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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

91 JUL 26 P12:32

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Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 2:00 p.m., TODAY, FRIDAY, JULY 26, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

THIS CONTAINS IMPORTANT

RESPONSE:

**RESEARCH CHANGES!
DON'T BLOW IT OFF!**

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
Ext. 2702

Grant / Simon
A: KIEV.ARR Draft three
July 25, 1991

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**BRIEF REMARKS: ARRIVAL STATEMENT IN KIEV
AUGUST 1, 1991**

*Take all
changes*

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I am here to tell you: the day of new and righteous law is approaching. Together, we stand committed to a new world order based on the rule of law and the guarantee of freedom. Yes, the world is changing profoundly. But with change comes opportunity, and hope for the future.

The American people are hopeful. They are looking forward to a new Soviet Union, one turning toward free markets and free people. To offer help and hope where needed, we recently opened a Consulate General in this city.

We've just concluded two long days of very productive work in Moscow, which included the signing of an historic treaty that will, for the first time, reduce ^{strategic} nuclear forces between our ^(Simon) countries.

The American people are sincere. In the aftermath of the Chernobyl tragedy, we shared the pain of those who were hurt. American citizens and private relief organizations responded with deep concern and generosity to that sad event. American physicians are helping Ukrainian officials to study the long-term health effects of the accident -- in fact, a team is arriving this fall to examine children.

You are a strong people, with a rich and glorious past spanning centuries of change and upheaval. You first brought Christianity to this part of Europe, over 1000 years ago -- in the days of Prince Vladimir of Kiev. ~~The Prince sent emissaries first to explore all the great religions of the world. After hearing about their inspirational visit to the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul -- ((I was there two weeks ago myself)) -- Prince Vladimir decided on the Orthodox faith.~~ When he baptized his followers in the Dnieper River, Christianity took hold in Eastern Europe.

Now, for the first time ^{(in forty years,} ^(Simon) ~~since the Russian Revolution,~~ the patriarchs of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church ^{and Catholic Churches have} has returned to Kiev ~~with the freedom to practice religion,~~ and a spiritual renewal has begun. A new day, in some ways, is already here. ^{among all the religious groups in Ukraine -- orthodox, Catholics, Jews, and others.}

Again, it's a pleasure to be here. To Chairman Kravchuk -- thank you for your warm hospitality. ~~To all the Ukrainian people~~ -- ~~Slava Ukraini~~ [SLAH va OO-kra-YEE-nee]! ~~Glory to Ukraine!~~

N.B. - additional changes.

*(Gardner)
(who is
second-generation
Ukrainian)
by the way*

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PHILLIP D. BRADY
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 Ext. 2702

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 30, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: TONY SNOWS
FROM: MARY KATE GRANT
SUBJECT: KIEV ARRIVAL STATEMENT

I. SUMMARY

On Thursday, August 1, at 1:00 p.m., you will make a 4 minute arrival statement in Kiev, Ukraine at Boristol Airport. There are 400 invited guests in addition to the official parties.

Grant / Simon
A: KIEV.ARR Draft four
July 30, 1991

BRIEF REMARKS: ARRIVAL STATEMENT IN KIEV
AUGUST 1, 1991

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Ukraine is the motherland of many thousands of Americans. In fact, back home in Washington, D.C., stands a statue of the Ukrainian poet and painter, Taras Shevchenko. Once, reflecting on the democratic experiment in America, he wrote: "When will we have a Washington with a new and righteous law? One day we shall have him."

I am here to tell you that the United States stands committed to a new world order based on what Shevchenko called a "new and righteous law" -- the rule of law, and the guarantee of real economic freedom; political freedom; religious freedom. Yes, the world is changing profoundly. But with change comes opportunity, and hope for the future.

The American people applaud the changes that are creating a Soviet Union blessed with free markets and free people. We are anxious to offer help and hope where needed -- to build ties of understanding and common interest. In that spirit we recently opened a Consulate General in this city.

I come here having concluded two days of very productive work in Moscow. President Gorbachev and I signed an historic treaty that will, for the first time, reduce nuclear forces

between our countries. But we also talked of peace and prosperity -- in hopes that our nations can increase trade and share ideas and experiences with one another.

