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Dear Bill,

Thank you for your congratulations on my victory in the presidential elections. I see it, above all, as a victory for reforms and democracy in Russia. The election results are the final guarantee against any attempts to push Russia off the path it has opted for.

The election campaign was not an easy one. We had to counter Communist demagoguery, a "game without rules" approach, and provocations. But during the whole campaign I was strictly following the line that elections should be held in time, that they should be fair and free and that people should express their will. Such options as toughening our foreign policy or artificially exacerbating domestic situation to score easy points did not exist for me.

I appreciate responsible and sound position which you have taken during these stormy months. I am aware that not everyone in the US approved this position and that strong pressure was exerted upon you. Nevertheless, you managed to stand firm. You understand that the world situation in general, strategic stability at the global level and in the key regions to a large extent depends on the democracy and reforms' success in Russia. You realize the significance of cooperation with strong democratic Russia. This is a matter of pivotal importance.

We also attach primary importance to the development of close relations of constructive and equal partnership with the United States. I believe that the election results reinforce my mandate for building such relationship with the United States.

I sincerely regret that we did not have a chance to meet in Lyon. But I believe I was right because at such moments one should stay with his nation, and I appreciate your understanding.

I remember all the agreements we reached in Moscow. Some of them, first of all on the "flank" issue, have already been implemented and considerable progress has been achieved on the others. In this situation we should not slow down the momentum. It is necessary that we constantly stay in touch. I view your meeting with Victor Chernomyrdin in Lyon as very useful. We look forward to Vice-President Gore's visit to Moscow in mid-July. Apparently, consultations will be needed at Foreign Ministers' level, first of all, to discuss the START-ABM, NATO and the Middle East set of issues.

But all these contacts are not a substitute for our direct dialogue. In the next few months we should by all means find an opportunity to exchange views on the principal directions of relations between our countries for the forthcoming period. In a sense, these months will be a dateline. We will have to take decisions on a number of important international and military and political issues. I would like these decisions to be yet another reaffirmation of the course toward equal and mutually beneficial partnership between Russia and the United States.

The election campaign in Russia is over. The election campaign in the US is entering its final stage. In this connection I would like to assure you that you can count on my full understanding. I feel confident that the Americans, just like the Russians, do not want a return to the Cold War.

Thank you again for your friendly congratulations.

With best regards,

B.Yeltsin



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Дорогой Билл,

Спасибо тебе за поздравление по поводу моей победы на выборах. Рассматриваю ее прежде всего как победу дела реформ и демократии в России. Итоги выборов - это окончательная гарантия против любых попыток сбить Россию с избранного пути.

Избирательная кампания складывалась непросто. Пришлось столкнуться с коммунистической демагогией, с "игрой без правил", с провокациями. Но на всем протяжении предвыборной борьбы я неукоснительно держался линии на то, чтобы выборы состоялись четко в назначенный срок, чтобы они были честными и свободными, чтобы народ высказал свою волю. Таких вариантов, как ужесточить внешнюю политику или искусственно обострить обстановку внутри страны в расчете на легкие "очки", для меня не существовало.

Я ценю ответственную и солидную позицию, которую занимал ты в эти бурные месяцы. Знаю, что не все в США были согласны с этой позицией, что на тебя оказывалось сильное давление. Тем не менее, ты устоял. Ты понимаешь, что от успеха демократии и реформ в России во

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г.Вашингтон

многом зависит ситуация в мире в целом, стратегическая стабильность на глобальном уровне и в ключевых регионах. Ты понимаешь значение сотрудничества с сильной, демократической Россией. Это - принципиально важно.

Мы тоже придаем исключительное значение развитию с Соединенными Штатами тесных отношений конструктивного и равноправного партнерства. Исхожу из того, что итоги выборов подкрепляют мой мандат на строительство с США таких отношений.

Искренне сожалею, что нам не удалось встретиться в Лионе. Однако считаю, что поступил правильно - в такие минуты надо быть со своим народом, - и благодарен тебе за проявленное понимание.

Я помню все наши московские договоренности. Некоторые из них, прежде всего - по "фланговой" проблеме, уже реализованы, по другим - достигнут существенный прогресс. В этой ситуации нельзя терять темп работы. Необходимо поддерживать постоянный контакт. Как весьма полезную расцениваю вашу встречу с В.С.Черномырдиным в Лионе. Ждем приезда в Москву в середине июля вице-президента А.Гора. Очевидно, потребуются консультации на уровне министров иностранных дел, прежде всего по комплексу вопросов СНВ-ПРО, НАТО и Ближнему Востоку.

