Social Democratic Labor Party. This proved useful in bringing that group to the table.

Aware of the influence of the Irish-American voting bloc, the IRA trusted the United States more than it did the United Kingdom, but in the past it had feared that the United States would stay out of the conflict to protect its "special relationship" with the United Kingdom. However, in a move not unlike the U.S. limited disengagement from its traditional close ties to Israel and its willingness to move, however slightly, closer to the PLO—thus facilitating its mediating role—the United States initiated a limited disengagement from the United Kingdom, opening space for the IRA to enter neutral negotiations. Note that in both cases the United States had built enough trust in its close allies to enable it to move toward a more neutral point without losing that trust, thereby enabling mediation. A further round of similar developments occurred in March 1995. Although the United Kingdom protested President Clinton's permission to Adams to raise funds for non-arms purposes, President Clinton encouraged him to "decommission" the arms of the IRA, as the United Kingdom has sought.

Since the cease-fire of September 1, 1994, the IRA has made overtures regarding the status of Northern Ireland's future. Some Sinn Fein officials openly admit that they are willing to accept that Northern Ireland might never be reunited with Ireland. Their opponents, the Ulster Freedom Fighters and the Ulster Volunteer Force,

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Dr. Andriy M. Serdiuk
Minister of Health
Republic of Ukraine
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Dear Minister Serdiuk:

Thank you for your letters of August 7, 1998, to Melanne Verveer and myself. Inasmuch as your concerns pertain to USAID assistance programs, Ms. Verveer has asked me to respond on her behalf.

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) intends to continue working closely with you and your Ministry to implement programs that will improve the effectiveness of Ukraine's health care system, emphasizing primary care approaches to wellness and disease prevention.

The problems associated with the Chernobyl explosion are indeed difficult for Ukraine. Since 1992, USAID has provided a variety of support to Chernobyl-related problems, and we will continue to work with you on these important programs. Current activities include breast cancer screening, diagnosis and treatment; birth defects screening and registry; assistance with children's physical and mental illnesses; and support to the United Nations for complementary activities. The program in support of children's physical and mental illnesses is just getting underway, and USAID's partner in this activity, Medical Services Corporation International, arrives in Kiev in early October to continue their activities. The USAID office in Kiev would be pleased to arrange a briefing for you on the status of implementation of this program and other Chernobyl-related activities.

As you may be aware, USAID is working with the Ministry of Health to implement a five-year primary care strategy that will create Ukrainian-American health care centers through the Health Partnership Program and other USAID health programs. An initial

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six primary care health centers will be established over the coming year, with additional centers projected to be put in place over the ensuing years. We agree with you that this is an extremely high priority for Ukraine's health care system, and for that reason, we propose to focus a major portion of our health-related resources in this area. In conjunction with these centers, we will train health care workers in family practice medicine, and we also plan to incorporate lessons learned from earlier medical partnership programs in such areas as infection control, emergency care, and women's health. In this and other USAID projects, we coordinate our efforts closely with other international donor agencies.

During our meeting with Melanne Verveer, you said you are concerned that there is not sufficient donor coordination on health issues in Ukraine. Ambassador Scherbak suggested that a multi-donor conference/workshop be held in Kiev early next year to ensure that donor efforts are well focused and coordinated. USAID/Kiev agrees that this is an excellent idea and offers to take the lead in developing an appropriate plan for this conference, laying out objectives to be achieved in the short and long-term. In doing so, the USAID Mission will work closely with the Government of Ukraine, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the World Bank to ensure that this is truly a multi-donor effort and, to the extent possible, that it results in enhanced capacity within the GOU to improve coordination of donor assistance. USAID is prepared to identify resources and assist with logistics for this conference, and if it is useful, to develop an agreed-upon plan for this conference by mid-November.

The issue of adequate availability of vaccines, pharmaceuticals and medical supplies in Ukraine is a very important one, and USAID wishes to support your efforts to pinpoint Ukraine's needs and identify what measures can be taken to improve the situation. For the past year, USAID has funded Health Information System and Rational Pharmaceutical Management projects in the Lviv and Zhitomer oblasts. These programs will continue and expand to national level projects in the next two years. In addition, the two projects will begin to work collaboratively on issues of forecasting pharmaceutical and vaccine needs, as well as cost-effective methods to improve availability. The projects will work toward creation of a permanent institutional system designed to increase information for decision making with regard to disease and pharmaceutical/vaccine management.

This issue appears to be a topic of sufficient import to include in the agenda for the donor coordination conference. We would propose that our Rational Pharmaceutical Management Project work with the MOH to develop discussion about critical

pharmaceutical questions, as well as addressing key findings of USAID's 1996 report, "Determining the Feasibility and Mechanisms for Promoting Private Sector Pharmaceutical Production in Ukraine". It is necessary to assess which of these findings are still valid. For instance, the report cites a preponderance of MOH control over the pharmaceutical industry; Ukraine's failure to require or provide incentives for companies in this sector to abide by internationally recognized Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP); and Soviet-style rather than market-oriented rules and regulations in the pharmaceutical regulatory framework.

The report recommended, among other things, such changes as (1) an understanding between the Ministry of Health and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Drug Registration and Quality Control to speed up the approval process for American drugs in Ukraine; (2) formulating an effective regulatory framework that will support the development of a private, independent pharmaceutical manufacturing sector; (3) training health care professionals in modern manufacturing standards (GMP); and (4) promoting more transparency in the Ministry of Health's drug-related regulations and their enforcement. I would be interested to learn what action has been taken to date to follow-up on some of these recommendations.

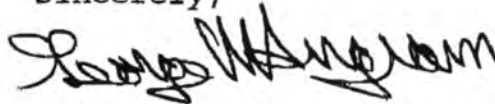
Beyond this is the larger issue that much remains to be done to create a business environment in Ukraine that is attractive to Western pharmaceutical companies. It is my sense that these companies are watching Ukraine's development closely and will make their investment decisions based on confidence that comprehensive and irreversible change is well underway. This includes progress on problems such as concerns over the soundness of the Ukrainian economy, corruption, difficulty with enforcement of judgments, and lack of clarity in the legal and regulatory environment. These are areas in which USAID is providing technical assistance to Ukraine and, as such, is supporting the effort to improve the business climate so that domestic and foreign investment will flourish.

I also have considered your suggestion for the creation of a subcommittee on health within the U.S.- Ukraine Binational Commission, but I remain convinced that we can address health issues in the context of the full Sustainable Economic Cooperation Committee without the additional administrative burden that a new subcommittee would represent. Let us feel free to raise health issues as part of the full committee's agenda and deal with them in the context of Ukraine's overall economic situation. The next session of the Sustainable Economic Cooperation Committee is scheduled for October 9, 1998, in Washington. I plan to participate in that meeting, and I would welcome the inclusion of health care on the agenda.

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I view our recent dialogue as most useful in furthering my understanding of Ukraine's health situation and priorities, and I assure you of USAID's continuing interest and intent to work with you on these issues and to promote a reinvigorated health care system in Ukraine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Ingram", written over a horizontal line.

George Ingram
Deputy Assistant Administrator

cc: Ambassador Scherbak
Melanne Verveer

Melanne, haven't
seen you yet. This is great!
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White House officials, Ambassador Shcherbak, Karatnycky to address Leadership Conference

Key White House officials, Ukraine's ambassador to the United States and heads of leading Ukrainian and American organizations will address this year's TWG Leadership Conference, scheduled for October 6-9 at the Key Bridge Marriott Hotel in Arlington, Virginia.

Heading the list of speakers are Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States Yuri Shcherbak, Special Assistant to the President for Ukrainian Affairs and Senior

Director at the National Security Council Coit D. Blacker, Freedom House President Adrian Karatnycky and the First Lady's Deputy Chief of Staff Melanne Verveer.

Focusing on the general theme, "The Ukrainian Community:

Conference Program, Registration Form Pages 8, 9

Defining a New Role," four panels of experts at this year's conference will discuss "Developing a consensus on Ukrainian community goals," "Providing services to our community," "Getting our message out," and "Financing our projects."

The panels will include Greta Bull, senior program officer at the Eurasia Foundation; Tamara Gallo, director of the Ukrainian National Information Service in Washington; Orysia Hewka, executive director of the Philadelphia Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center; Askold Lozynsky, president of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America; Andrew Masiuk, director-general of

the International Management Institute-Kyiv; Nadia McConnell, president of the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation; Richard Murphy, external affairs director at the Center for Strategic and International Studies; and historian Orest Subtelny, author of *Ukraine: A History*.

The moderators of the four sessions will be: TWG President George Masiuk, Dr. Roman Goy of the Ukrainian Medical Association, TWG Public Relations Director Jane Kunka, and TWG board member at large Yuri Holowsky.

Mr. Masiuk pointed out that since 1988, the annual TWG

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President Kuchma Honors Judge Futey

Judge Bohdan A. Futey was awarded the Distinguished Medal of the President of Ukraine (*Pochesna vidznaka prezidenta Ukrayiny*) by President Leonid Kuchma during a recent visit to Kyiv.

He received the award at a ceremony commemorating the fourth anniversary of Ukrainian Independence on August 24, 1995, at the President's Office.

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Conference Speakers Profiles

Coit Blacker

Coit ("Chip") Blacker is special assistant to the President and senior director for Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia at the National Security Council. He has the lead responsibility in the White House for advising the President and the National Security Advisor on all aspects of US relations with the states of the former Soviet Union (excluding the Baltic states). He also serves as vice chairman of the Administration's principal interagency policy development group on Russia, Ukraine and the newly independent states.

Mr. Blacker's areas of expertise include the foreign and military policies of the Soviet successor states, international and regional security issues, and nuclear arms control. He is the author of numerous articles and seven books and monographs on these subjects, including *Hostage to Revolution: Gorbachev and Soviet Security Policy 1985-91*.

Prior to his appointment at the NSC, Mr. Blacker was deputy director and senior fellow at the Institute for International Studies and co-director of International Relations and International Policy Studies Programs at Stanford.

He received his undergraduate degree from Occidental College and his master's and doctorate degrees from the
(See *Blacker*, Page 6)

Adrian Karatnycky

Adrian Karatnycky is president of the Freedom House, a non-partisan, non-profit organization that promotes democracy, civil society and the rule of law, and monitors human rights, political rights and civil liberties around the world. He coordinates *Freedom in the World*, the organization's annual survey of political and civil rights.

From 1984 to 1993, Mr. Karatnycky served in various important positions with the AFL-CIO—as assistant to the president, as research director in the International Affairs Department, and as research director for the AFL-CIO's Free Trade Institute, supervising assistance programs to *Solidarnosc* in Poland as well as to democratic trade unions in Hungary, Bulgaria, the Czech and Slovak republics, Russia and Ukraine. In the early 1980s, he was research director of the A. William Randolph Institute, and, in 1979, assistant director of the International Sakharov Hearings.

Mr. Karatnycky has authored three books on recent developments in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union—*Workers' Rights, East and West* (with Adolph Sturthal), *The Hidden Nations: The People Challenge the Soviet Union* (with
(See *Karatnycky*, Page 6)

Yuri Shcherbak

Yuri Shcherbak presented his credentials as Ukraine's second ambassador to the United States during President Leonid Kuchma's state visit to Washington in October, 1994. Prior to this assignment, he had served as Ukraine's ambassador to Israel (1992-1994) and as minister of environmental protection (1991-1992).

A writer and doctor by profession, Dr. Shcherbak began his political career in 1989, when won a seat in the USSR Supreme Soviet. Having never been a member of the Communist Party, he worked closely with the Russian human rights advocate Andrei Sakharov. As chairman of the subcommittee on energy and nuclear safety, he initiated the first parliamentary investigation of the Chornobyl nuclear accident as well as those in Semipalatinsk and in the Urals.

An eyewitness to the 1986 Chornobyl disaster, Dr. Shcherbak exposed the malfeasance before and after the accident in his documentary novel *Chornobyl*. He has also written extensively about the Stalinist man-made famine in Ukraine in 1932-33. In all, he has authored 20 books of poetry, prose, plays and essays.

Dr. Shcherbak received his Ph.D. and D.Sc. degree in
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Melanne Verveer

Melanne Verveer is deputy assistant to the President and deputy chief of staff to the First Lady. She served as issues advisor to the Clinton-Gore campaign and as special projects coordinator to Mrs. Clinton during the transition.

Before joining the campaign, Ms. Verveer was executive vice president and public policy director for People for the American Way, a constitutional liberties group. Earlier, she worked in a variety of positions on Capitol Hill and in the public interest community. She was legislative director to Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio), coordinator for civil rights and urban affairs at the US Catholic Conference and field manager at Common Cause. She also served on the boards of many nonprofit organizations, among them, the Coalition on Human Needs, Leadership Conference on Human Rights, the Advocacy Institute and Public Allies. In 1989, she was named to *Beachman's Guide to Key Lobbyists*.

