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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of Congress

SUBJECT: **Nord Stream Pipeline Damage and Drone Attacks on Russian Crews.**

During a routine commercial operation near one of the damaged sections of the Nord Stream pipeline, Russian state media has reported that unidentified drones attacked the Russian crews, causing extensive damage to a commercial vessel and casualties. Russia has accused Ukraine and claims to have recovered at least one drone.

Russia has increased naval and air patrols from Kaliningrad, citing the need to secure its energy assets, escalating tensions with Sweden.