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Yes. Helms staff has draft language. Not necessarily the final version. I'll fax over.

-----Original Message-----
From: Weiss,

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Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2000 4:09 PM

To: @SEE

- Southeast European Affairs; @LEGISLAT - Legislative Affairs; @RUSSIA

- Russia/Ukraine; @NIS

Subject: Helms re: Ojdanic visit/Russia aid

[UNCLASSIFIED]

Any truth to below? Excerpt from today's State Dept briefing.

QUESTION: Senator Helms announced that he's going to propose a cut to the U.S. assistance to Russia because of the Ojdanic case and contacts and assistance that Russia's giving to Belgrade regime. Would you care to comment? What's the State Department's view on that?

REEKER: I'm afraid I'm not aware of the specifics of that.

I think we discussed the Ojdanic case and our view that the secretary raised, and was raised earlier in Moscow when National Security Advisor

Berger was there with Foreign Minister Ivanov, that we feel that Russia

has an obligation under the UN Security Council resolutions, which they voted for, to see that war criminals are turned over to The Hague.

In terms of specifics on congressional steps or measures,

I'm afraid I don't have anything, but I'll be happy to try to check into that.