Ms. Verveer received her master's and undergraduate degrees from Georgetown University.

Melanne Starinshak Verveer was raised in Shamokin, Pennsylvania, and received her primary and secondary
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Speaker Profiles

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Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations (New York), the International Institute for Strategic Studies (London), and the Center for International Security and Arms Control (Stanford University).

Shcherbak...(Continued from Page 5)

epidemiology from the Kiev Medical College. In 1988, he founded and led the Ukrainian Green Movement (which became the Green Party in 1990). He is a member of Ukraine's Academy of Environmental Sciences.

Karatnycky...(Continued from Page 5)

Nadia Diuk) and *New Nations Rising: The Fall of the Soviets and the Challenge of Independence*. He is a frequent contributor of articles to leading US newspapers and journals and is regularly interviewed on CNN, the MacNeil-Lehrer Newshour and NPR.

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education in Ukrainian Catholic parochial schools. Her maternal and paternal grandparents were born in Ukraine, emigrated to the US at the turn of the century and settled in Pennsylvania.

Ms. Verveer accompanied the President and First Lady on their recent visit to Kyiv.

Friday Evening Conference Reception at Gannett

Friday evening's reception will be held at the corporate headquarters of Gannett Co., Inc., which is located in Rosslyn, Virginia, just a short walk from the conference hotel, the Key Bridge Marriott.

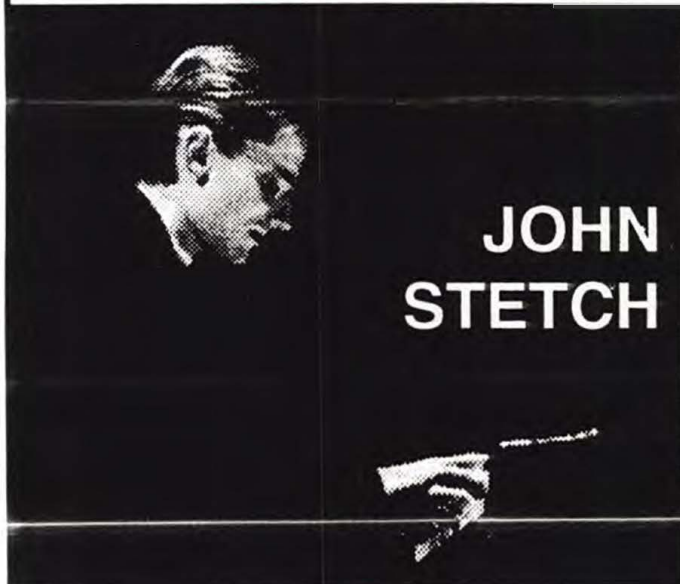
From high above Rosslyn, the 30th floor Dining Room offers a panoramic view of Washington, from Georgetown University to the north to National Airport and the Pentagon to the south, with all of the Capital monuments in between.

The Gannett building is located at 1100 Wilson Blvd., at the corner of Lynn St., two blocks from the Rosslyn Metro station. Underground parking is available using the Wilson Blvd. entrance.

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◆ The University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine has a long history of activity in international areas. The School of Medicine has created an Office of International Medicine which carries on relationships with major universities throughout the world, including Russia, Ukraine, and Germany. The School of Medicine collaborates closely with the University School of Nursing in many of its international programs.

◆ The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP) is a 650-bed, general care institution, with an active perinatology program which provides service to mothers with high-risk pregnancies, and to mothers from the poorer inner city areas of Philadelphia. HUP has won renown for its teaching excellence and its programs in prenatal screening and infertility.

◆ The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) is the first children's hospital to be founded in the country, and, although independent, houses 17 specialty divisions of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. Highly ranked as an international child health center, CHOP has recently hosted fellows from Eastern Europe and the CIS.

UKRAINIAN PARTNERS: Under the overall direction of the Department of Medical and Welfare Administration of the city of Kiev a consortium of four Kiev institutions participates in the partnership.

◆ The Kiev Children's Hospital No. 1 is a two-year old facility, providing a full range of pediatric subspecialty programs, including a neurodevelopmental program and a rehabilitation unit.

◆ The Kiev Children's Hospital No. 2 is a 15-year old, 450-bed facility. The range of services has been limited due to lack of modern equipment, resulting in an occupancy rate of one-half to two-thirds capacity.

◆ The Kiev Obstetrical and Gynecological Hospital No. 3 is located 500 meters from the Children's Hospital No. 2. Delivering about 2,500 babies per year, this hospital serves as the major referral hospital for high-risk pregnancies in Kiev and is the center of related women's health programs for the State Medical University.

◆ The Ukrainian State Medical University, formerly the Kiev Medical Institute, is the premier medical university in Ukraine. It houses lecture and laboratory facilities to educate around 6,000 undergraduate medical students, and utilizes a network of 12 major hospitals for its clinical training programs.

The Philadelphia arm of the partnership is a collaborative effort among the four above mentioned institutions. Medical, nursing, and administrative staff from each of these institutions have worked together with their Ukrainian counterparts to develop a realistic set of goals for improving maternal and child health in Ukraine through the partner institutions in Kiev. Oversight and administrative responsibility are the responsibility of the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center through its Office of International Medical Programs, under the supervision of Senior Associate Dean Laurence E. Earley, M.D. The project is under the direction of co-program managers, Drs. M. William Schwartz and William W. Beck, Jr., respectively of the Department of Pediatrics and the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the University of Pennsylvania. In Kiev leadership of the program is provided by Dr. Yurchenko, Director of Medical and Welfare Administration for the city of Kiev, and Dr. Didichenko, Director of the model perinatal center.

BACKGROUND: In June 1992, the University of Pennsylvania signed a protocol of cooperation with the Kiev Medical Administration and the Ukrainian State Medical University which stated their mutual interest in developing a model maternal and child health program and reducing infant and maternal mortality rates in Ukraine.

ACTIVITIES: The University of Pennsylvania participated in AIHA's partner identification trip to Ukraine in July 1992, and then signed a memorandum of understanding with the above hospitals, declaring their intention to work together. A Philadelphia team visited Kiev again in late September to begin assisting their Ukrainian counterparts in developing the perinatal center. Another visit occurred in early November 1992, when a detailed assessment of the four Kiev institutions was performed. A high level team from Kiev, including Ukrainian Ministry of Health officials, traveled to Philadelphia and Washington in November, 1992, to begin training. In early 1993 the city of Kiev established a perinatal center to serve a population of millions. The partnership will establish model programs in the fields of prenatal diagnosis, perinatology, and neonatology.

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ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT WILL SPEAK IN NEWARK

March 10, 1996

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Ms. Verveer brings a prestigious and lengthy experience into her position in the White House. Prior to her present position she served as Special Projects Coordinator to Mrs. Clinton during the Presidential transition and as an issues adviser during the Clinton-Gore campaign. She previously served as Executive Vice President and Public Policy Director for the Constitutional liberties group, People for the American Way.

Prior to joining People for the American Way, Verveer worked in a variety of positions on Capitol Hill and in the public interest community. She was Legislative Director to Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio), Coordinator for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs at the U.S. Catholic Conference and Field Manager of Common Cause.

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Melanne Starinshak Verveer was raised in Shamokin, Pennsylvania, where she attended Transfiguration Ukrainian School. She received her high school diploma from St. Mary's Villa Academy in Sloatsburg, New York. Both schools were run by the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, a Ukrainian religious order. Her maternal and paternal grandparents were born in Ukraine, emigrated to the U.S. at the turn of the century and settled in Pennsylvania. Verveer received her master's and undergraduate degrees at Georgetown University. She and her husband Philip, a Washington attorney, have three children.

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[Acknowledgements: Lauren Arnold, Ph.D., R.N., Clinical Director of Obstetrical and Neonatal Nursing, University of Pennsylvania Medical Center; Dr. Jim Smith, Director of American International Health Alliance; nursing leadership of Ukraine; hospital administrator(s) (tbd)]

- Thank you so much for that warm welcome. I am so pleased I could join you today on this wonderful occasion. This initial meeting is a vital new advancement of the long and successful cooperation among nurses, not only in Ukraine, but throughout the world.
- Nurses everywhere, in Ukraine, in the United States, are a critical part of health services.
- Nurses provide the closest care to patients. They attend directly to their needs and hear their concerns. That is why nurses must be given the best possible training and resources -- as well as respect -- for the demanding and important job they do.
- I applaud you for making the effort to come together to share the ideas, insights, and innovations of your profession. This free exchange will not only strengthen nursing, but also ensure that your patients receive the best possible care.

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Anatoliy Zlenko, Ukraine's ambassador to the United Nations, will deliver an address on democracy and business in Ukraine.

Appearing on the same panel will be: the internationally known authority on business ethics Dr. Richard DeGeorge of the University of Kansas; and a human rights specialist, Rhakamile Gongo of the Embassy of South Africa. The speakers will answer questions following their presentations.

While in Philadelphia, Ambassador Zlenko will also participate in a panel

"People of Kryvorivnia - Portrait of a Hutsul Village," which will open her exhibit of photographs of a people of Ukraine who are now reclaiming their cultural identity. The program will commence with a reception held at La Salle's Chapel at 6:45 p.m.

The Central and East European Program at La Salle University and the Ukrainian Studies Fund cordially invite the public to attend both events. For additional information call Dr. L. D. Rudnytsky, (215) 951-1200.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MELANNE VERVEER

FROM: MARILYN DIGIACOBBI *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: INTERVIEW WITH UKRAINIAN PRESS

I have set up another interview for you with the Ukrainian press. The interview will take place 10:30 a.m., Monday, June 5, 1995. The interviewer will call you at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at 202-456-6266. The interviewer's information is as follows:

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September 27, 1995

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Melanne:

Again, thank you for accepting our invitation to address The Washington Group's (TWG) 1995 Annual Leadership Conference as the keynote luncheon speaker on Saturday, October 7, 1995 at the Key Bridge Marriott in Arlington, Virginia. We are very excited that you will be joining us!

As I told your assistant, Katy, yesterday, we are continuing to finalize our agenda for the conference weekend, and due to a couple of last-minute scheduling matters, the lunch will now begin at approximately 12:45 PM in the "Potomac Room" of the Marriott which is located on the Lobby Level. If it is agreeable to you, you may begin speaking after everyone has finished their lunch and just prior to start of the dessert course. You may speak for 20 minutes or more if you wish, and it is our hope that you will be able to address a few questions from the audience after the conclusion of your remarks.

It is my understanding from Katy that your husband will not be in town during the time of your speech. Instead, we are pleased to extend an invitation for you and a guest to dine with us at lunch on the 7th. We would also like to extend to you and your guest an open invitation to attend any of the TWG events happening throughout the conference weekend, such as the Friday night reception at Gannett Towers (home of USA Today) in Arlington, beginning at 7:30 PM, the all-day conference on Saturday, which begins at 9 AM, the awards banquet on Saturday night, which begins with a cocktail hour at 7 PM; dinner begins at 8 PM, our Gala which begins at 10 PM in the View Lounge of the hotel and our Sunday jazz brunch at 11:30 AM.

Ms. Melanne Verveer

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George Masiuk and I appreciate the opportunity for the drop-by visit with you next Wednesday, at which time we can briefly discuss the topic of your speech, my introductory remarks, confirm your speaking time and the conference functions you may wish to attend, if you schedule permits. If you would like to have prepared remarks available for distribution, we will have a press table. We are also inviting broadcast and print media. To date, our own Ukrainian Television Network, KONTAKT, will televise the event. I have attached the most recent copy of our newsletter, which describes our conference.

Melanne, again, thank you for your participation. Please do not hesitate to call me at 202-418-0254 or 703-922-5898 if you have any concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jane Kunka", written in a cursive style.

Jane Kunka
Public Relations Director



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White House officials, Ambassador Shcherbak, Karatnycky to address Leadership Conference

Key White House officials, Ukraine's ambassador to the United States and heads of leading Ukrainian and American organizations will address this year's TWG Leadership Conference, scheduled for October 6-9 at the Key Bridge Marriott Hotel in Arlington, Virginian.

Heading the list of speakers are Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States Yuri Shcherbak, Special Assistant to the President for Ukrainian Affairs and Senior

Director at the National Security Council Coit D. Blacker, Freedom House President Adrian Karatnycky and the First Lady's Deputy Chief of Staff Melanne Verveer.

Focusing on the general theme, "The Ukrainian Community:

Conference Program, Registration Form Pages 8, 9

Defining a New Role," four panels of experts at this year's conference will discuss "Developing a consensus on Ukrainian community goals," "Providing services to our community," "Getting our message out," and "Financing our projects."

