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PRESENTATION ON "SOVIET"
HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

- One of the most striking aspects of my talks in the former Soviet Union was the extraordinary prestige and respect our Alliance enjoys in that part of the world.
- President Yeltsin told me he hopes the Commonwealth's Defense Union can someday join NATO. Marshall Shaposhnikov drew heavily on NATO in developing his plans for new defensive structures for the Commonwealth.
- We can capitalize on these positive attitudes as we confront the challenges of providing badly needed humanitarian relief to the people of the former Soviet Union. Wherever democratic and free market reforms are to have a chance.
- Fortunately, NATO has the organizations, expertise and resources that could be brought to bear in support of an international effort to provide such badly needed short-term humanitarian assistance to the peoples of the former Soviet Union.
- NATO's Senior Civil Emergency Planning Committee (SCEPC) contains the core capability necessary to support a successful relief operation.
- In SCEPC's subordinate bodies there exists a combination of government and private-sector expertise that can be brought to bear in the current situation.
- Drawing on USDA and AID surveys completed in the Fall, NATO's energy, food and agriculture experts can quickly assess critical needs and identify ways to best fill them.
- NATO's joint civil-military medical community could do the same in rapidly crystalizing critical medical needs.
- NATO's civil transportation experts (air, surface and waterways) can quickly make assessments of the preferred methods of transportation both to and within the republics.