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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of Congress

SUBJECT: **Russia Blames Sweden and Ukraine for Pipeline Sabotage;
China Linked to Energy Market Bets.**

Russia has publicly accused Sweden and Ukraine of sabotaging the Nord Stream pipeline, citing the drone attacks on its repair crews as evidence of a coordinated effort to undermine Russian energy exports. Russia states that it has irrefutable evidence of Swedish involvement based on the recovery of the drone used in the attack. U.S. satellite imagery confirms a significant buildup of Russian forces in Kaliningrad, including short-range offensive missile systems, suggesting preparations for further action.

Concurrently, financial intelligence has uncovered massive bets in energy markets by anonymous accounts, placed just before the attack on the repair crews. Intelligence is still being collected on who may have had inside knowledge to the drone attack or perpetrated them.