The panels will include Greta Bull, senior program officer at the Eurasia Foundation; Tamara Gallo, director of the Ukrainian National Information Service in Washington; Orysia Hewka, executive director of the Philadelphia Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center; Askold Lozynsky, president of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America; Andrew Masiuk, director-general of

the International Management Institute-Kyiv; Nadia McConnell, president of the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation; Richard Murphy, external affairs director at the Center for Strategic and International Studies; and historian Orest Subtelny, author of *Ukraine: A History*.

The moderators of the four sessions will be: TWG President George Masiuk, Dr. Roman Goy of the Ukrainian Medical Association, TWG Public Relations Director Jane Kunka, and TWG board member at large Yuri Holowinsky.

Mr. Masiuk pointed out that since 1988, the annual TWG

(See *Conference*, Page 4)

President Kuchma Honors Judge Futey

Judge Bohdan A. Futey was awarded the Distinguished Medal of the President of Ukraine (*Pochesna vidznaka prezidenta Ukrayiny*) by President Leonid Kuchma during a recent visit to Kyiv.

He received the award at a ceremony commemorating the fourth anniversary of Ukrainian Independence on August 24, 1995, at the President's Office.

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New Members



Notes on Members

- Ulana M. Baczynskyj, self-employed, of Glenside, PA.
- Lynn E. Brooks, senior computer analyst, Library of Congress, of Frederick, MD.
- Joseph J. Dehner, partner, Frost & Jacobs, of Terrace Park, OH.
- Olya Duzey, senior program associate, Management Sciences For Health, of Washington, DC.
- Theresa Markiw, council coordinator, National Endowment for the Arts, of Washington, DC.
- Walter Parchomenko, professor of international affairs, Joint Military College, of Arlington, VA.

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• TWG members Maria Rudensky and Wolodymyr Sulzhynsky were profiled in the Ukrainian Weekly by Marta Kolomayets as two of four Ukrainian-American diplomat pioneers who helped establish the US Embassy in Kyiv. Ms. Rudensky established the Embassy's consular section, while Mr. Sulzhynsky helped John Stepanchuk in the political section.

The two other pioneers profiled—Natalie Jaresko, who headed the economic section, and Stephen Wasylko, chief of the commercial section—unfortunately, have let their TWG membership lapse, as did our first ambassador to Ukraine, Roman Popadiuk.

(Note to Membership Director: Maybe TWG should create another membership category—alumni/ae?)

(See Ross Chomiak's report on Ms. Rudensky's farewell party in Kyiv on Page 3.)

• Walter Zalisko, an executive officer in the Jersey City Police Department, became the state chairman of the Ukrainian-American Republican Committee of New Jersey.

His previous position in the UARC NJ was that of state liaison.

Mr. Zalisko says that the UARC NJ, which was founded in 1952, has become "one of the state's leading ethnic Republican committees."

• Zoya Hayuk, a Baltimore-based freelance interpreter, experienced a challenging and memorable summer this year, teaching English in Feodosia, formerly known as the Kaffa, the infamous Crimean slave trading center, where many young Ukrainians were sold into slavery. (One of them, Roksolana, fared pretty well, ultimately becoming Suleyman the Magnificent's number-one wife.)

Ms. Hayuk was in Feodosia during the Tatar-Russian Mafia disturbances in July. She traveled extensively throughout Crimea, and later to Zaporizhzhia, Donetsk, and through Khmelnytska, Ivano Frankivska and Lvivska oblasts.

She was invited to teach in the Lviv State University's Foreign Relations Department for the 1995/96 academic year.

Kyiv—The setting was decidedly non-diplomatic. But diplomats made up the bulk of the crowd.

On a clearing outside a village *korchma* (bar) there were first secretaries, second secretaries, consuls, commercial counselors, political and military advisers, as well as drivers and international lawyers, business people and secretaries, press attaches and visiting scholars and locals. Nor one "State Department suit" in sight. The American ambassador was there dressed casually, like everyone else, and he also was carrying in his hands a wide-brimmed *chumak* straw hat in case the sun became uncomfortable. On the edge of the clearing, under the trees, four musicians wearing *chumak* hats, embroidered shirts, red *sharovary* and red boots played and sang Ukrainian songs.

This was the setting for a farewell party for the American consul in Kyiv, a.k.a. Maria Rudensky, who before becoming a diplomat some five years ago, was editor of TWG News.

The date was August 19, 1995, a Saturday afternoon, at the open-air architectural museum outside Kyiv where centuries-old authentic buildings were brought from various regions of Ukraine. The *korchma* near which the party took place was authentic, as were the diplomats. And there were contrasts: one of the musicians played an expensive Italian accordion; the champagne to toast the guest of honor was served in hand-made clay cups, and long plastic bottles of American-brand soft drinks, as well as cans of German beer, stood on tables next to meat products prepared by private Ukrainian entrepreneurs and slices of bread from huge, Soviet-style city "bread factories." The ubiquitous American invention—black plastic bags—were there to collect the refuse.

Maria Rudensky came to Kyiv in early 1992, when many were predicting that Ukraine's then very new independence would not last more than three years.

She heard farewells to her practically on the eve of its fourth anniversary. William G. Miller, the American ambassador in Ukraine—the second ambassador under whom she served in the country of her ancestors—in his farewell

remarks paid tribute to her outstanding performance as American consul and thanked her for the advice she had provided to him personally when he took up his duties in Kyiv.

Two of her colleagues sang a song they wrote about the "Consul Maria" to the tune of the *West Side Story* aria "Maria"—appropriate for a native New Yorker, whose roots are in the *Husul* soil of Ukraine. And Ms. Rudensky responded to the tributes with a ditty she herself wrote and sang without accompaniment that was full of consular adventures, peppered with consular acronyms and bureaucratic phrases—for explanation of which the author-performer suggested the uninitiated turn to the many local embassy employees present at the fete. They knew the meanings in both English and Ukrainian.

A Kyiv farewell for Maria Rudensky, pioneer consul in Ukraine

By R. L. Chomiak

The job of an American consul anywhere is a tough one. She or he is on call 24 hours a day, dealing with Americans in trouble in foreign countries and with local residents trying to get to America, both for legitimate and non-legitimate reasons. But Haiti and Ukraine must be in the toughest category among the world's nations. These are the two countries in which the journalist-turned-diplomat Rudensky has served so far, in her relatively short, but experience-laden, hair-graying diplomatic career.

A few days after the party, Ms. Rudensky left Kyiv for her new desk job at the State Department in Foggy Bottom. She will be the department's anchor in Washington for the region she has gotten to know first-hand. But after three and a half years in Ukraine she is taking the long way back: Kyiv-Moscow-Almaty-Hong Kong-New Zealand-San Francisco-Washington.

When this trip ends, and the traveler gets over a major jet lag, The Washington Group's local membership roll will increase by one.

R. L. Chomiak, a former TWG News editor himself, administers the USAID-funded International Media Center in Kyiv. □

Conference: *Darka & Slavko*, pianist John Stetch to entertain

(Continued from Page 1)
conferences have focused on developments in Ukraine and on how the Ukrainian-American community could assist its development. Now, he said, the time has come "to look inward...at the state of our community and to start drawing a road map for its future."

"Old assumptions about our role need to be reexamined, old methods of doing business need to be overhauled to take advantage of new opportunities, and innovative methods of financing our activities need to be implemented," Mr. Masiuk said.

The three-day event will begin Friday evening, Oct. 6, with a reception on the top floor of the Gannett Building, headquarters of USA Today. Like the Key Bridge Marriott Hotel, the Gannett Building provides a spectacular view of Washington from just across the

Potomac River. (See note on the Gannett reception on page 6.)

The conference program includes a Saturday evening banquet, with the presentation of the TWG Journalism Award, and a dance at the Marriott's View Lounge, featuring *Darka and Slavko*.

The entertainment part of the program continues Sunday, when Ukrainian-Canadian jazz pianist John Stetch gives a concert following the conference brunch.

Three other leading Ukrainian-American organizations will be holding their annual meetings in conjunction with the TWG Leadership Conference: the Ukrainian American Bar Association (UABA) and the Baltimore-Washington Chapter of the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America will hold their annual fall meeting on Saturday, October 7, and the Federation of Ukrainian American

Business and Professional Associations will hold their semi-annual meeting on Sunday, Oct. 8.

Rooms at the Key Bridge Marriott may be reserved by calling 1-800-327-9789. Specify that you are with TWG in order to get the conference discount rate of \$105 per night, if reserved by Sept. 15.

For conference program and registration information, see pages 6 & 7.

For more information about the UABA meeting contact: UABA President Orest Jejna at 602-254-3872 or OJEJNA@AOL.com, or Vice President Bohdanna Pochoday at 201-701-0544 or DPochoday@AOL.com.

Judge Futey... (Continued from Page 1)

Judge Futey sits on the United States Court of Federal Claims in Washington, D.C., and serves as a legal consultant to the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) in Ukraine. He received the Presidential Citation for his "important personal contribution to the development of Ukrainian-American relations and the development of the legal system of Ukraine."

Judge Futey is the only Ukrainian-American to serve as a member of the federal judiciary in the United States and is the first American citizen to be awarded the presidential Distinguished Medal.

IFES recently signed an agreement to serve as the official legal counsel to the Parliamentary Committee on Legal Policy, Law and Judicial Reform, and will assist the Committee in the drafting of election laws and laws on judicial building.

"These laws will provide the structure required to create a new electoral and judicial system in Ukraine, and we are honored to play a part in this historic process," Judge Futey said.

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Coit Blacker

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Mr. Blacker's areas of expertise include the foreign and military policies of the Soviet successor states, international and regional security issues, and nuclear arms control. He is the author of numerous articles and seven books and monographs on these subjects, including *Hostage to Revolution: Gorbachev and Soviet Security Policy 1985-91*.

Prior to his appointment at the NSC, Mr. Blacker was deputy director and senior fellow at the Institute for International Studies and co-director of International Relations and International Policy Studies Programs at Stanford.

He received his undergraduate degree from Occidental College and his master's and doctorate degrees from the
(See *Blacker*, Page 6)

Adrian Karatnycky

Adrian Karatnycky is president of the Freedom House, a non-partisan, non-profit organization that promotes democracy, civil society and the rule of law, and monitors human rights, political rights and civil liberties around the world. He coordinates *Freedom in the World*, the organization's annual survey of political and civil rights.

From 1984 to 1993, Mr. Karatnycky served in various important positions with the AFL-CIO—as assistant to the president, as research director in the International Affairs Department, and as research director for the AFL-CIO's Free Trade Institute, supervising assistance programs to *Solidarnosc* in Poland as well as to democratic trade unions in Hungary, Bulgaria, the Czech and Slovak republics, Russia and Ukraine. In the early 1980s, he was research director of the A. William Randolph Institute, and, in 1979, assistant director of the International Sakharov Hearings.

Mr. Karatnycky has authored three books on recent developments in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union—*Workers' Rights, East and West* (with Adolph Sturthal), *The Hidden Nations: The People Challenge the Soviet Union* (with
(See *Karatnycky*, Page 6)

Yuri Shcherbak

Yuri Shcherbak presented his credentials as Ukraine's second ambassador to the United States during President Leonid Kuchma's state visit to Washington in October, 1994. Prior to this assignment, he had served as Ukraine's ambassador to Israel (1992-1994) and as minister of environmental protection (1991-1992).

A writer and doctor by profession, Dr. Shcherbak began his political career in 1989, when won a seat in the USSR Supreme Soviet. Having never been a member of the Communist Party, he worked closely with the Russian human rights advocate Andrei Sakharov. As chairman of the subcommittee on energy and nuclear safety, he initiated the first parliamentary investigation of the Chornobyl nuclear accident as well as those in Semipalatinsk and in the Urals.

An eyewitness to the 1986 Chornobyl disaster, Dr. Shcherbak exposed the malfeasance before and after the accident in his documentary novel *Chornobyl*. He has also written extensively about the Stalinist man-made famine in Ukraine in 1932-33. In all, he has authored 20 books of poetry, prose, plays and essays.

Dr. Shcherbak received his Ph.D. and D.Sc. degree in
(See *Shcherbak*, Page 6)

Melanne Verveer

Melanne Verveer is deputy assistant to the President and deputy chief of staff to the First Lady. She served as issues advisor to the Clinton-Gore campaign and as special projects coordinator to Mrs. Clinton during the transition.

Before joining the campaign, Ms. Verveer was executive vice president and public policy director for People for the American Way, a constitutional liberties group. Earlier, she worked in a variety of positions on Capitol Hill and in the public interest community. She was legislative director to Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio), coordinator for civil rights and urban affairs at the US Catholic Conference and field manager at Common Cause. She also served on the boards of many nonprofit organizations, among them, the Coalition on Human Needs, Leadership Conference on Human Rights, the Advocacy Institute and Public Allies. In 1989, she was named to *Beachman's Guide to Key Lobbyists*.

