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ASSISTANT SECRETARY WRIGHT BRIEFING OF THE MEETING IN
KIEV WHICH WRIGHT PROVIDED OVER DINNER ON MONDAY EVENING.
DECEMBER 1. WRIGHT SAID HE WOULD FORWARD TO CONTINUING
CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE I.E.C. ON "COVE" ISSUES.

GOOD ACCESS TO LEADERSHIP

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THE CANADIAN TEAM HAD EXCELLENT ACCESS TO UKRAINIAN
LEADERS, WRIGHT SAID, INCLUDING FRANCHUK, THE DEPUTY PR.
THE FOREIGN MINISTER, THE DEFENSE MINISTER AND SENIOR
ECONOMIC OFFICIALS. WRIGHT DELIVERED A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT
FROM PRIME MINISTER MULROYLE AND RAISED CANADA'S CONCERN
OVER CONTROL AND DESTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS,
COMMITMENT TO ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS, SUPPORT FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS, THE CSCE AND MINORITY RIGHTS, AND UKRAINE'S POLICY
TOWARDS INTERNATIONAL BEST.

INFO TO ASST. SEC. WILES

UKRAINIANS PROVIDE ALL THE RIGHT ASSURANCES BUT CAN THEY
FOLLOW THROUGH?

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ARE GOOD BUT CAN THEY FOLLOW THROUGH?

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5. THE UKRAINIANS SAID ALL THE RIGHT THINGS IN RESPONSE
TO CANADIAN CONCERNS AND EXPRESSED THEIR ABSOLUTE
COMMITMENT TO RESPOND EFFECTIVELY TO THESE CONCERNS.
WRIGHT SAID HE BELIEVED THE UKRAINIANS WERE EXPRESSING A
REAL COMMITMENT AND THAT THEY REALLY DO WANT TO MEET THE
WEST'S STANDARDS. THE PROBLEM IS NOT INTENTIONS BUT
WHETHER UKRAINE HAS THE CAPABILITY TO MEET THESE
COMMITMENTS. AN INDEPENDENT STATE IS JUST STARTING TO BE
BUILT, WRIGHT EMPHASIZED, AND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO KNOW IF
UKRAINE WILL HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON ITS
COMMITMENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE UKRAINIANS MAKE THE RIGHT
PROCLAMATIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS BUT THESE IDEAS DO NOT HAVE
A PLACE IN UKRAINIAN TRADITION OR HISTORY.

2. SUMMARY: DURING HIS JUST-CONCLUDED VISIT TO
UKRAINE, EXSTAFF ADM. WRIGHT RECEIVED STRONG STATEMENTS OF
COMMITMENT ON THE CONDITIONS THE GO. SET FOR ESTABLISHING
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS (REF A). WRIGHT TOLD POLMINCOUNS,
HOWEVER, THAT THERE REMAINS A REAL QUESTION ABOUT
UKRAINE'S CAPABILITY TO CARRY OUT ITS INTENTIONS. CANADA
IS TAKING A "WATCH AND WAIT" ATTITUDE TOWARDS UKRAINE AND
IS UNDER NO PRESSURE EITHER FROM KIEV OR FROM THE POWERFUL
UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY IN CANADA TO MOVE FORWARD IN
ESTABLISHING FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.
END SUMMARY

ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILES' ASSISTANCE APPRECIATED

6. THE UKRAINIANS SEEM SINCERE IN THEIR DESIRE TO GET RID
OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, WRIGHT SAID, BUT THEY WILL NEED
INTERNATIONAL HELP. ON THE ISSUE OF CONTROL OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS, THE UKRAINIANS CLAIMED THAT THEY NOW HAVE MORE
NEGATIVE LAYERS BECAUSE THREE NOW HAVE TO AGREE TO THEIR
USE. WRIGHT NOTED THAT THE U.S. IS IN A BETTER POSITION
TO MAKE JUDGMENTS ON THIS BUT THAT HE TOLD THE UKRAINIANS
OF CANADA'S CONCERNS ABOUT THE NEED TO HAVE SECURE CONTROL
OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. TROOP LEVELS ARE MORE A
SOCIO-ECONOMIC THAN A MILITARY PROBLEM, WRIGHT OPINED.
THE UKRAINIANS REALIZE WESTERN CONCERNS ABOUT TROOP LEVELS
BUT DON'T HAVE JOBS AND HOUSING FOR DEMOBILIZED SOLDIERS.
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3. POLMINCOUNS, ACCOMPANIED BY POLMILOFF, CALLED ON
EXSTAFF ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER (ADM) FOR EUROPEAN
AFFAIRS DAVID WRIGHT ON DECEMBER 12 TO DISCUSS HIS
DECEMBER 8-10 VISIT TO UKRAINE AS THE HEAD OF A GOV
DELEGATION. WRIGHT, WHO WAS IN HIS FIRST DAY BACK IN THE
OFFICE, OPENED BY EXPRESSING HIS DEEP APPRECIATION FOR

