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**KRAVCHUK DEPARTURE -- TREATY SIGNING \ EAST ROOM  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1992 \ 12:45 P.M.**

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**THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE RECLAIMED THEIR INDEPENDENCE ON DECEMBER 1, 1991. I AM PROUD THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS AMONG THE FIRST IN WELCOMING THAT VOTE; IN RECOGNIZING UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE; AND IN ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.**

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST *DD*

FROM: JOSEPH P. DUGGAN *J P*

SUBJECT: UKRAINIAN DEPARTURE STATEMENT

I. SUMMARY

On Wednesday, May 6, at 12:45 p.m. in the East Room, you will sign bilateral agreements, then exchange departure statements with President Kravchuk. There will be an audience of about 200 Congressmen, cabinet members, and Ukrainian Americans.

II. DISCUSSION

The remarks (7 minutes, on cards) demonstrate our support for a free and independent Ukraine.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: KRAVCHUK DEPARTURE/TREATY SIGNING  
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A few blocks from here stands an imposing monument erected by an act of the United States Congress approved by President Eisenhower. It is a statue of Taras Shevchenko, the poet and prophet of a free Ukrainian nation. Inscribed on the monument is this verse composed by Shevchenko more than a century ago:

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The Ukrainian people reclaimed their independence on December 1, 1991. I am proud that the United States was among the first in welcoming that vote; in recognizing Ukrainian independence; and in establishing diplomatic relations. We also were one of the first to establish an embassy in Kiev, soon to be led by a Ukrainian-American, Ambassador-designate Roman Popadiuk.

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**REMARKS:**

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

**RESPONSE:**

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

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 Assistant to the President  
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May 4, 1992  
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TO: DAN MCGROARTY

The NSC concurs with changes, as noted.

Brent Scowcroft

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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*Tomorrow 9:00 AM*

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: KRAVCHUK DEPARTURE/TREATY SIGNING  
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1992  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 3, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Kravchuk Departure

We have reviewed the attached draft and have no suggested changes from a policy standpoint. We approve of the draft remarks in their current form.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

DATE: 5/4/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: TUESDAY, 5/5/92 10:00:

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**REMARKS:**

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**RESPONSE:**

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 Assistant to the President  
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