Ms. Verveer received her master's and undergraduate degrees from Georgetown University.

Melanne Starinshak Verveer was raised in Shamokin, Pennsylvania, and received her primary and secondary
(See *Verveer*, Page 6)

Speaker Profiles

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Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations (New York), the International Institute for Strategic Studies (London), and the Center for International Security and Arms Control (Stanford University).

Shcherbak... (Continued from Page 5)

epidemiology from the Kiev Medical College. In 1988, he founded and led the Ukrainian Green Movement (which became the Green Party in 1990). He is a member of Ukraine's Academy of Environmental Sciences.

Karatnycky... (Continued from Page 5)

Nadia Diuk) and *New Nations Rising: The Fall of the Soviets and the Challenge of Independence*. He is a frequent contributor of articles to leading US newspapers and journals and is regularly interviewed on CNN, the MacNeil-Lehrer Newshour and NPR.

Verveer... (Continued from Page 5)

education in Ukrainian Catholic parochial schools. Her maternal and paternal grandparents were born in Ukraine, emigrated to the US at the turn of the century and settled in Pennsylvania.

Ms. Verveer accompanied the President and First Lady on their recent visit to Kyiv.

Friday Evening Conference Reception at Gannett

Friday evening's reception will be held at the corporate headquarters of Gannett Co., Inc., which is located in Rosslyn, Virginia, just a short walk from the conference hotel, the Key Bridge Marriott.

From high above Rosslyn, the 30th floor Dining Room offers a panoramic view of Washington, from Georgetown University to the north to National Airport and the Pentagon to the south, with all of the Capital monuments in between.

The Gannett building is located at 1100 Wilson Blvd., at the corner of Lynn St., two blocks from the Rosslyn Metro station. Underground parking is available using the Wilson Blvd. entrance.

Upon entering the building, take the escalator or elevator up to the Mall level, check in at the Gannett security station and take the elevator up to the 30th floor.

Gannett is a nationwide news and information company that publishes 82 daily newspapers, including USA TODAY, operates 10 television stations, including WUSA-TV in Washington, 11 radio stations and the largest outdoor advertising company in North America.

TWG Leadership Conference Entertainment



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The following Ukraine-related job opportunities were gleaned from the Internet. If you know of any employment opportunities TWG members may be interested in, please forward them to the TWG News editor via E-mail (yarob@aol.com) or mail to TWG News, P.O. Box 11248, Washington, DC 20008.

Real estate executive

A U.S. real estate firm is seeking a bilingual Ukrainian-American professional willing to relocate to Kyiv for one or more years. Responsibilities would include lease negotiation, site selection and project management for a variety of real estate development projects. Candidate should have a real estate or related legal background. If you are interested in this job or can recommend someone who might be, please contact John Oharenko directly via fax at 312/845-8504.

Media management

Internews Network, an international non-profit organization supporting independent broadcast media, is recruiting for managerial-level positions in Moscow and Kyiv and short and long-term trainers and resident advisors throughout the former Soviet Union and Central and Eastern Europe. Experience with television news programming and distribution, management, grants administration, and relevant overseas experience is preferred. Language skills may be required for certain positions. Send resumes to: Kay Elewski, Internews Network, PO Box 4448, Arcata, CA 95518, USA, Fax: 1-707-826-2136.

Marketing/management

Dynamic private sector-oriented non-profit organization is looking for people with backgrounds in consumer product marketing, management, and/or health and excellent language skills to work in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union or Washington, D.C. Candidates must have appropriate language skills, experience in the region, and five years private sector experience. Applicants should send C.V. and cover letter to Scott Billy: Fax: 1-202-785-0120. E-mail: PSIWash@delphi.com.

CSIS Ukraine project intern

The Ukraine project (American-Ukrainian Advisory Committee) at the Center for Strategic and International Studies is looking for a qualified college or university student (preferably a Ukrainian) to be an intern for the fall 1995 semester. Unfortunately, the job is an unpaid one, but the experience could prove to be useful. Send resume to: Mr. Richard W. Murphy, CSIS, 1800 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20006. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Murphy via e-mail DickM21547@aol.com or at 202-887-0200 or Mr. Paul Terpeluk (phone: 202-887-0200, ext. 3354).

Business entrepreneur program volunteers

Citizens Democracy Corps (CDC), a non-profit organization, is seeking volunteer business people to provide management, marketing, and technical assistance to Central/East European and Russian companies. Assignments are for 8 weeks. Airfare, housing, and interpreter services are provided. Volunteer advisors contribute their time and cover daily expenses during assignments. Senior-level experience required. Send resume to: Mr. Christopher Lavigne, Citizens Democracy Corps, 1400 Eye Street, N.W., Suite 1125, Washington, D.C. 20005. Fax: (202) 872-0923. E-Mail: CHRISL@CDC.ORG

COMING EVENTS

9 September, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-noon
Registration and first day of classes for
Taras Taras Shevchenko Ukrainian School
and pre-school (svitlychka). Westland
Middle School, 6300 Tilden Ln., Rockville,
MD 20852. Contact: Ihor Murashchuk 301-
762-4954.

16 September, Saturday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Ukrainian language beginners classes.
Contact: Olenka Dobozansky 301-649-
6558.

20 September, Wednesday, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Ukrainian Independence Day Reception, sponsored by the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America and the Ukrainian-American Coordinating Council. Rayburn House Office Building, Independence and South Capitol Streets, SW, Room B339. Admission \$25. Send checks ahead of time payable to Ukrainian Congress Committee of America to 214 Massachusetts Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20002. Contact: 202-547-0018.

24 September, Sunday. Recital by pianist
Maria Krysheynska and Zina Shutko
(of Lviv) sponsored by TWG Cultural Fund.
The Lyceum, Old Town Alexandria, VA.
Contact: Laryssa Chopivsky 202-363-
3964.

30 September, Saturday, 6:30-10:00 p.m.
Exhibit of works by Ukrainian artist
Vera Kuleba. Holy Trinity Ukrainian
Catholic Church Parish Hall, 16631 New
Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring, MD.
Contact: Natalia Zacharczenko 703-976-
2871.

1 October, Sunday, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Kuleba
Art Exhibit continues (see above).

6-8 October, Friday-Sunday. TWG Leader-
ship Conference. See details in this
issue.

13 October, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Concert and
Dance, featuring Veseli Halychany, a
Western Ukrainian instrumental, vocal
and dance ensemble (with a dose of
humor and satire thrown in). There will be
a dance following the concert. St.
Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral
Hall, 15100 New Hampshire Ave. Silver
Spring, MD. Admission to the concert and
dance \$10.00. For more information call
the St. Andrews Parish at 301-384 9192.

27 October, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Recital by
pianist Juliana Osinchuk. Terrace
Theater, John F. Kennedy Center for the
Performing Arts, Washington.

"The Ukrainian Community: Defining a New Role"

1995 TWG Leadership Conference

Key Bridge Marriott Hotel

1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22209

Conference Program

Friday, October 6

7:30 - 9:30 Reception at the Gannett Building
30th-floor Dining Room, 1100 Wilson Blvd., at Lynn St.

Saturday, October 7

8:00 - 9:00 Registration (at hotel)
9:00 - 9:15 Introductory Remarks
9:15 - 10:00 **2** Keynote Address **es**
10:00 - 11:00 Panel 1: *Developing a Consensus on Ukrainian
Community Goals*
11:15 - 12:15 Panel 2: *Providing Services to Our Community*
12:15 - 2:30 Lunch, with guest speaker ~~and discussion about what the
Ukrainian community ought to be doing~~
2:30 - 3:30 Panel 3: *Getting Our Message Out to the
Broader Community*
3:45 - 4:30 Panel 4: *Financing Our Projects*
7:00 - 8:00 Cocktail Hour
8:00 - 10:00 Banquet, guest speaker, presentation of Journalism Award
10:00 - 1:30 Dance, with *Darka and Slavko*

Sunday, October 8

11:30 - 1:00 Brunch, with guest speaker
1:00 - 2:30 Jazz-Piano performance by John Stetch
2:30 - 5:00 Informal Activities
• Visit *Alla Rogers Gallery* in Georgetown to view works by
Alexander Pogrebinsky and other Ukrainian artists.
• *Cyberspace enthusiasts get-together.*

Melanne,
FYI

September 1, 1995

cc: Alexis Herman
Jim Doriskind
Chip Blacker, NSC
Carlos Pasqual, NSC
Melanne Verveer
Lee Satterfield

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

FROM: MARILYN DIGIACOBBE

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF OUTREACH AROUND UKRAINIAN
INDEPENDENCE DAY -- AUGUST 24, 1995

Following is a summary of our efforts to highlight the President's commitment to Ukraine to the Ukrainian-American community around the 4th Anniversary of Ukraine's Independence.

I. Distribution of the President's Message

- A. Mailed to the heads of the Ukrainian Orthodox, Catholic and Baptist Churches. Follow-up calls made by MDG to ask church leaders to share the message with congregations at Sunday Mass. It is difficult to measure the success of this effort, but church leaders were very receptive. Letter attached.
- B. Mailed to 200 Ukrainian-American organizations, community leaders and key supporters. Letter attached.
- C. Mailed to 35 Ukrainian-American newspapers and radio programs. Clips requested.

II. Event Coverage

- A. Ukrainian Independence Day Celebration
Ukrainian Cultural Center, Chicago, IL -- Sunday, August 27

Surrogate -- Ambassador Darryl Johnson, Deputy Coordinator of U.S.
Assistance to the NIS, State Department
 - He participated in a parade & addressed a ceremony audience of **3,000**.
 - He addressed **50** local leaders at a luncheon following the ceremony.
- B. Ukrainian Independence Day Celebration
Ukrainian Cultural Center, Philadelphia, PA -- Thursday, August 24

Surrogate -- Marilyn DiGiacobbe
 - Addressed ceremony audience of **600**.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY, 1995

Greetings to all those celebrating the fourth anniversary of Ukrainian independence.

Today, Ukrainian Americans honor their ancestors' heroic struggle for liberty. Despite difficult conditions, Ukraine continues down a path of economic and political reforms that will strengthen its sovereignty and economic independence. Americans look forward to expanding our cooperation in support of Ukrainian democracy, security, and economic prosperity. This is a truly meaningful objective, especially for Ukrainian Americans. The fruits of this cooperation can already be seen in our historic achievements on military and nuclear security matters and in growing commercial ties.

On this day of victory and pride, let us rededicate ourselves to strengthening the bonds of friendship and partnership between the peoples of Ukraine and the United States. I join with all Ukrainian Americans in today's celebration of Ukraine's independence, and in recognition of Ukrainians the world over who have given so much for the cause of freedom and democracy.

Best wishes to all for a wonderful celebration.

Bill Clinton

free Ukraine

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 18, 1995

Archbishop Antony
Archbishop of New York and Washington, DC
Ukrainian Orthodox Church of USA
6 Hageman Road
Flemington, NJ 08822-7186

Dear Archbishop Antony:

On behalf of President Clinton, I would like to share with you and others in the Ukrainian Orthodox community the enclosed message on the fourth anniversary of Ukraine's independence.

As you and the many congregations of your church celebrate Ukraine's independence, please know that the President values the special relationship the U.S. has forged with the Ukrainian people and that the Administration is committed to seeing a free, independent and prosperous Ukraine.

I join the President in commending your involvement in our continued commitment to freedom, democracy and peace around the world. With best wishes for a memorable celebration and a bright future for Ukraine.

Sincerely,



Marilyn DiGiuseppe
Associate Director
Office of Public Affairs

Also sent to:

Metropolitan Constantine, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of USA
Pittsburgh, PA

Bishop Vsevolod Majdnanski, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America
Jamaica, NY

Bishop Basil Losten, Diocese of New York and New England,
Ukrainian Catholic Church, Stamford, CT

Metropolitan Stephen Sulyk, Ukrainian Catholic Church in USA
Philadelphia, PA

Rev. Volodymyr Domashovetz, All Ukrainian Evangelical Baptist
Fellowship, Morris Plains, NJ

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 18, 1995

Dear Friend:

On behalf of President Clinton, I would like to share with you the enclosed message on the fourth anniversary of Ukraine's independence.

As you celebrate Ukraine's independence, please know that the President values the special relationship the U.S. has forged with the Ukrainian people and that the Administration is committed to seeing a free, independent and prosperous Ukraine.

With best wishes for a wonderful celebration and a bright future for Ukraine.

Sincerely,



Marilyn DiGiacobbe
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 29, 1995

UNCLASSIFIED
MEMORANDUM

TO: PA/PP - Ms. Kirk

FROM: S/NIS/C - Darryl N. Johnson *DNS*

SUBJECT: Ukrainian National Day in Chicago - August 27

In addition to the basic information about my participation in this event (attached), I wanted to convey some of the flavor.