Now, we look forward to meeting with Chairman Kravchuk and Ukrainian officials. We want to expand the scope of our relationship with the people of this republic -- build stronger and fuller economic ties; extend the range and quality of cultural, social, academic and professional exchanges.

We want to build the strongest possible relationship with all the peoples of the Soviet Union. We want to retain the strongest possible official relationship with the Gorbachev government, but we also appreciate the importance of more extensive ties with Ukraine and other republics.

The American people care about the Soviet Union and its republics. In the aftermath of the Chernobyl tragedy, American citizens and private relief organizations responded with deep concern and generosity. American physicians are helping Ukrainian officials study the long-term health effects of the accident. And through a presidential initiative on medical assistance, we have shipped badly-needed pharmaceutical supplies to help Chernobyl victims.

You are a strong people. Your rich and glorious past spans centuries of upheaval and change. You first brought Christianity to this part of Europe, this crossroads of Europe and Asia. Christianity took hold here over 1000 years ago, when Prince Vladimir of Kiev baptized his followers in the Dnieper River.

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PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
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(Hinchliffe/Blymire)
July 30, 1991 11 a.m.
KLUNCH.TS Draft Three

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: KIEV LUNCHEON
August 1, 1991

Good afternoon, and thank you. I'm grateful to Chairman Kravchuk and people of Ukraine for welcoming me so warmly through your "Golden Gate."

We have come to this historic city to meet with republic leaders like Chairman Kravchuk, and we remember Hilarion's call to the people of Kiev: "Behold your city, radiant with majesty... adorned with holy icons and fragrant with thyme.... Beholding all this, rejoice and be of good cheer."

Kiev dazzles with the beauty known to Prince Vladimir 1000 years ago. In a way, he brought not only Christianity but his own perestroika -- transforming this city from a place of war into a beacon of peace and faith.

I've come to Kiev to learn more about the tremendous challenges you face -- to strengthen the ties that link the people of America and the people of Ukraine -- and to signal our strong support for free markets and free government.

This visit is the first by an American President to Ukraine -- but our people are by no means strangers. In Baltimore, in Cleveland and Buffalo, and all across America, many thousands of Ukrainian-Americans preserve your proud heritage and history.

The end of the long era of Cold War opens opportunities to forge a new relationship. Through increased trade, expanded exchanges -- through American medical assistance efforts aimed at

helping you cope with the after-effects of Chernobyl -- the United States and Ukraine can build a future based on shared aspirations and common interests. //

Our visit marks a beginning. We do not come to tell you how to pursue your future. We will not preach or prescribe solutions. We come to offer our expertise, our hopes. We will do our best to build sturdier ties of culture, ideas, and trade with the Soviet Union and all of its Republics.

America stands ready to support the forces of reform in Ukraine -- especially those of economic reform. But in the end, Ukraine will shape its own future. Only you can transform an economy based on the concept of command and control into one based on the laws of supply and demand.

Only you can guarantee the sovereign rights of the individual -- political, religious, and economic.

You will bear responsibility for making your land more prosperous and free -- according to your traditions and culture, your hopes and dreams.

My Ukrainian friends -- our futures hold great promise. In the words of your poet Sosiura [suh-SIEW-ruh]: "Amid the brotherhood of nations, like a dew-filled garden, the Ukraine shines above the centuries. Love her with all your heart and with all your deeds."

May God bless both our lands.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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July 30, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: TONY SNOW 77

SUBJECT: REMARKS AT BABI YAR

I. SUMMARY

On Thursday, August 1, at 5:15 p.m., you will visit the Holocaust Memorial at Babi Yar, and make brief remarks (6 minutes, on cards). You depart the Soviet Union immediately after this ceremony.

Snow/Blymire
Babi
Draft Two
July 30, 1991

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: THE MONUMENT AT BABI YAR
AUGUST 2, 1991
(5:15 p.m.)

(Introductory acknowledgments.)

We come to Babi Yar to remember. We remember violence and valor; we remember prejudice and selflessness.

At Babi Yar, in the vast quiet here, something larger than life assails us: the shadows of past evil; the light of past virtue. The wind that shakes the leaves bears a special weight, as if whispering warnings and cautions; telling tales of victims and villains; cowards and heroes.

