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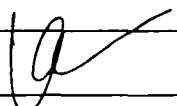
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 25, 1997

Dear Senator ^{Young} Smith:

Thank you for your letter concerning the NATO-Russia Founding Act and enlargement of the Alliance. I was pleased that you were able to join me in Paris and again in Madrid.

In your letter, you stressed the importance of ensuring that implementation of the Founding Act occurs in a manner that does not threaten NATO's core functions or threaten the interests of Central European states interested in joining the Alliance. I agree. We made sure that the Founding Act contained language underscoring explicitly that its provisions do not provide either side a right of veto over the other or restrict their ability to make decisions or act independently.

The Permanent Joint Council established under the Founding Act will have no power over decisions of the North Atlantic Council. The NAC is and will remain the Alliance's ultimate authority, as defined in the Washington Treaty. Only NATO members will take part in its deliberations and policy decision-making.

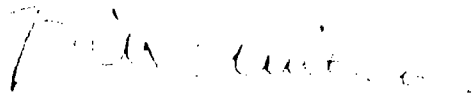
You also advocated including five countries in the first group of states to be invited at the Madrid Summit to join NATO. I understand and share your interest in ensuring that enlargement rectify the mistakes of the past and prevent old dividing lines from reemerging.

As you know, after reflecting at length and consulting with my advisors and with you and your colleagues on the Senate NATO Observer Group, I decided that the United States should support an initial group of three new members. As I discussed with you at the White House last month and in Madrid on the eve of the Summit, I believe the case for a small initial group was compelling. Our first, most important task is to maintain NATO's effectiveness and credibility. For this reason, we believed we should include in the first group only those states who meet the highest standards in terms of their political, economic and military reforms.

As I stressed at the NATO Summit and repeated during my visit to Bucharest, Slovenia and Romania have made tremendous strides in the recent past but have not yet established the track record of the three countries invited to begin accession talks. However, I am convinced they will be among the strongest candidates for membership in the future if they remain on their current course. This is one of the reasons we supported the strongest possible NATO commitment to an "open door," including a review of the enlargement process at the next NATO Summit in 1999. I intend to ensure that the Alliance's commitment to the open door is reinforced by a process to help all the aspirants not selected in Madrid to continue to prepare for NATO membership.

I deeply appreciate your strong interest and active engagement in building support within the Senate and the country for NATO enlargement. Your views have been important in shaping our approach. I look forward to continuing to consult with you and your colleagues in the Observer Group as we move to implement the decisions of the Madrid Summit.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Gordon H. Smith
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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July 14, 1997

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MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL BERGER

THROUGH: ALEXANDER VERSHBOW *AV*
FROM: JOHN SCHMIDT *JS*
SUBJECT: Proposed Response to Senator Smith Regarding NATO-
Russia Founding Act

The attached memorandum forwards a proposed Presidential response to Senator Smith regarding the NATO-Russia Founding Act and the Alliance's enlargement process.

Concurrence by: Bill Danvers

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President
Tab A Letter to Senator Smith
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
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July 23, 1997

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

SAMUEL BERGER
JOHN HILLEY

SUBJECT:

Letter to Senator Gordon Smith Concerning the
NATO-Russia Founding Act

Purpose

To respond to a letter from Senator Gordon H. Smith.

Background

Senator Smith wrote expressing concern about the NATO-Russia Founding Act and the Alliance's enlargement process. Your proposed response addresses his concerns and solicits a close dialogue on the upcoming ratification process.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Senator Smith
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3704

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June 5, 1997

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

It was a privilege to travel with you to Paris for the historic signing of the NATO Russia Founding Act. It is now the responsibility of the United States to ensure that the goals of this Act, principally the establishment of a cooperative relationship between NATO and Russia, are implemented in a manner that does not weaken the principal function of the Alliance or threaten the interests of Central and Eastern European countries that aspire to NATO membership.

No doubt you are besieged with all the speculation and debate over which countries will be invited to begin accession talks for joining the Alliance during the Madrid summit on July 8-9. As I mentioned to you, I favor adding Slovenia and Romania to the list of invitees. I am alarmed about the reported United States position during the recent NATO ministerial meeting in Portugal as supporting only three countries in the first round, namely, Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic.

I am not insensitive to the political and military challenges that accompany NATO enlargement and I understand the argument that incorporating three new members may be simpler to accomplish than bringing in five countries at once. However, I do not believe that including Slovenia and Romania in the first round would preclude an effective integration process of new members into the decision making and military structures of the Alliance. Much of the preparatory work for all five countries has been accomplished through their participation in the Partnership for Peace program and through dialogue with the Alliance already.

A decision of such importance should not be diminished by excessive bureaucratic caution. Now is the time for boldness, for seizing an historic opportunity--finally--to keep the promises made at Yalta, for expanding the architecture for peace and prosperity, for spreading western values and culture. This seems especially warranted given the generous terms and opportunities already provided the Russians by the Founding Act.

I also understand there are compelling arguments about the credibility of NATO enlargement as a process if five countries are invited to join the Alliance in the first round. However, I am confident that NATO can alleviate the concern of those countries not included in the first wave in July by setting a date certain when the Alliance will meet and issue another set of invitations. If such a date is set well in advance, countries such as Bulgaria, Slovakia, and the Baltic States will be assured that NATO is committed to continuing the enlargement process without the unreasonable delay that accompanied the decision to enlarge the Alliance after the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Mr. President, we have an opportunity to extend the blanket of security and stability to our friends in Central and Eastern Europe that suffered under the communist system for far too long. We cannot be certain what the European security environment will look like in three, five, or ten years from now. We must not allow excessive caution to prevail over sound policy.

History awaits American leadership, your leadership, at this propitious moment. I am confident that Senate support can be won for including five countries in the first round. I look forward to working with you to secure ratification of NATO enlargement to Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovenia, and Romania.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'G' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Gordon H. Smith

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 9, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR GLYN DAVIES
NSC Executive Secretariat

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY *SB*
Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT: Presidential Correspondence

Attached are copies of letters sent to the President by various Members of Congress. Since these letters address national security issues, we would appreciate your assistance in drafting a response.

Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris Walker at x67500.

The following is a brief description of the letter:

- 1) Sen. Bill Roth (R-DE) and Sen. Trent Lott (R-MS), concerning the NATO Observer Group;
- 2) Sen. Gordon Smith (R-OR), concerning the NATO Russia Founding Act; and,
- 3) Rep. J. D. Hayworth (R-AZ), concerning Nagano, Japan's bid to host the 2005 World Exposition.

Enclosures