First and most importantly, the community leaders were very supportive of President Clinton, and specifically of the Administration's involvement in Ukraine. The President's message which I read at the beginning of my remarks, was warmly received, as was the excerpt from his speech in Kiev in May about Ukraine becoming America's "full political and economic partner in a bulwark of stability in Europe." One man at the luncheon made a short statement asking me to convey the community's strong support for the President and his policies -- a statement which evoked applause from the others present.

Secondly, the turnout was large -- estimated at 3,000 for the parade/rally and 50 for the lunch which followed. There were hundreds of small blue and yellow flags and balloons, and a dozen or so large icons and Flags which led the parade. At least three leaders of different religious affiliations -- Baptist, Roman Catholic, Orthodox -- took part, as did the Ukrainian Consul General and representatives of the Governor and the Mayor.

As the representative of the President, my speech was the main event, but I tried to keep it fairly short -- about 11 minutes -- because the weather was hot and humid. My key points were:

-- The President is personally involved with Ukraine; he has visited twice and hosted President Kuchma to a State Visit. *

-- The United States unswervingly supports free Ukraine, one of Europe's oldest nations and youngest democracies.

-- We are engaged broadly and deeply with Ukraine in the fields of security (e.g., eliminating nuclear weapons building new European security structures), humanitarian deliveries (e.g., pumps for flood relief, medicines for diphtheria control), political reform (e.g., rule of law, free media) economic reform (e.g., currency stabilization, energy sector reform, small business promotion), and interpersonal contacts (e.g., Peace Corps, exchanges).

-- Ukrainian-Americans have a unique role to play in this process for the future as well as the past.

The America Desk Outreach Evaluation

Upon return please:

- Submit a separate form for *each* event
- Return to the Office of Public Liaison, (PA/PL), Room 5831.

Speaker Darryl N. Johnson Tel 647-3011

Office S/NIS/C

Event Ukrainian National Day

Sponsor Ukrainian Congress Committee of America

Topic President Clinton's support for Ukraine

Location Ukrainian Cultural Center - Chicago, IL

Date/ Time August 27
Noon - 4 pm

Group 3,000 (est)
Size 50

1 What foreign policy interests did the questions of the audience reveal?

Questions and comments focused entirely on events in and around Ukraine, and US policy toward Ukraine and Russia.

2 Did local/regional factors seem to influence their foreign policy concerns? If so, what were they?

There was some interest in aid and investment programs in which local Ukrainian-Americans could take part.

3 How did the audience react to the policy themes you presented?

The audience responded very warmly to the President's message and to my remarks in support of free Ukraine.

4 Was this program effective? Were there any logistical problems?

The program seemed to be very effective and very welcome. One man at the luncheon specifically praised and thanked the President. There were no logistical problems.

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Шановна пані Вервір,

Маю честь запросити Вас відвідати Україну у зручний для Вас час, В разі Вашої згоди конкретні строки і програму перебування можна було погодити додатково.

Переконаний, що зустрічі, які Ви матимете в Україні, сприятимуть зміцненню українсько-американського співробітництва.

З повагою

Валерій ПУСТОВОЙТЕНКО

Пані Меланні Вервір

Заступник Представника
Президента США

DROP-BY AT BRIEFING FOR UKRAINIAN-AMERICANS
ON PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO KIEV

- o President Clinton very much looks forward to his visit to Kiev next week.
- o Sees it as good follow-on to successful November 1994 summit, which put nuclear issue behind us and, as important, defined forward-looking political and economic agenda.
- o Visit provides opportunity for President to underscore strong U.S. support for independent, democratic, stable and prosperous Ukraine.
- o Also chance to urge that Ukraine stay course on economic reform. As it does, U.S. and international community are prepared to provide significant help.
 - Over last eight months, international financial institutions have made concrete commitments of \$2.7 billion, on top of \$1 billion in bilateral contributions from West. This flows from President's efforts at G-7 summit in Naples.
- o Expect Presidents Clinton and Kuchma also will discuss how to expand trade and investment component of our relationship and Ukraine's place in a changing Europe.
- o Know you have good channels back to Ukraine. Hope you will use these to reiterate U.S. support and necessity of continuing to move down reform path.



July 31, 1995

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Verveer:

On behalf of The Washington Group (TWG), I would like to invite First Lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton, to deliver the keynote address at our Annual Leadership Conference to be held October 6-8, 1995 at the Key Bridge Marriott in Arlington, Virginia. The theme of this year's conference is "Ukrainian Community: Defining a New Role."

As you may know, TWG is an organization of Ukrainian-American professionals dedicated to providing service to the Ukrainian-American community and to fostering closer, mutually beneficial relations between the United States and Ukraine. This year's conference will focus on defining the role of the Ukrainian-American community. It will examine how Ukrainian-American organizations can better serve their members; how the Ukrainian-American community can participate more effectively in the American political system; and how our community can foster closer ties between the United States and Ukraine.

★ The President and Mrs. Clinton, along with you and the entire distinguished delegation, conveyed effectively to the people of Ukraine the United States strong interest in a strong, prosperous, and democratic Ukraine. And the Ukrainian-American community was cheered at the warm reception the President and his delegation received from the Ukrainian people.

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I told him
Mr. FC would
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him.

TWG and its conference participants would be most honored to hear a keynote address about Mrs. Clinton's impressions of the State visit. She may also wish to address any other matters such as her efforts on behalf of women's and children's issues around the world.

Last year's keynote address was delivered by State Department Special Advisor for NIS, James Collins, who articulated President Clinton's policy toward Ukraine. His remarks that a democratic, prosperous, and independent Ukraine is in the best interest of the United States were very well received.

We are expecting over 250 participants from throughout North America. Prior speakers at our conference have included Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski, former head of the National Security Council, Richard Schifter, former Assistant Secretary of State, and Rep. Steny H. Hoyer, former Helsinki Commission Chairman. Speakers from Ukraine have included the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Gennady Udovenko. The First Lady's remarks would receive extensive coverage in the Ukrainian-American print and broadcast media, and we will do everything we can to obtain coverage in the broader community as well.

It is our hope that Mrs. Clinton will accept our speaking invitation. In deference to her schedule, we are flexible with regard to the timing of her address within the the time-frame of the conference. Please have your office let me know if the First Lady will be able to participate by writing to me at the Washington Group address or by contacting me at (202) 651-2302 (day) or (703) 960-0043 (evening). Alternatively, please feel free to contact the TWG Public Relations Director, Jane Kunka, at (202) 418-0254 (day) or 703-922-5898 (evening).

Sincerely,



George Masiuk
President

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MEETING WITH UKRAINIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY
MAY 4, 1995

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Ukrainian Orthodox Church of USA
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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May 3, 1995

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: COIT BLACKER^{PC}
FROM: STEVE PIFER^S
SUBJECT: Drop-by at Briefing for Ukrainian-Americans

Chip, Steve and Dan Speckhard (from State-S/NIS) will brief 28 leaders of the Ukrainian-American community on the President's visit to Kiev in the Roosevelt Room from 2:30-3:30 p.m. on May 4. You have agreed to drop by for five minutes at around 3:20 p.m., which will be during the Q-and-A session.

The Ukrainian-American view of the Administration's policy toward Ukraine began to change markedly with President Kuchma's state visit in November. Just as we have instilled confidence in Kiev that our interest goes well beyond nuclear weapons, Ukrainian-Americans have come to a greater appreciation of what we are doing. While a few critics will never be satisfied, the bulk of the audience should be delighted with the messages the President will convey during his visit to Kiev. You might take advantage of that to ask the audience to use its channels to Ukraine to reinforce the President's points on U.S. support and the need for continued economic reform.

One caution: Ukrainian-Americans have lobbied to have some of their leaders included as part of the official party to Kiev. If the question arises, Marilyn DiGiacobbe from the public liaison office will be present and can handle the question.

Short points are attached.

Attachments

Tab A Points for drop-by

Tab B List of Ukrainian-American invitees

06/21/96 FRI 12:53 FAX 202 456 2930

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*free release***Ukrainian-American participants include:**

Mr. Taras Bazyluk, Speechwriter and Aide to the Director
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Attendees of Ukrainian American Community Meeting*file Ukraine*

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FOR THE RECORD

U.S. official's address at conference on trafficking of women and children

Remarks by Melanne Verwee, assistant to the president and chief of staff to First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, at the Conference to Combat Trafficking in Women and Children held in Kyiv on June 21.

First, I would like to say a few words in Ukrainian. I am very happy to be back in Ukraine, the birthplace of my grandparents, both on my mother's and father's side.

This is my third visit. Four years ago, I accompanied President Bill Clinton on his historic visit to Kyiv. It was the first visit of an American president to a free Ukraine. Two years ago, I was in Lviv with the First Lady. There she announced a new public information campaign aimed at warning Ukrainian women and girls about the dangers posed by traffickers. Today it is a privilege to join you for this important U.S.-Ukraine regional meeting for international law enforcement officials on combating trafficking in women and children.

When I was a child, I attended Ukrainian school in the United States. There we sang the Ukrainian national anthem and, like so many other Ukrainian Americans, we prayed that Ukraine would one day be free.

Today, Ukraine is a democratic nation. As President Clinton said on his recent visit to Kyiv, America will be your partner and friend as you work at building your democracy and reforming your economy.

[Continued in English]:

Each year close to 1 million human beings, especially women and children, are shipped across national boundaries and are sold into what has become modern-day slavery. It is because of this flourishing criminal industry that we gather to develop concrete law enforcement and related anti-trafficking strategies. No country can eradicate trafficking by itself, because the character of the problem is international in scope. With victims moving between countries, progress is possible only through our mutual cooperation. The largest growing number of women and children is being trafficked from this region.

I would like to express my gratitude to the government of Ukraine for co-sponsoring this law enforcement workshop with the U.S. government. The United States and Ukraine have joined together in a bilateral commitment to combat trafficking, and this workshop will be the first of several to ensure our joint progress. I want to congratulate the government of Ukraine for taking initial steps to address this problem. By the end of our discussions over the next three days, I hope the government will be able to put together a concrete plan of action that will include a government structure with all the relevant ministries to address this issue.

I also want to thank the Ukrainian ministers who are here, as well as the representatives of educational institutions, international organizations and NGOs. I am pleased that we have prosecutors from some of the oblasts with us. I know their experience at the local level in proactive investigative work will be a welcome addition to this meeting.

Yesterday I met with an official of the Ukrainian Ministry of Education and learned about the efforts that are being made in the schools to make students aware of the dangers that traffickers pose. I also heard how school officials are working with NGOs like Winrock and LaStrada to better prepare teachers on this issue.

I am also very impressed with the collaboration among Ukraine's NGOs to combat trafficking. I saw their commitment and

know-how in action at a coordinating meeting yesterday. We need to enhance this kind of coordination between the government and NGOs as well. This meeting is bringing together, for the first time, all the key participants. Trafficking is not just a Ukrainian problem or an American problem – it is a global menace. And it is not just a women's issue – it is an issue that affects all of society.

Because of the regional and international character of trafficking, I am pleased that the representatives of so many foreign governments could be here. Your presence here illustrates that your governments take this issue seriously. Together we must create a coordinating body and commit resources.

People who are trafficked are desperate for economic opportunity and think they are applying for jobs as waitresses, laborers, childcare providers or sales clerks. Many think they are following their dreams of a better life; instead they find themselves in an unimaginable nightmare living in virtual captivity. Enticed through false advertising and deceptive offers, they fall prey to an organized criminal network, which comprises a new shadow economy. Once they arrive at the destination determined for them by their captors, their passports and other documents are confiscated. They are subjected to extreme human rights violations – physical and mental abuse, including rape, torture, imprisonment and death threats.

Trafficking has exploded in recent years because of a combination of factors – the severe economic deprivation of the victims, a market in countries with larger sex industries and an organized crime network that utilizes local operatives to prey on vulnerable people.

Trafficking in human beings is a major source of money for organized crime. The traffickers derive enormous profits from their sales because of the relatively low risk of prosecution. Their work is often facilitated by corrupt politicians. It is difficult to get at because the trafficking requires secrecy, the women are silenced, the traffickers are mobile, well-equipped for their work and dangerous. As an NGO leader remarked, "Smugglers and traffickers have better connections on the international level than we do."

My country is taking action on several fronts. In March 1998 President Clinton issued an executive directive setting out a U.S. strategy to combat trafficking. He laid out a three-part plan for prevention, protection of the victims, and prosecution of the criminals. Law enforcement is the critical link between all three areas. It is in your power to prosecute criminals who engage in this activity and to protect the victims.

