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ate Administrator for Budget and Policy at the Federal Transit Administration, an agency of the Department of Transportation, 1989-91. Mr. Cline also served on the Secretary of Transportation's team to formulate a national transportation policy, which the President announced in March 1990. Prior to this, Mr. Cline served as vice president for management and labor relations for National Transit Services, Inc., a Chicago-based national transportation management firm.

Mr. Cline graduated from Northern Illinois University in 1981. He was born November 25, 1959, in Chicago, IL. Mr. Cline lives in Arlington, VA, with his wife, Krista L. Edwards, and their infant daughter.

Nomination of Gregory F. Chapados To Be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce

May 18, 1992

The President today announced his intention to nominate Gregory F. Chapados, of Alaska, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information. He would succeed Janice Obuchowski.

Since 1986, Mr. Chapados has served as chief of staff to Senator Ted Stevens (R-AK) in Washington, DC. Prior to this, he served as a legislative assistant to Senator Stevens, 1983-86.

Mr. Chapados graduated from Harvard College (B.A., 1979) and Harvard Law School (J.D., 1983). He was born May 8, 1957, in Fairbanks, AK. Mr. Chapados resides in Washington, DC.

Remarks at a Departure Ceremony for President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan

May 19, 1992

Well, Mr. President, distinguished members of the Kazakhstan delegation, it's been a great pleasure to welcome you to the White House on this historic occasion, the first-ever visit of the head of state of an independent Kazakhstan. I have never been to your coun-

try, but Secretary Baker has. And he has spoken to me about the tremendous potential of a nation rich in resources, a nation stretching from the steppes of Russia to the Tien Shan in the south, four times the size of Texas.

Mr. President, our meeting today marks the beginning of a new relationship, a relationship made possible by the end of the long era of East-West conflict that we called the cold war. With the passing of that bitter conflict, we enter into a new era of hope for a more democratic and free order in Eastern Europe and in Central Asia.

Under your leadership, sir, Kazakhstan is pursuing a course true to these aims. Our meetings today confirm the many interests that we share. The U.S. supports your independence. We believe its security, Kazakhstan's security, is important for stability in Europe and in Asia. We welcome President Nazarbayev's commitment that Kazakhstan will join the Nonproliferation Treaty as a nonnuclear weapons state and that it will adhere to the START Treaty. We'll continue to work toward a signing of the new START protocol by Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Byelarus, Russia, and the United States in the very near future.

I want to take this occasion to underline our pledge to maintain regular, high-level communication with the Kazakh Government on political and security issues, and that means exploring the possibility of cooperative programs in nuclear nonproliferation and beginning contacts between the armed forces of our two nations.

Beyond our common security interest, the U.S. is committed to helping Kazakhstan make the transition from the old Socialist command economy to the free market. We continue to aim at a tax treaty between our nations. Today we took very positive steps toward increased trade with the signing of agreements on trade, bilateral investment, and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

The surest way, though, to increase trade remains for American firms to have the opportunity to compete fairly in Kazakhstan. I am pleased that the Kazakh Government has this week signed a landmark agreement with

Chevron Corporation to open the Tengiz oil fields.

In order to expand trade, I've asked for our able Secretary of Commerce, Barbara Franklin, to form a business development committee to work with your Government to increase contacts between private Kazakh and American firms. We will continue to provide humanitarian assistance, including much needed food and medical aid. The U.S. also stands ready with technical assistance on a range of issues, from food distribution to speeding the conversion of defense sector industry to civilian economy.

But Government assistance is just one part of an outpouring of American support. As President, I am pleased to see the active efforts on behalf of private citizens to provide aid to your new nation, volunteer organizations like Project Hope and Mercy Corps, to the city of Waukesha, Wisconsin, which has sent 40,000 pounds of food, medical supplies, and clothing to its Kazakh sister city.

Like all of the former republics of the Soviet empire, Kazakhstan faces challenges that go beyond the need to build a strong, competitive economy. After more than 70 years of Communist rule, Kazakhstan and its Commonwealth neighbors are engaged in the difficult task of nation-building. At issue are the first questions of government and society: respect for the rule of law; the role of political parties, of free press and independent media; the freedom of association; and the freedom of the individual.

On behalf of all Americans, I pledge the support of the United States of America as Kazakhstan seeks a future that is peaceful, prosperous, and free.

Once again, Mr. President, it has been a special privilege to welcome you to Washington, to welcome you to the White House. And may God bless your great country.

Note: The President spoke at 1:17 p.m. in the Rose Garden at the White House. The remarks followed a ceremony in which President Bush and President Nazarbayev signed the Agreement on Trade Relations Between the United States and Kazakhstan, the Bilateral Investment Treaty Between the United States and Kazakhstan, and the United

States-Kazakhstan Overseas Private Investment Corporation Agreement.

Joint Declaration With President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan May 19, 1992

DECLARATION ON U.S.-KAZAKHSTAN RELATIONS

At the conclusion of this important meeting, we—the President of the United States and the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan—have resolved to develop friendly, cooperative relations between our countries and peoples, and to work together to strengthen international peace and stability.

Kazakhstan and the United States favor an early ratification and implementation of the START Treaty as an important guarantor of maintaining global stability. Reaffirming its commitment to peace and security, Kazakhstan shall, at the earliest possible time, accede to the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons as a non-nuclear state, while preserving the right of control over the non-use and reductions of the nuclear weapons temporarily deployed on its territory. Kazakhstan guarantees to carry out the elimination of all types of nuclear weapons, including strategic offensive arms, within the seven-year period provided for in the START Treaty. The United States welcomes these steps and shall take necessary measures to assist Kazakhstan in this matter. Kazakhstan and the United States agree on the need to establish effective national control over non-proliferation of the weapons of mass destruction and associated technologies to third countries.