Babi Yar stands as a monument to many things. It reminds us that history gives our lives meaning and continuity, and that any nation that tries to repudiate history -- tries to ignore the actors and events that shaped it -- only repudiates itself.

For many years, the tragedy of Babi Yar went unacknowledged. That has changed. You soon will place a plaque on this site that acknowledges the genocide against the Jews, the slaughter of gypsies; the wanton murder of communists, Christians -- of anyone who dared question the Nazi madman's fantasies.

Babi Yar reminds us of the sheer stupidity of prejudice. Here we think about people of great promise and talent -- young men and women who would have become doctors or physicists;

athletes or artists; mothers, fathers. All died because a maniac in Berlin wanted to exterminate their kind.

The statue here testifies to an important truth. Just as bricks and stones shape great monuments, families shape nations. The love of parents, the trust of children, the blessings of life and learning -- these things give life meaning; they give society its character; they give nations a sense of destiny and purpose.

Here, at Babi Yar, Nazis set out to destroy families and faiths -- set out to destroy the soul of a nation.

Here, on September 29, 1941, soldiers forced men, women and children to undergo a ritual of humiliation and death. Victims stopped first to empty their pockets, and place their valuables in heaps on the ground. They moved forward to another place, where they had to remove their clothing, which Nazis folded in neat piles -- booty for the Fushrer.

Then, the shivering Jews moved to the edge of the ravine, where marksmen murdered their prey, letting the bodies tumble into the long, deep pit. For 36 hours, rifle reports and shrill human cries shattered the calm. Nazis tried to drown out the horror by playing dance music over loudspeakers.

Despite this macabre ruse, the screams made their way into the hearts of townspeople -- and the pages of history.

When the first round of shooting stopped, more than 33,000 bodies lay in the pit -- and many more people had committed suicide rather than undergoing the humiliating execution rite. Within 18 months, nearly 100,000 people perished here.

Miraculously, a few people managed to escape. Yelena Yefimovna Borodyansky-Knysh [ye-LAY-nuh ye-FEEM-uv-nuh bor-oh-DYAHN-skee KNISH] leaped into the pit with her young daughter, shielding the child with her body. In the dead silent night, the two worked their way through the piled-up corpses and slipped past some would-be executioners.

Naked, scared, mother and daughter wriggled through ravines, stumbled over roots, waded through a gamut of waving branches. Eventually they found freedom -- and lived to tell of Babi Yar.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "We cannot escape history." And Mikhail Gorbachev has promoted truth in history -- "not to settle political scores, or cause suffering, but to render due tribute to everything that was heroic in the past and to learn lessons from mistakes and miscalculations."

Today we stand at Babi Yar, and wrestle with awful truth. We marvel at the incredible extremes of human behavior. We make solemn vows.

We vow that this sort of murder will never happen again.

We vow never to let the forces of bigotry and hatred assert themselves without opposition.

We vow to ensure a future dedicated to freedom and individual liberty, rather than to mob violence and tyranny.

And we vow that whenever our devotion to principle wanes, we will think of this place. We will remember that evil flourishes when good men and women refuse to defend virtue.

Let me quote the poet Yevgenni Yevtushenko, whose poem about Babi Yar helped restore remembrance of this place, and of its history. He wrote:

"On Babi Yar weeds rustle; the tall trees
 Like judges loom and threaten...
 All screams in silence; I take off my cap
 And feel that I am slowly turning gray.
 And I too have become a soundless cry
 Over the thousands that lie buried here.
 I am each old man slaughtered, each child shot.
 None of me will forget."

None of us will ever forget.

The Holocaust occurred because good men and women averted their eyes from unprecedented evil. The Nazis fell when people opened their eyes / summoned their courage and faith / and fought for democracy, liberty, decency and justice.

This memorial proves that eventually, the forces of good and of truth will rise in triumph. No matter how bleak our lives may seem, this fact should comfort us. But it also should inspire us to spare future generations from the suffering, the evil, the unspeakable fate that claimed nearly 100,000 souls here -- at Babi Yar.