President Clinton also specifically directed the U.S. government to work with Ukraine. In a speech at the White House, in the company of the Ukrainian ambassador, the U.S. secretary of state, the attorney general and the first lady, he said we would jointly develop a comprehensive strategy with Ukraine to fight trafficking with the hope that our cooperation will be a model for anti-trafficking efforts across the globe. In the U.S. we are carrying out the president's order through a coordinated effort among various agencies, including the State Department, the Justice Department and Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The first step is prevention to ensure that girls and women are made aware of this problem so that they will not be

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THE WHITE HOUSE

August 21, 1996

Warm greetings to all those celebrating the fifth anniversary of Ukrainian independence. I am delighted to join with Ukrainian Americans across our nation in marking this special day.

In its five years of independence, Ukraine has emerged as a leader for peace and democracy. The Ukrainian-American community can take pride in giving invaluable moral support and financial help that have sustained friends and relatives in Ukraine through this unprecedented and challenging transition.

This past year, especially, has been marked by extraordinary accomplishments that have advanced the sovereignty and prosperity of Ukraine, while positioning Ukraine as a stabilizing force in an evolving and undivided Europe. Ukraine's decision to complete the removal of nuclear warheads from its territory has been lauded by the international community as an historic step, and the Ukrainian people can be proud of their new constitution, which exemplifies the principles of democracy and human rights as the bedrock of the political system.

These achievements have won the respect of the United States and other nations around the globe. We remain committed to supporting Ukraine through its ambitious and far-sighted reforms and to working with Ukraine and our European partners to promote Ukraine's integration into the European family.

Best wishes for a wonderful Ukrainian Independence Day.

BILL CLINTON

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Comments:

Melanne - ① Here's what I'll be saying Sunday; feel free to borrow from it to the extent not noticable. *tonight*

② Here's the talking points for Strobe's aide. I'm a bit concerned they may decide in the next

This Fax transmission consists of 4 pages, including this transmission cover sheet.*week, but you deploy there as your schedule permits.**Cheers! See you tonight.**Terry*

Ambassador Shcherbak, [dear] friends:

I'm honored [and moved] to stand with you before this statue of the great prophet whose name I was given -- {and} to mark the Fifth Anniversary of the great day he insisted would come.

I bring a message from President Clinton. I'll read it now -- and then add a few words of my own.

Signed,
Bill Clinton

President Clinton could have cited many other Ukrainian achievements, including:

- * an inflation rate that soon will be best described on an annual instead of monthly basis;
- * average monthly wages that, [measured] in dollars, have tripled in the last two years;
- * and the performance of Ukraine's Olympic team, which was nothing short of inspiring.

At the tender age of five, Ukraine's many assets include a proven President, a dedicated diaspora, and (not least) an Ambassador to the United States who is both talented and tireless.

And here in America we've witnessed a sea change in attitudes. Ukrainian nationalism, once decried as suicidal, is now welcomed as a force for good in the world and stability in the new Europe. This change in attitudes toward Ukraine has spread from the White House to both parties and both houses of Congress, and has [even] gained ground in academia and with the responsible media.

So we thank God for the changes of these past five years, and ask for His help in the years to come.

No one pretends that Ukraine's challenges are all behind her. But with God's help, Ukraine's greatest days are yet to come.

Slava Ukrayini. [And] [i] Mno Haya Lita.

Talking Points for tel/con with Eric Edelman:

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Re: TWG/Ukr.Embassy Speaking Invitation for Columbus Day Weekend

* Terry Bazyluk spoke with your predecessor, Victoria ["Toria"] Nuland, about this in July. She seemed quite open to it, mentioning Strobe had done the "definitive" Administration speech on Ukraine, and suggested Terry call you in August.

* The Washington Group Annual Leadership Conference is a worthwhile event, especially in an election year. Chip Blacker and I were both enthusiastically received. (Strobe would get great credit for the Administration just for saying "Yes" -- and for himself as a "counterprogramming" matter [see below].)

* 300 attendees are opinion leaders from around the country who appreciate President Clinton's pro-Ukraine policies and can return to their communities to spread the good word.

* Group is very flexible as to when Mr. Talbott would speak. First preference is luncheon speech Saturday, October 12; second choice is banquet the same evening from about 8-9 p.m.; 3rd choice is keynote the same morning about 9 a.m.; 4th preference is brunch the next day, Sunday, October 13.

* Media coverage in the Ukrainian-American community will be substantial. Event will be covered by The Ukrainian Weekly (English) and Svoboda (Ukrainian); Ukrainian radio programs; and the Ukrainian cable network Kontakt (with outlets in New York, Chicago, Cleveland, and other cities), among others. Reaching beyond this community, the Group will carry the speech text on its Internet Web site, and its Public Affairs Director will offer the speech to C-SPAN and other mainstream media outlets.

* The Ukrainian Embassy's letter to Mr. Talbott and co-sponsorship of the conference indicates the seriousness they are attaching to this speaking request.

* TWG has, unfortunately, already run ads in The Weekly and elsewhere listing Mr. Talbott as an invited speaker. Particularly in this election year, the appearance of "snubbing" this group would be regrettable.

* Terry Bazyluk would be happy to work with Mr. Talbott's speechwriter to help draft/edit/optimize/scrub the speech for Ukrainian-American sensitivities.

* Finally, accepting the invitation would be a good, in-town (ie relatively low-cost and high-yield) venue for Mr. Talbott to erase some of the negative stereotyping about him fostered in recent media profiles.

{{Background data point: When Strobe did a White House briefing in 1994 or so for Uke-Am leaders, Julian Kulas and others came away very favorably impressed by his intellect and frank acknowledgment that he started out too focussed on Moscow. I believe this was even before Strobe became a visible proponent of NATO Enlargement. And Eric might appreciate a further background point: When Adrian Karatnycky spoke with Strobe earlier this year about improving his image with Ukrainian-Americans by doing a speech to a Uke-Am audience, Strobe was receptive. The "counterprogramming" aspect is intriguing: By turning out to be far more sensitive to Ukraine's concerns than some by reputation would expect, Strobe can win over undecideds for the President.}}

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

Internal Transcript

June 14, 1996

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO PARTICIPANTS OF ETHNIC LEADERSHIP DAY

Old Executive Office Building

10:54 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. Welcome to the White House. Thank you, Mr. Vice President for all that you do. I don't think I could get away with telling that stiff joke, do you? (Laughter.)

THE VICE PRESIDENT: You don't need to. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: I was pretty impressed the way he pulled it off.

I want to thank Alexis Herman and Marilyn DiGiacobbe, as the Vice President did. Many others in our White House also work on these issues. I'd like to say a special word of thanks to Melanne Vermeer, who's back there -- is on the First Lady's staff. She was named the Ukrainian American of the Year this year, and I'm very proud of her. (Applause.) Thank you. (Applause.)

I know that you've already had some briefings today. I want to be fairly brief, but I would like to begin by just thanking you all for the service that you have rendered to this administration in so many different ways, and especially in helping us to relate what we are trying to achieve at home with what our mission must be in the world as we move into the 21st century.

The truth is that we've been very blessed in this administration with having -- with a few exceptions along the way -- broad support from the American people for the agenda that we have pursued here at home. We have, however, had a harder sell to try to persuade large numbers of our people that the agenda we have to pursue abroad is not only consistent with what we're doing at home, but that our success at home depends upon the involvement of America abroad.

A lot of you have helped us with that. I want to talk

a little more about it in a minute, but I want you to know that more than anything else I just want to thank you for that. And I want to thank you for never forgetting your own roots and for using those roots to be both good Americans in the domestic sense and good Americans in the sense of being willing to fulfill our responsibilities around the world at this critical time in world history.

I don't think I can possibly overstate the importance of your maintaining and intensifying that commitment. That is more important, really, than most of the specific issues that come up. And whether we're ever in 100 percent or 90 percent agreement on specific things, the idea that you know that we have to continue our leadership role in the world for peace and freedom and prosperity is critically important.

And I do want to urge you to continue to espouse that to your friends and neighbors and coworkers back home, because that's a case we still haven't fully and finally succeeded in making with the great majority of the American people. And I'll say more about that in a moment.

Today is Flag Day. It's a celebration of American citizenship and patriotism. And also by coincidence is the six-month anniversary of the signing of the Dayton Accords on Bosnia. And to me those two days represent the very point I'm trying to make to you. I know, as I said, you've already had some specific briefings, but I'd like to try to put this in some larger context.

Three and a half years ago, I came to this office with a conviction that the campaign we waged was essential and very much worth the endeavor because America needed a clear vision of what kind of country we were going to be in the 21st century and what our role was in the world.

I thought that we had to do two things -- we had to keep the American Dream alive for all Americans, without regard to their background, in a time when there were vast opportunities opening up at home and abroad, but when it was obvious that there was no strategy to make sure that everybody got a chance to seize those opportunities. And the second thing I wanted to do was to maintain our country's leadership at the end of the Cold War as the world's strongest force for peace and freedom and prosperity. And I want to emphasize, that may seem self-evident to you, but I want to emphasize what a historical anomaly that will be if we succeed in pursuing this.

The Cold War was the only period in American history where our nation was able to muster majority support for continued American leadership. And the only reason we were able to do it after the rigors of World War II is because we solved the reality of the Soviet threat; because we solved the reality of the nuclear threat, as well as the expansion of the Soviet empire into Central

and Eastern Europe. And that made possible much of what we did, right or wrong, in Central and Latin America, in Asia, and throughout the world. But it certainly made possible the larger right, which was that America had to take responsibility for preserving freedom in the world.

It had never happened in peacetime before, but it happened because we characterized that period as a war -- as the Cold War. So that when the Cold War went away, in all kinds of ways the traditional impulses of the American people -- to tend to our own knitting and take care of our business here at home -- began to reassert themselves in ways that were -- some good. We had ignored a lot of problems at home. But there was a lot of very great danger there over the long run.

So to me, in '92, we had to find a way to both recommit America to a domestic agenda of opportunity and recommit America to trying to shape the post-Cold War world.

The strategy that I felt we had to pursue I encapsulated in three words, which embody the experience of immigrant Americans: opportunity, responsibility, and community. America's immigrants from all over the world came here to seize the opportunity of America's bounty; demonstrated enormous personal and family responsibility, which we need more and more of in America today; and did so in a way that built our communities, recognizing that individuals could not succeed divorced from strong families and strong communities and ultimately a strong country.

And so I do believe that the immigrant experience in America, embodying as it does these three great, simple ideas, opportunity, responsibility, and community, is what we need to continue to reassert this mission as we move not only through this election but through the rest of this century and into the new millennium.

Now, we've had a lot of success here. And obviously the case I'm taking to the American people is -- basically has three points. One is, we had a program in '92. We implemented most of it and that we didn't implement we got caught trying. (Laughter.) And the results were good for America. America is better off than it was four years ago.

Secondly, you now have to competing visions for the future, and I believe ours is right; and I believe theirs is wrong, because their vision is embodied in our conflicting budget proposals, our conflicting proposal on the environment, our conflicting proposals on education, and our conflicting world views, at least with some of the Majority Caucus in the Congress, our very different.

But neither one of them is a status quo. I want to give the Republicans that and compliment them. There is no status quo option anymore, but there are very different paths to the future.

And I believe the path we have chosen is more likely to preserve opportunity, enhance responsibility and reward it, and strengthen the American community, because I don't think any great country can go forward without a strong middle class and without trying to give everybody a chance to participate in the bounty of the country.

Finally, and most importantly perhaps, I think that we have a better agenda for the future. Most elections are fought out on tomorrow, not yesterday. If you tell people you should get reelected because you did a good job, they're likely to say, well, that's what I hired you to do; what else is new. You got a paycheck for that yesterday. So I think there has to be a future agenda.

Now, very briefly, let me say -- I know a lot of you know this, but I think one of the lasting contributions of this administration is that we put in place a comprehensive economic strategy for the global economy in a way that had never been done before. There had never been a National Economic Council in the White House. There had never been a system for rigorously working through the economic challenges facing the country and making sure every single resource of the federal government was coordinated to that end. I was very surprised, and I think even the Vice President, having served in the Senate was somewhat surprised, when we actually began to analyze what our predecessors had done. For example, the policies of the Treasury Department had never been reconciled with the policies of the Commerce Department or the Trade Ambassador or the economic portion of the State Department's mission. And we have done that. And the results have been quite good.

We made a commitment to reducing the deficit, to increasing our investment in technology, in the environment, in new opportunities for the future, and to increasing trade for this country. We have had 200 trade agreements, had the broadest expansion of trade in the history of the world. And if you look at the results, we've cut the deficit by more than half. We've had the biggest expansion of trade in history, and the results have been pretty satisfactory -- 9.7 million new jobs, an all-time high in new business formation, an all-time high in exports, 3.7 million new homeowners, and the lowest combined rates of unemployment and inflation in 27 years. Those are pretty good results. And I think those are things that you can relate to. (Applause.)