JOINT STAFF
ACTION (U.E.7.8.N)

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THE COMMONWEALTH

7. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FORMATION OF THE UKRAINE,
RUSSIA, BYELORUSSIA COMMONWEALTH TOOK PLACE DURING THE
CANADIAN VISIT, WRIGHT SAID, AND THE UKRAINIAN LEADERS
PROVIDED USEFUL COMMENTS ON THE DECISION. KRAVCHUK IN
PARTICULAR GAVE A STRONG PRESENTATION, EMPHASIZING THE
IMPORTANCE OF THE COMMONWEALTH FOR SECURITY AND ORDER.
THE COMMONWEALTH IS SEEN BY THE UKRAINIANS AS ESPECIALLY
IMPORTANT AS A POLITICAL UMBRELLA FOR THE MILITARY.

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UKRAINIAN OFFICIALS EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN ON THESSDA
(RECENTLY TO. HOWEVER, THAT THE NEW LEFT KAZAKHSTAN OUT
OF THE COMMONWEALTH. THE INDICATED THAT THE COMMONWEALTH
WAS OPEN TO THE OTHER REPUBLICS. HOWEVER, ADDING THAT IT
WOULD ALSO BE OPEN TO THE COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE.
BULGARIA, IN PARTICULAR, WAS MENTIONED AS A POTENTIAL
MEMBER OF THE COMMONWEALTH. WRIGHT ADDED THAT CANADA WAS
TAKING CAUTION AND BALANCED LINE TOWARD THE
COMMONWEALTH DUE TO THE U.S. POSITION.

CANADA IS IN HURRY TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

1. CANADA IS IN NO RUSH TO DEAL WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. WRIGHT STATED UKRAINE APPRECIATED
THE G-7'S EARLY RECOGNITION AND IS NOT PRESSING FOR FORMAL
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. NOR IS THERE DOMESTIC POLITICAL
PRESSURE TO MOVE AHEAD WITH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. CANADA
WILL "WAIT AND WATCH" FOR NOW. WRIGHT SAID

2. THE G-7 WILL SUPPORT EARLY MEMBERSHIP OF UKRAINE IN
THE OSCE. WRIGHT SAID. THIS ISSUE WILL BE LIKELY TO BE
ADDRESSED AT THE JANUARY 30-31 PRAGUE MINISTERIAL.

THE DEBT ISSUE

3. THE UKRAINIANS TOOK A HARDER LINE ON THE DEBT ISSUE.
WRIGHT SAID. THEY TOLD THE CANADIANS THEY WILL COVER
16.37% OF THE SOVIET DEBT UP TO JANUARY 1, 1991 WITHOUT
REFERENCE TO WHERE THE LOANS WENT WITHIN THE USSR. THEY
ALSO EXPECT TO RECEIVE 16.37% OF THE ASSETS ABROAD. FOR
1991, HOWEVER, THE UKRAINIANS SAID THEY WANT TO BREAK DOWN
LOANS BY WHERE THEY WENT AND WILL ONLY TAKE RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THOSE THAT WENT TO UKRAINE. THIS IS AN ISSUE FOR
CANADA SINCE MOST OF THE CANADIAN EXPOSURE IS IN 1991
LOANS. WRIGHT SAID. HE ADDED THAT THE UKRAINIANS DO NOT
ACCEPT THE "JOINT AND SEVERAL" RESPONSIBILITY FOR UNION
DEBTS AS NEGOTIATED RECENTLY BY THE G-7 AND WILL NOT AGREE
TO PAY FOR THE SHORTFALL FROM REPUBLICS THAT DON'T WANT TO
ACCEPT THEIR SHARE OF THE SOVIET DEBT. THE CANADIANS
STUCK TO THE G-7 POSITION. WRIGHT SAID.
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