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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S DINNER WITH PRESIDENT YELTSIN  
JANUARY 14, 1994

1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT
2. THIS CABLE IS FORWARDED FOR YOUR CLEARANCE.
3. SUMMARY: IN A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS ABOUT DOMESTIC AND WORLD AFFAIRS ON THE EVENING OF JANUARY 13TH. PRESIDENT YELTSIN AND PRESIDENT CLINTON TALKED ABOUT THE TRILATERAL AGREEMENT FOR UKRAINE AND ITS CHANCES FOR SUCCESS. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED ATTITUDES IN THE COUNTRY AMONG THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE, PRESIDENT YELTSIN'S NEW EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE THE PARLIAMENT, AND RUSSIAN INTEREST IN REDUCING ARMS TRADE WITH IRAN AND OPENING UP THE SANCTIONS REGIME AGAINST IRAQ IN AN EFFORT TO ENSURE IRAQI REPAYMENT OF A PORTION OF ITS DEBT TO RUSSIA.

THERE WAS A DISCUSSION OF MILITARY COOPERATION AS WELL AS BOSNIA. PRESIDENT CLINTON AND PRESIDENT YELTSIN BOTH DISCUSSED THE NATURE OF THE U.S.-RUSSIAN RELATIONSHIP AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THAT RELATIONSHIP TO THE FUTURE OF WORLD STABILITY AND PEACE, PARTICULARLY IN EUROPE AND IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE. PRESIDENT YELTSIN SIGNALLED A POSSIBLE CHANGE IN HIS CABINET, DROPPING FORMER PRIME MINISTER GAYDAR TO WORK IN THE LOWER-HOUSE OF THE NEW FEDERAL LEGISLATURE.

PRESIDENT CLINTON EXPLAINED THE CONCEPT OF ENSURING A LONG TERM PEACE IN EUROPE THROUGH FRANK CONSULTATION AND STRONG AND CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN RUSSIA AND THE UNITED STATES, BUT WITH CARE TAKEN TO ENSURE RESPECT FOR THE INTEREST OF OTHERS.  
END SUMMARY.

4. THE PRESIDENT MET WITH PRESIDENT YELTSIN AT THE DACHA AT NOVA OGAREVA OUTSIDE OF MOSCOW ON JANUARY 14TH FOR A DINNER IN WHICH A NUMBER OF BUSINESS ISSUES AROSE. THIS MEMCOM RECORDS THE BUSINESS DISCUSSION. THE PRESIDENT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER, SECRETARY BENSON, NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR LAKE, AMBASSADOR AT LARGE STROBE TALBOTT AND AMBASSADOR PICKERING. PRESIDENT YELTSIN WAS ACCOMPANIED BY PRIME MINISTER CHRNOMYRDIN, FIRST DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SOSKOVETS, FOREIGN MINISTER KOZYREV, DEFENSE MINISTER GRACHEV AND BY HIS LEGAL ADVISOR ILLYUSHIN.

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