I want to -- I know Secretary Riley was here and he has already talked about this -- but I want to compliment him for pursuing a comprehensive education agenda, starting with pre-school, to raising standards in the high schools, to trying to increase access to college.

And we've had a comprehensive anti-crime agenda, which has resulted in the passage of the Brady Bill, the assault weapons ban, 100,000 more police on the street, prevention programs for communities. And it's working. The crime rate is going down. You

may -- you know, a couple of days ago I went to this little-bitty town in South Carolina, the scene of a church burning to celebrate the opening of a new church. And this little town in South Carolina had gotten two police officers under our program. And they said, you know, Mr. President, we never got any help from the federal government before and now, as these big cities lower their crime rates, all these drug dealers are coming out in the little towns -- in the suburbs. And if it hadn't been for this program, we'd have a crime rate two or three times what it is here. So that initiative is working.

We've worked very hard on reforming welfare. There are 1.3 million fewer people on welfare today than there were the day I became President. And I'm very proud of that. (Applause.) And it happened because we gave 38 of the 50 states that asked for it permission to move people from welfare to work in ways that would be pro-work and pro-family.

And let me just say parenthetically again, you can have an impact on this. The biggest thing we have to do for all these people that have been trapped in welfare is to recreate the conditions that made immigrants successful in America. That it -- people worked like crazy, but they were able to do it in ways that still supported families. And if we put people in a position in this country today -- and I hate to say it, but increasing numbers of working families are in that position today, where in order to succeed at work, they have to shortchange their children -- we're in deep trouble.

On the other hand, if people are in the position where they say -- as some -- because of the way the welfare system too often works, well if I go to work, I'll give up health care coverage for my kids, and I won't be able to afford child care, and Lord knows what they'll get. So that in order to protect their children, they stay out of the work force. That's also crazy because, in the end, they can't be good role models for their kids; they can't be productive citizens; they can't be contributing instead of taking from our society. So that's the great dilemma there. But we're moving on that. We're making progress. And I feel good about all that.

Now there's a lot to do. Secretary Riley talked about our initiative to open the doors of college to everyone, a \$10,000 tax deduction for the cost of tuition and then, under that, if you will, a \$1,500 tax credit for each of the first two years of college. That would effectively guarantee access to community college to every American. It would take American education from 12 years to 14 years, which is something we know, from the census data, we need to do just to make sure people can get jobs with growing incomes. Huge initiative.

The other thing that the Vice President's taken a lead on is our determination -- if the voters renew our contract -- to hook up every classroom and every library in this country to the

internet by the year 2000 -- every single, solitary one. So that we will, in effect, radically democratize education. So that kids living in poor mountain counties, in the hills of Arkansas and Tennessee, and kids living in underfinanced and even dilapidated urban school districts that are in trouble will still be able to have access to all the information, all the learning that anybody anywhere in the world would. It's a dramatic idea to democratize educational opportunity in America. (Applause.) We have to continue to do it.

The Vice President talked about America's role in the world. We did have the Irish President here yesterday. I also had King Hussein here yesterday. And we had a very good talk about peace in the Middle East. So many of you have supported what we've tried to do to resolve the problems from Northern Ireland, to Cyprus, to the Middle East, to Bosnia, to work on a measured expansion of NATO in a way that supported the unification of Europe around the principles of democracy and security.

Many of you have supported our efforts not only to end the fighting in Bosnia, but do the rebuilding. And I want to say, again, I will, for the rest of my life, be grateful to Ron Brown and those people who perished on that mission in Bosnia, and I know that all of you are. (Applause.) We are determined to send another mission. And I won't be satisfied until I see an airplane with an American flag on it landing at that airport in Dubrovnik. We have got to do that -- (applause.)

After the G-7 Summit, in the next couple of weeks, I've asked the First Lady to go the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia to reaffirm the commitment of the United States with the people of Central Europe -- (applause) -- and to the integrity and the independence of those peoples.

Now we all know America can't be everywhere, and we can't do everything. But there are a lot of things we can do and a lot of things that we must do because we can do them, because there are -- the risks are either minimal or are certainly acceptable, and the stakes are so very, very high.

And let me just make one final statement about that. One of the ways the new isolationism in America has manifested itself that really troubles me in the Congress -- even among people who supported me on GATT and NAFTA, even among people in the Congress and the Republican leadership who supported my wildly unpopular decision to help Mexico -- absolutely the right thing to -- consider where we'd be today if Mexico had collapsed economically, politically and socially and how many million illegal immigrants we'd have in our borders and all the other problems that would have happened. Even among those people, there is a determination to give the Pentagon more money than they've asked for, in the short run; and to starve the political developmental resources the United States needs to help the world go forward -- not just the United Nations budget, but our contributions to the

International Development Fund; our ability to have flexible funds to do things like continue to support the movement to reduce the number of nuclear weapons in the former Soviet Union; and our ability to have funds to support the economic development efforts in Central and Eastern Europe; and to support the economic development efforts that are so desperately needed in the Middle East now.

And this is very troubling to me, because, if you just let me, for a moment, take the Middle East. The Israeli economy, thank God, is growing very rapidly. And I believe it will help to keep the peace process alive because the Israelis will be able to see that they don't want to cut off their ties to their neighbors and others around the world who are relating to the region more because there's a peace process going. But there are still desperate economic problems in Gaza and the West Bank. And as I've told everyone, when this peace process started three and a half years ago, the United States had an interest in peace in the Middle East, when the Bush administration started the Madrid talks. But we had an obligation to the security of Israel.

Today the United States has an interest in peace in the Middle East, an obligation to the security of Israel, and an obligation to the peace-loving Arabs who have stuck their necks out and risked their lives to try to promote the peace. (Applause.) And that's what King Hussein and I were talking about yesterday.

So I would ask all of you, particularly those of you who have friends and ties in the Republican Congress -- or people back home who do, who are part of your associations and your groups -- it is a great mistake to say that America must lead in the world, to say to the Pentagon, you don't know you're own interests, we're going to make you take more money in the next three years than you say you need, and then cut \$3 or \$4 billion out of our developmental assistance, our ability to help the Central and Eastern Europeans, our ability to help people in the Middle East, our ability to help resolve, you know, some of the other problems that we might be able to resolve if we had some developmental assistance in the Balkans and in other areas where there are all these tensions.

That is a great mistake. With a little bit of funds we can do an enormous amount. I haven't even mentioned the potential problems, as well as the potential upside, of the difficulties between India and Pakistan. There are other things that I could talk about.

It also undermines our ability to have influence with our European friends and with our Japanese friends if the idea is America can't pay it's own way, but it's going to have a military bigger than the general has asked for that won't ever do anything. Now, we will do some things. So I say to you, I'm prepared to make unpopular decisions. The majority of the people were against what I did in Haiti, were against what I did in Bosnia, were against

what we did in Mexico. But in the end, people came around.

But there are a lot of things which could be done which would not rise to that level of conflict that would have an enormous impact on these regions of the world. And so I say to you if we are going to fulfill the mission that America has in the future, we need not only a commitment to stay involved in the world, we need to understand that American involvement requires something more than a looming military presence that sometimes can be brought to bear in a very positive way -- as it has been in Bosnia, as it has been in Haiti, for example.

And you can do that. A lot of you can have an impact on that. So I ask you to think about that. I really believe the best days of this country are ahead of us. I believe that we can expand the American Dream of opportunity to all Americans. I believe that we can solve a lot of our social problems; we've proved that. You know, when you've got the crime rate, the welfare rate and the poverty rate all going down, that's a pretty good sign in this country.

And I believe we can move the world in the right direction. I don't think we'll ever be able to solve all the problems; we'll never be able to keep everybody from hating everybody else. But I think that we can make dramatic progress. But we have to have the tools to make progress and we have to have an attitude in the American people that understands that we cannot preserve what is special about America and withdraw from the world -- the two things are inherently inconsistent. You know that, you live that.

And so I ask you in the weeks and months ahead to do what you can to become missionaries for that point of view to your friends and neighbors in the communities and states where you live. You can have a big impact on that. Because together -- together -- we can create a world that has more opportunity and less slaughter than at any time in human history if we make the right decisions and if we keep our eyes on the future and on our children.

Thank you very much.

END

11:15 A.M. EDT

*free release***THE WHITE HOUSE**

Office of the Press Secretary
(Orlando, Florida)

For Immediate Release

September 6, 1996

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

Today, at my request, Secretary of State Christopher called for a NATO Summit next year to take the next steps on adapting and enlarging the NATO Alliance and preparing it for the 21st Century.

At the last NATO Summit in Brussels in January 1994, my fellow NATO heads of government and I set out an ambitious agenda to adapt NATO to the opportunities and challenges of the new century. We agreed that NATO would take on new roles and missions in pursuit of peace. We agreed to strengthen the European pillar of the Alliance to promote greater European responsibility and burdensharing. And we agreed to reach out to Europe's new and emerging democracies through creation of the Partnership for Peace and by moving, steadily and deliberately, to add new members to the Alliance. We were determined to end the Cold War division of Europe and create, for the first time in history, a Europe united in peace, democracy and free market prosperity.

The results are impressive: NATO already has taken on new roles and missions. The Alliance's successful IFOR operation in Bosnia, undertaken with broad participation by non-NATO members, has brought peace to that beleaguered country. NATO is reshaping its military side to make it better able to take on new missions while strengthening the European defense role within the Alliance. We are continuing to deepen and enhance the Partnership for Peace, which has created unprecedented links between NATO and the nations of Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. And we are intensifying our efforts to build a strong partnership between NATO and Russia. NATO has also been making great strides in its preparations for enlargement, holding intensive consultations on the requirements and responsibilities of membership with many of Europe's emerging new democracies.

I believe that NATO heads of government should meet in the spring or early summer of next year to take the next decisive steps. This Summit would invite the first group of aspiring NATO members to begin accession talks to bring them into the Alliance. It would announce a major enhancement of the Partnership for Peace. It would also finalize work in adapting the NATO military structure to provide a more distinctive European role with full Allied participation. Finally, the Summit would, we hope, confirm establishment of a broad and deep NATO-Russia partnership for the long term.

I call on my fellow NATO heads of government to join with me in this endeavor. Together, we can make this Summit the most historic and forward-looking in the history of our NATO Alliance, furthering our vision of an undivided Europe, and building a bridge of peace and security, democracy and prosperity to the 21st Century.

free Ukraine

Pascual, Carlos E.

From: Pascual, Carlos E.
To: @LEGISLAT-Legislative Affairs
Cc: /R, Record at A1; Elkind, Jonathan H.; @RUSSIA - Russia/Ukraine
Subject: NIS Earmarks [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Tuesday, September 24, 1996 4:30PM

Eugene Iwanciw has been calling WH Public Liaison and the DNC to complain that the Administration is trying to get a waiver on the Ukraine and Armenia earmarks but is not requesting similar waivers for any other countries. If Eugene is calling around, the Armenian-Americans are probably not far behind. I suspect that Eugene is getting his information from McConnell's office. I doubt you will get any Hill calls, but here are key facts:

--As currently written, there are hard earmarks against 57% of the NIS account -- far higher than any other account.

--Within hard earmarks for country levels, there are subearmarks which direct funds to specific projects at specific levels.

--OMB accepted a State proposal to seek language which would allow earmarked funds for the NIS to be reprogrammed if so notified to and accepted by the Appropriations Committees. That language must have gone to the Hill and been shared with Eugene.

I would suggest the following points if we get calls:

--Hard earmarks at a level of 57% of the NIS account are unprecedented.

--Some flexibility is needed to make sure that funds are used effectively. We do not want to put money into programs that do not work. Nor do we want to spend more money on projects than is needed simply because they are earmarked at a higher level.

--What we are proposing is that we have the option to notify the Appropriating Committees if we think that there is a rationale to deviate from earmarked levels. This is not a waiver, and any changes would require Congressional concurrence.

I will share this e-mail with WH Public Liaison.

FO 4

In the appropriations language under the heading " Assistance for the New Independent States of the Former Soviet Union" insert as a new paragraph at the end of the appropriations language:

Funds appropriated under this heading which are earmarked may be reprogrammed for other programs under this heading notwithstanding the earmark if the Committees on Appropriations are notified, in accordance with the regular notification procedures of such Committees, that circumstances in the New Independent States so warrant.

- state language
- being used in negotiations on bill



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E.O. 12958: N/A
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SUBJECT: NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE FOR UKRAINE

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON TO PRESIDENT KUCHMA AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME PRIOR TO AUGUST 24.

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR LEONID:

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE SPECIAL OCCASION OF YOUR INDEPENDENCE DAY, AUGUST 24, TO CONGRATULATE YOU ONCE AGAIN ON THE GREAT STEPS FORWARD TAKEN BY THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE THIS YEAR.

THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN MARKED BY EXTRAORDINARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT HAVE ADVANCED THE SOVEREIGNTY AND PROSPERITY OF UKRAINE WHILE POSITIONING UKRAINE AS A STABILIZING FORCE IN AN EVOLVING AND UNDIVIDED EUROPE. YOU AND THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE CAN TAKE PRIDE IN A NEW CONSTITUTION THAT ENSHRINES THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS AS THE BEDROCK OF YOUR POLITICAL SYSTEM. AND YOUR DECISION TO COMPLETE THE REMOVAL OF NUCLEAR WARHEADS FROM THE TERRITORY OF UKRAINE HAS BEEN LAUDED BY THE

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS AN HISTORIC STEP. IN ITS FIVE YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE, UKRAINE HAS EMERGED AS A LEADER FOR PEACE AND DEMOCRACY.

THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER NATIONS RESPECT YOUR ACHIEVEMENT. WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING UKRAINE THROUGH ITS AMBITIOUS AND FAR-SIGHTED REFORMS AND TO WORKING WITH UKRAINE AND OUR EUROPEAN PARTNERS TO PROMOTE UKRAINE'S INTEGRATION INTO THE EUROPEAN FAMILY. PLEASE ACCEPT OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES ON YOUR INDEPENDENCE DAY.

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SINCERELY,
WILLIAM J. CLINTON

END TEXT

2. THE WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT OF
MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF THE GOVERNMENT OF UKRAINE
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Americans for Human Rights in Ukraine

Ukrainian American Professionals and Businesspersons Association of New York & New Jersey

Ukrainian National Women's League of America, Branch 75

have the honor to announce and invite you to a

PUBLIC MEETING WITH

MELANNE VERVEER (nee Starinshak)

Deputy Assistant to the **President** and Deputy Chief of Staff to the **First Lady**

who will speak and show slides on

President Clinton's and the **First Lady's** visit to Ukraine in 1995

Saturday 16 4:00
WHEN: Friday, March 15, 1996 at 7:30 PM

WHERE: in the Gymnasium of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church
746 Sanford Avenue, Newark, NJ 07106

Admission: \$5.00; senior citizens and students \$3.00; children free

Security officer at the parking lot

For further information please call: Bozhena Olshaniwsky (201) 373-9729
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Melanne Starinshak Verveer was raised in Shamokin, Pennsylvania, where she attended Transfiguration Ukrainian School. She received her high school diploma from St. Mary's Villa Academy in Sloatsburg, New York. Both schools were run by the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, a Ukrainian religious order. Her maternal and paternal grandparents were born in Ukraine, emigrated to the U.S. at the turn of the century and settled in Pennsylvania.

"Appointment With Power" noted:

".... No First Lady has ever been as deeply involved in the substantive issues of government as Hillary Rodham Clinton, and certainly no First Lady's staff has ever had a political operative of the caliber and experience of Melanne Verveer."

Американці в Обороні Людських Прав в Україні

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Нью Йорку і Нью Джерзі

Союз Українок Америки, 75-ий Відділ

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Меленн Вервір -- допоміжною асистенткою Президента Билла Клінтона і заступницею шефа бюро Першої Лейді Гіллярі Родгам Клінтон

Меленн Старіншак Вервір розповість і покаже прозорки про державні
відвідини Президента і Першої Лейді в Україні в 1995 році

Коли: *Суббота 16* П'ятниця, 15-го березня, 1996 в *4:00 PM* 7:30 вечора

Де: в гімнастичній залі Церкви св. Івана Хрестителя, 746 Сенфорд
Евеню, Ньюарк, Нью Джерзі

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За інформацією прошу дзвонити до:

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Меленн Старіншак Вервір вихована в Шамокін, Пеннсильванія де вона ходила до української школи св. Преображення. Середню освіту здобула в Академії Вілля св. Марії в Слотсбургу, Нью Йорк. Обидві школи під зарядом чину Сестер Служебниць Непорочної Діви Марії. Її діди з боку матері і батька, роджені в Україні, емігрували до Америки на початку століття і поселилися в Пеннсильванії.

В "Appointment With Power" -- "Зустріч із Потугою" написано:

"..... Ще ніколи Перша Лейді не була так поважно заангажована в підставових справах уряду як Гіллярі Родгам Клінтон, і ще ніколи в бюрі Першої Лейді не працювала активістка політичного оперативу такого високого калібру і досвіду як Меленн Вервір".

Melanne

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
February 10, 1996

MEETING WITH THE
CENTRAL AND EAST EUROPEAN COALITION

DATE: February 12, 1996

LOCATION: Roosevelt Room

TIME: 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

FROM: ANTHONY LANE ✓
ALEXIS HERMAN RH

I. PURPOSE

To convey your commitment to the Central and Eastern European American communities and the Administration's policy positions in the areas of concern to them.

II. BACKGROUND

The Central and East European Coalition is a network of eighteen major national ethnic organizations involved in public policy issues both in Washington, D.C. and their local communities. The Coalition was formed two years ago as a vehicle to call greater attention to policy concerns of Central and Eastern European American organizations. It is a working coalition of the organizations' Washington representatives who meet to define joint public policy objectives and positions and efforts toward the Administration and the Hill.

The White House has worked with this coalition and many of the individual organization members. While you have never met with the Central and East European Coalition, you have met with some members of this group in different settings. The Coalition last met with senior Administration officials in late November 1995, when Assistant Secretary Holbrooke briefed them on the Administration's Bosnia policy. That meeting generated the Coalition's public support for our policy, the first time the Coalition had supported any Administration position.

In late January, the Coalition sent you a letter and position paper on NATO expansion. In the letter the group asked for a meeting to discuss concerns and ideas addressed in the position paper. White House OPL and NSC had pursued

scheduling on a separate track for this meeting previously and by coincidence announced invitations to this meeting on the same day we received their request. We expect the Coalition will raise the following issues:

NATO Enlargement. The Coalition strongly supports NATO enlargement and fears that we are not pushing hard enough. They seek early decisions on enlargement's "who and when." At a minimum, they seek assurance that we have not backed away from enlargement as part of a "deal with Moscow."

NATO enlargement comes close to being a litmus test for many of the Coalition's constituent groups.

U.S. Foreign Assistance. The Coalition supports SEED and Freedom Support Act assistance and funding. They have criticized what they consider inefficiencies in assistance delivery and have recommended that some assistance be channeled through groups such as theirs that know the region and are committed to its successful development. *The NIS and CEE Assistance Coordinators will be at the meeting; you can ask them to provide detail or to follow up.*

Human Rights and Rule of Law. The Coalition has struggled to find a way to handle intra-CEE disputes over minority issues (Hungary-Slovakia, Hungary-Romania) without generating splits in their own ranks. The group may avoid raising specific questions with you but instead simply ask for continued U.S. attention to human rights and minority problems in the region. The Baltic representatives are particularly sensitive to issues concerning their large Russian minority out of fear that Moscow can exploit the issue. *We follow minority and human rights issues very closely throughout the region.*

The Armenian-American group may raise the Humanitarian Aid Corridor Act, which would require a termination of assistance to Turkey. Talking points on this matter are attached.

Russian Foreign Policy. The Coalition is skeptical about Moscow's intentions toward CEE and non-Russian former Soviet states. They are concerned that the U.S. Government is either Russo-centric, naive or, worse, willing to bargain CEE's fate away for the sake of Russian equities. Baltic-American groups are particularly concerned, reflecting the Baltic states' greater vulnerability to Russian pressure.

Voice of America and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty. The Coalition supports continued U.S. Government broadcasting.

Through the relocation to Prague, we have given RFE/RL a new mission at greatly reduced cost. We support continued programming, although some languages have been phased out of RFE/RL (e.g., Polish, Czech) and their operations privatized.

Support for Legal Immigration. This issue provides an opportunity for the Administration to stress its support for legal immigration and the maintenance of rights for legal immigrants. You could contrast the Administration's policy with that of the Congress. This issue also provides a window to discuss domestic issues.

III. PARTICIPANTS

30 participants. (List attached at Tab A)

Anthony Lake
Alexis Herman
Daniel Fried
Richard Morningstar, Freedom Support Act Coordinator
James Holms, SEED Act Coordinator
Marilyn DiGiacobbe

IV. PRESS PLAN

Closed press.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Prior to your arrival, the group will meet with Alexis Herman, Anthony Lake and others.

- You greet the participants who will be seated in the Roosevelt Room.
- You make brief opening remarks.
- You take questions from three to four participants.
- You depart and the meeting concludes.

VI. REMARKS

Remarks and talking points provided. (See Tab B.)

Attachments

Tab A List of participants

Tab B Opening remarks and talking points

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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 Mr. Martins Zvaners, Director of Public Affairs, Rockville, Maryland

ARMENIAN ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA

Mr. Carl J. Bazarian, Chairman, Washington, DC
 Mr. Ross Vartian, Executive Director, Washington, DC

BELARUSIAN CONGRESS COMMITTEE OF AMERICA

Mr. Russell Zavistovich, President, Fort Washington, Maryland
 Ms. Alice Kipel, Washington Representative, Rutherford, New Jersey

BULGARIAN INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS

Ms. Emanuela Orahovats, Washington Representative, Washington, D.C.
 Dr. George Lazar, Board Member, St. George Orthodox Church, Baltimore, Maryland

CONGRESS OF ROMANIAN AMERICANS

Mr. Armand Scala, President, McLean, Virginia
 Bishop Nathaniel Popp, Chairman, Jackson, Michigan

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Ms. Edith Lauer, President, Cleveland, Ohio
 Rev. Imre Bertalan, Chairman, Rockville, Maryland

JOINT BALTIC AMERICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Dr. John B. Genys, Chairman, Lanham, Maryland

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Mr. Leopold Danihels, President, Los Angeles, California

UKRAINIAN CONGRESS COMMITTEE OF AMERICA

Mr. Askold Lozynskyj, President, New York, New York
Mr. Michael Sawkiw, Director, Washington Office, Washington,
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UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Ms. Ulana Diachuk, President, Jersey City, New Jersey
Mr. Eugene Iwanciw, UNA Representative to the CEEC,
Washington, DC

POINTS TO BE MADE FOR MEETING WITH
CENTRAL AND EAST EUROPE COALITION

Overall

- American security and prosperity at home depends on our leadership abroad.
- Reject isolationists who want us to retreat, abandon Europe's new democracies. Know you agree.
- In America's interest for Central Europe's democracies to join West, West's institutions.
- Expanding the democratic community will bring stability, peace, new markets; consolidate gains of Cold War's end.

Bosnia

- Grateful for Coalition's support on Bosnia. Proud of America's soldiers, there to help peace hold.
- Many nations of CEE with us: Polish and Czech battalions; troops from Hungary, Baltic states; Hungarian base; Ukraine participating; Russian troops working with IFOR.
- Credit to PFP, which made this cooperation possible.

NATO Enlargement

- NATO will take in new members. U.S. leading. Process moving carefully but steadily forward; won't stop or slow. No outside vetoes.
- Will stick to NATO timetable: in 1996, intensive NATO talks with PFP countries that want them. NATO will decide next step this December.
- Admitting new NATO members takes two-thirds of Senate. Must work hard with them.

Russia

- Realistic about Russia. Reform processes going on, but forces of reaction, old instincts persist. In our best interest to continue to engage Russia to sustain momentum on reform; disengagement would only strengthen hand of regressive forces.

- Offering Russia place in new Europe: NATO-Russia and PFP. But ready to respond to unacceptable Russian steps.
- U.S. does not, will not accept Russian "sphere of influence" over its neighbors.
- Our Russia policy combines patience, long-term perspective, steadiness. U.S. keeping in close touch with CEE countries.

Ukraine

- Have built strong relationship with Ukraine. Look forward to seeing Kuchma on February 21.
- Will continue working with Kiev to move on economic reform, which is key to Ukraine's long-term stability, independence.

CONTINGENCY POINTS

U.S. Assistance (If raised)

- CEE proves free market reform works. Fast reformers like Poland, Czech Republic doing very well: growth, investment up; unemployment, inflation, deficits down. Other CEEs just getting started. Romania, Ukraine making good progress.
- In U.S. interest to help: free market success strengthens democracy; better markets means U.S. exports and jobs.
- U.S. assistance -- SEED, Freedom Support Act -- has made a difference. In FY96, Congress cut SEED from \$420M request to \$324M; FSA from \$786M request to \$641M.
- Ukraine number one recipient of FSA assistance in FY 96.

Human Rights/Ethnic Issues (If raised)

- Human rights, treatment of ethnic minorities a key to U.S. relations with all countries, including CEE.
- Do not support separatism, ethnic-based group autonomy. Do press governments to reach out to minorities, build confidence, avoid backsliding.

Armenian "Humanitarian Aid Corridor Act" (If raised)

- Support Armenian independence, security, sovereignty.