May God bless you.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 28, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: TONY SNOW
FROM: MARY KATE GRANT *MKG*
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Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 2:00 p.m., TODAY, FRIDAY, JULY 26, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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PHILLIP D. BRADY
 Assistant to the President
 and Staff Secretary
 Ext. 2702

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(Lange/Simon)
July 26, 1991
6:00 P.M.
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DEPARTURE FOR KIEV
HALL OF ST. GEORGE, THE KREMLIN
AUGUST 1, 1991
[TIME]

President Gorbachev,

I leave Moscow grateful for your kindness, and encouraged by our progress *as we build a new partnership together.*

We've worked to build a new basis for *our mutual* prosperity -- and new hope for peace and stability. We've discussed ways to *promote much* encourage economic cooperation, and *bring the Soviet economy into the world economy.* ~~share expertise and advice.~~ We've *stronger* sought a framework for shared efforts toward peace in the Middle East, *and resolution of other conflicts long-standing conflicts around the world.*

We have considered ways to curb the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and to encourage environmental stewardship. And we've signed an historic START treaty that will help the world breathe a little easier.

But more fundamentally, after decades of ~~ideology that~~ *distrust and separation* cruelly divided us, I *believe* ~~hope~~ we have confirmed *that way* ~~more of the~~ shared values *now* ~~that~~ unite us. Compared to the dark days of the Cold War, we have less in the way of differences than ever -- and more reason for hope.

My optimism about the future of ~~this great land~~ *the Soviet Union* stems from the strength of its leadership -- that of President Gorbachev, and many others, *in Moscow and across this great land.* But more fundamentally, I find faith in the future of the Soviet Union, because I believe deeply in the power of its people.

I've met with business people, leaders of the Republics, and reformers at all levels. In spite of the vast array of challenges before you, a deep undercurrent of enduring optimism runs here. The forces of reform -- the drive toward democratization, political pluralism and market economics -- all offer real hope for lasting stability and prosperity.

In my country, those who struggled for their own kind of reform two hundred years ago began our Constitution with the words, "We the people" -- words we Americans still admire.

And while the Soviet Union will forge its own future in its own way, this we hold in common: We seek to unleash the energy and ambition of the individual in the service of a greater good. We believe that while men, ^{and women} may, for a time, be intimidated by force, mankind finds inspiration in freedom.

So if, as Chekhov once wrote, "Man is what he believes" -- let us believe in freedom.

Thank you all for your many kindnesses.

May God bless the U.S.S.R.

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- from John Gaudin

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*among all religious groups #
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DATE: 7/26/91

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RESPONSE:

No comments. Thanks.

Elizabeth Luttig *EL*
07/26/91

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

91 JUL 26 P3:57

July 26, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: STEPHEN G. RADEMAKER ^{SR}
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Brief Remarks: Arrival Statement in Kiev

Pursuant to Phillip Brady's request, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced matter and has no objection.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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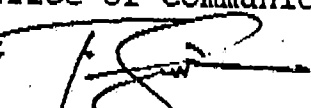
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Memorandum

Kiev, July 30, 1991

TO: Christina Martin, Special Assistant to the Deputy
Assistant for Communications, Office of Communications

THROUGH: Tim Simonson, Lead Advance, Kiev 

FROM: Bradley A. Blakeman, Babi Yar Site Advance

The following persons will attend the Babi Yar Holocaust Memorial ceremony. I am sure you will want to have them included in the President's speech.

Survivors of Babi Yar Massacres

Raisa Dashkevich (DASH-KAY-VICH)

Maria Paltee (PAL-TEE)

David Ayzenberg (EISENBERG)

Yakov Kaper (COPPER)

David Budnik (BOOD-NEEK)

Ukrainians Who Helped Rescue Jewish Survivors

Olga Rozhchenko (RAJ-CHENKO)

Natalia Chekhova (CHEKOVA)

The Glagolevi family (GLAGO-LEVY)

CC: Sig Rogich, Assistant to the President
David Demerest, Assistant to the President
Jay Parmer, Special Assistant to the President

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 30, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: TONY SNOWS
FROM: MARY KATE GRANT
SUBJECT: KIEV ARRIVAL STATEMENT

I. SUMMARY

On Thursday, August 1, at 1:00 p.m., you will make a 4 minute arrival statement in Kiev, Ukraine at Boristol Airport. There are 400 invited guests in addition to the official parties.

