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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

May 18, 1994

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Sincerely,



Newt Gingrich

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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 25, 1994

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE NEWT GINGRICH

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN REGARDING PRESIDENT'S
METHODS, COST, AND SAFETY OF HIS PLANS
TO CHRTER TWO UKRANIAN PASSENGER SHIPS,
THE MV GRUZIYA AND THE MV IVAN FRANCO

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Congress of the United States MAY 19 P12 : 23

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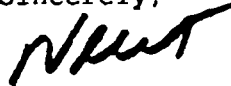
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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 24, 1994

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE NEWT GINGRICH

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT METHODS OF THE
PRESIDENT'S PLAN TO CHARTER TWO UKRAINIAN
PASSENGER SHIPS FOR AT SEA PROCESSING SHIPS
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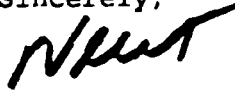
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