Однако все эти контакты - не замена прямого разговора между нами. В ближайшие месяцы нам обязательно нужно будет найти возможность обменяться мнениями по главным направлениям отношений между нашими странами на предстоящий период. Эти месяцы будут в определенном смысле рубежными. Предстоит принять решения по ряду важных международных и военно-политических вопросов. Я хочу, чтобы эти решения стали новым подтверждением курса на равноправное и взаимовыгодное партнерство между Россией и США.

Избирательная кампания в России позади. Избирательная кампания в США вступает в завершающий этап. В этой связи могу заверить тебя, что ты можешь рассчитывать на полное понимание с моей стороны. Уверен, что американцы, как и россияне, не желают возврата к "холодной войне".

Еще раз благодарю тебя за дружеское поздравление.

С наилучшими пожеланиями,



Б.Ельцин

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
7-10-96

POINTS TO BE MADE FOR
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH
GENERAL WAYNE DOWNING

- Wanted to thank you for taking on this important task for Bill Perry. Determined to get to the bottom of what happened in Saudi Arabia, make sure it never happens again.
- Any support you need, not only from DOD but from any agency, you will have it.
- Not an investigation, but an assessment. Know you have talked to Justice and FBI about coordinating your effort with their investigation.
- Need you to look back to see if there is anything that did not work as well as it should have....and to look ahead to see what needs to be fixed now to prevent another attack.
- Know Perry gave you 45 days to report, but if you see anything that requires immediate action, do not hesitate to give us a special interim report.
- Have to assume that whoever did this may try it again anytime.
- This is as important as any job can be. Very thankful that you agreed to come out of your brief retirement to serve your country again, Wayne.

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~~Samuel~~
~~Downing~~
~~OK~~

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7/10/96

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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July 9, 1996

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: STEPHANIE STREETT & ANNE HAWLEY *SH*

SUBJECT: SCHEDULING DECISIONS

CC: EVELYN LIEBERMAN

ACCEPT

Date of Event:

Description of Event:

7/10/96

Photo Op / Meet and Greet With the Delegation
Traveling to Bosnia and Croatia With Secretary
Kantor

7/12/96

Tea With Colonel Bourgeois and His Family

Colonel Bourgeois is retiring as head of the
United States Marine Band. Mrs. Clinton will
attend this tea.

7/17/96

White House Reception For the "Arts in
Embassies"

7/24/96

White House Endowment Fund Reception

7/26/96

Drop By Meeting With Representatives of Major
American Jewish Organizations

7/29/96

Children's Programming Summit

7/29/96

Ambassador Credentials

8/5/96

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Drop By Meeting With Arab American
Community Leadership

8/6/96

Meeting With the Prime Minister of Sweden

August '96

Interview With Barbara Walters for
"20/20"

PENDING

Date of Event:

Description of Event:

7/23/96 - 7/27/96

Meeting With the Family of Lee Jackson

You met with this family prior to the ceremony at Dover Air Force Base following the crash of Secretary Brown's plane. The family will be in town for a ceremony honoring their son at the Treasury Department. We were told that you extended an invitation to the family to visit you at the White House if they were ever in Washington.

7/24/96

Olympic Soccer at RFK Stadium: US vs. Portugal

7/29/96

Joint Interview With Mrs. Clinton For *Ladies Home Journal*

You and Mrs. Clinton would be interviewed by the Editor of *Ladies Home Journal* and the President of the League of Women Voters.

8/2/96 - 8/5/96

Satellite to the American Federation of Teachers National Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio

8/2/96

Garden Party and Evening Parade at Marine Barracks, Washington, DC.

This is the last opportunity you will have to attend the parade this summer with the Commandant in attendance. Tony Lake is currently scheduled to serve as the "Reviewing Officer" in the event you cannot attend.

8/5/96 - 8/8/96

Speech to the Constitutional Convention of the United Steel Workers, Pittsburgh, PA.

NOTE: It is likely that we will regret your attendance at this convention and record a video.

8/6/96 - 8/8/96

✓ Photo Op With Group of International Chefs,
"Club des Chefs des Chefs"

da This group is a collection of chefs to the Heads of State and Governments around the world. Walter Scheib, Executive Chef of the White House is a member of the group. This request was submitted by the First Lady's Office.

REGRET

Date of Event:

Description of Event:

7/10/96

X Attend Briefing at Central Command Headquarters
MacDill AFB, Florida

Your schedule in Florida will not permit you to attend this briefing. In addition, the NSC does not feel that this briefing is essential.

7/14/96 - 7/17/96

X Speech to the U.S. Agricultural Communicators'
Congress, Washington, DC

Secretary Glickman will be speaking to this group.

7/22/96 - 7/24/96

Meeting With South African Deputy President
Thabo Mbeki

Deputy President Mbeki will be in the United States meeting with the Vice President. You will be traveling all day July 22 and July 23. July 24 is a day off for you.