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The American people applaud the changes that are creating a Soviet Union blessed with free markets and free people. We are anxious to offer help and hope where needed -- to build ties of understanding and common interest. In that spirit we recently opened a Consulate General in this city.

I come here having concluded two days of very productive work in Moscow. President Gorbachev and I signed an historic treaty that will, for the first time, reduce nuclear forces

between our countries. But we also talked of peace and prosperity -- in hopes that our nations can increase trade and share ideas and experiences with one another.

Now, we look forward to meeting with Chairman Kravchuk and Ukrainian officials. We want to expand the scope of our relationship with the people of this republic -- build stronger and fuller economic ties; extend the range and quality of cultural, social, academic and professional exchanges.

We want to build the strongest possible relationship with all the peoples of the Soviet Union. We want to retain the strongest possible official relationship with the Gorbachev government, but we also appreciate the importance of more extensive ties with Ukraine and other republics.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
(Kiev, Ukraine, USSR)

For Immediate Release

August 1, 1991

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AND CHAIRMAN KRAVCHUK
UPON ARRIVAL

Borispol Airport
Kiev, Ukraine, USSR

1:01 P.M. (L)

CHAIRMAN KRAVCHUK: Today on the Ukrainian soil we are extending our hearty welcome to the high-ranking guests, President of the United States of America George Bush, and Mrs. Bush. Our sincere words of welcome are also addressed to the well-known U.S. statesmen and those accompanying the President.

Mr. President, we attach to your visit to the Ukraine very great importance, and we think it will be another step in improving relations between our countries. Your visit reflects the changes which have taken place in our countries and in the world as a whole.

Despite the complexity and contradictoriness of the political processes, the basic feature of today's world development is radical positive changes. And for these changes mankind should thank the foresighted policy of our states, their common aspirations towards humane and just peace.

We are especially satisfied with the fact that you, Mr. President, came to our republic right after the historic document, the Strategic Offensive Arms Reduction Treaty, had been signed in Moscow. The Ukrainian people consider this act as another concrete step towards the achievement of general and complete disarmament, toward a world without weapons and without wars.

Your visit to the Ukraine is taking place at a time difficult for the republic. However, on the basis of the Declaration on State Sovereignty and thanks to the aspiration toward national concord, the Ukraine is, step by step, moving along the road to its high aim -- sovereignty, bringing about stability and civil peace.

Fifty-two million representatives of different people -- the Ukrainians, the Russians, the Poles, the Jews, the Bulgars -- are working together on this land. And for them, Ukraine is their home. We have resolutely chosen the road to democracy, market economy and sovereignty; and this choice of ours is supported by the majority of the people.

The American nation knows only very well the price of genuine sovereignty, and the Declaration of Independence was one of the first to proclaim to the whole world the ideals of freedom, equality and brotherhood. Taking into account the present-day political and economic realities, we are pursuing the policy aimed at the setting up of a new union, a union of sovereign states as further consolidation and development of fruitful relations with all the republics. This policy is being supported by the people and, around it, all kinds of political forces are being consolidated.

On the international arena, the Ukraine is striving to acquire the status of an equal member of the international community, to integrate its economy into the world economy.

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To your visit, Mr. President, we attach sincere hope for the establishment of direct relations between the Ukraine and the United States of America, into whose foundation the first bricks have already been laid.

We believe that after your visit to Ukraine it will be visited by a great number of businessmen, and we will create every necessary condition for their activities here.

Let me once again welcome you, Mr. President, Mrs. Bush, and the members of the American delegation on the hospitable Ukrainian soil, and say to you in Ukrainian, "Laskavo prosimo." (Applause.)

PRESIDENT BUSH: Chairman Kravchuk, Barbara and I are simply delighted to visit Kiev, the city of golden domes, And I might say that we saw so many beautiful hilltop churches from the windows of Air Force One as we came in.

Ukraine, as we all know, is the motherland of many hundreds of thousands of Americans. In fact, back home in Washington, D.C., stands a statue of the Ukrainian poet and painter, Taras Shevchenko. Once, reflecting on the democratic experiment in America, he wrote this: "When will we have a Washington with a new and righteous law? One day we shall have him."

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Thank you, Chairman Kravchuk. It's a great pleasure for all of us to be here. And we're looking forward to our visit. (Applause.)

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1:16 P.M. (L)