The United States and Kazakhstan will work to strengthen international security on the basis of lower and more stable levels of armaments among all nations. We commit to uphold shared international principles, especially democracy, respect for borders and territorial integrity, and peaceful resolution of disputes. Together we will promote respect for international law and the principles enshrined in the Helsinki Final Act, the Charter

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID F. DEMAREST
FROM: DAN MC GROARTY *DMG*
SUBJECT: PROPOSED REMARKS FOR DEPARTURE OF PRESIDENT
NAZARBAEV OF KAZAKHSTAN

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McGroarty/Bunton
May 18, 1992
2:00 pm
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DEPARTURE STATEMENT FOR WORKING VISIT OF
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RESPONSE:

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TO: DAN MCGROARTY

The NSC concurs with changes, as noted.

Brent Scowcroft

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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

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FROM: STEPHEN G. RADEMAKER *SR*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Departure Statement for
Working Visit of President Nazarbaev of Kazakhstan

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

cc: Phillip D. Brady



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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James C. Murr
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RESPONSE:

TO: DAN MCGROARTY

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Brent Scowcroft

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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Insert for Nazarbaev Remarks

With the passing of that bitter conflict, we enter into a new era of hope for a more democratic and free order in Eastern Europe and in Central Asia. Under your wise leadership, Mr. President, Kazakhstan is pursuing a course true to these aims.

In our meetings today, President Nazarbaev and I agreed to maintain strong and close relations. The United States supports Kazakhstan's independence, and we believe its security is important for stability in Europe and in Asia. We welcome President Nazarbaev's commitment that Kazakhstan will join the Non-Proliferation Treaty as a non-nuclear weapons state, and that it will adhere to the START treaty. {We look forward to the signing of the new START Protocol in Lisbon next week by Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Byelarus, Russia and the U.S.} We have pledged to maintain regular, high-level communication with Kazakhstan on political and security issues, to explore cooperative programs in nuclear non-proliferation, and to encourage stronger ties between our militaries.

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The surest way to increase trade is for American firms to be able to compete fairly in Kazakhstan. I am delighted that the Kazakh government has signed a landmark agreement this week with Chevron Corporation to open the Tenghiz oil fields. And to encourage additional trade, I have asked Secretary of Commerce, Barbara Franklin, to form a Business Development Committee with the Kazakh government to work regularly to increase contacts between our private sectors.

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92 MAY 18 All: 16 May 18, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Departure Statement for
Visit of President Nazarbaev

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

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY

FROM: John S. Gardner *J.S.G.*
SUBJECT: Ukrainian Cathedral Remarks

Horosho! I really like the "Let us now praise famous men" emphasis of the speech and the "Ukrainian Miracle" idea. Just a few random comments, and I have attached my suggested close per your request.

Page 2, para. 1: I thought Havel was released before the Velvet Revolution, but I could be wrong. Besides Havel, another good story is Jiri Dienstbier, condemned by the Communist regime to work as a janitor, then elevated as Foreign Minister of the CSFR.

✓ Random comment: can we work in a Slovak? Slovakia borders Western Ukraine (where the Uk. Catholics live), and I'd bet a few pierogies that there will be Slovaks in the audience. Maybe Bob Hutchings has a suggestion.

Page 3, carover para.: I'd list all the agreements -- science, OPIC, etc. These got very little press, and that would help counter the perception that all our attention is going to Russia.

yes. Page 3, second full para.: Given my suspicion that there will be Slovaks in the audience, I'd change "Czechoslovakia" to "the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic." This is not pedantic -- the name change is highly sensitive among Slovaks. Saying the new official name of the country will be noted.

no room. Final comment: I think you can go farther on the need for free enterprise in these countries without rubbing the audience the wrong way. Once we issue a strong plea for aid, it's OK to include a gentle reminder along the lines of "And we're encouraging Ukraine, Russia, and the other new nations to move as soon as possible towards the market economies that will build prosperity." You can probably repeat the sentence from the Kravchuk departure.

Thanks.

(attachment)

Some explanation on the attachment:

In the Eastern Church, people greet each other during the Easter season with the words "Christos Voskrese," and the response is "Voistenno Voskrese," which means "The Lord is risen indeed."

I don't think this will sound exclusionary -- the very good language about religious freedom and diversity towards the beginning of the speech covers us on that score.

I know it is still the Easter season in your Church, and to close, I want to tell a story about Easter this year, not in Ukraine, but Russia. Many of you will recall the big military parades they used to have in Red Square on state occasions, and towering above the square was a huge portrait of Lenin hung on the State Historical Museum.

Well, this year, for Easter, there was no portrait of Lenin -- but an icon of the Resurrection. And atop the icon the words: "Christos Voskrese"* -- Christ is Risen.

"The Lord is risen indeed," in Russia, Ukraine, and throughout the once-captive nations of Europe, and a new dawn of freedom is breaking over our world. It's a wonderful time to be alive, to see these days, and to enjoy the freedom God has given us in the freest, most wonderful Nation on Earth -- the United States of America.

May God bless you and all the peoples now living in the light of liberty.

*[KREE-stos Vos-KRES]