United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Memorandum for

Ivan Selin Chairman, NRC Thomas W. Simons, Jr. Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to the NIS

From:

Subject: FY94 Funds Transfer

To assist in planning the FY94 assistance program for the NIS, this memo describes procedures for transferring funds to you.

1. Under the authority of section 632(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act, we plan to transfer \$10 million to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to support nuclear reactor safety programs.

2. It will be necessary for the NRC to conclude an inter-agency agreement with AID to effect the section 632(a) transfer. Please have your staff work now with AID to prepare the documents for signature. The contact in AID is Patricia Matheson, 647-9875.

3. Your 632(a) inter-agency agreement with AID will specify the full amount to be transferred and will specify the size of the first tranche based on your expectations of spendout rates. The final tranche or tranches may occur in future fiscal years.

4. Concurrently, please submit to me a project description, including purpose/objectives, milestones, budget, a plan to evaluate effectiveness and an estimate of the expected obligations in the next six months. This latter estimate will be used to determine the size of the first tranche of funds to be transferred. Upon approval of the project description, we will authorize AID to sign the inter-agency agreement that will effect the transfer of the first tranche of funds.

5. Of the \$10 million, AID has notified Congress of an intent to obligate \$4 million for nuclear safety assistance in Russia. Funds must not be obligated until we have advised you that congressional notification requirements have been satisfactorily completed. My office will submit subsequent congressional notifications required by the Foreign Assistance Act; we will need your cooperation in preparing them. If congressional committees request briefings on the notification, we will ask NRC to accompany us.

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6. The NRC should provide me with monthly updates on a country-by-country basis on project activities and funds obligations, and quarterly updates on accrued expenditures. My staff will provide you with a format for these reports.

7. The NRC will be accountable for these funds, must ensure that these funds are obligated and expended in accordance with applicable law and must comply with audit requirements. In addition, use of these funds is subject to the responsibilities of the Coordinator, including those described in section 102 of the FREEDOM Support Act and the memorandum of National Security Advisor Lake dated May 19, 1993 (copy attached).

8. The funds to be transferred to NRC will come from the funds being transferred from DOD. I anticipate that these funds will be available in January. If there are exceptional circumstances that require the transfer to NRC to take place sooner, please let me know. I will approve the transfer of subsequent tranches as required by your spendout rate.

Attachment - Coordinator's charter

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## THE WHITE HOUSE

May 19, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT:

Charter for an Interagency Group on Silateral Assistance for Russia, Ukraine and the other New Independent States of the Former Soviet Union

1. To assure maximum coordination within the Executive Branch on United States support and assistance for Russia, Ukraine and the other new independent states of the former Soviet Unica (TSU) the President has designated Ambassador Thomas W. Simons, Ir as Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to the New Independent States in accordance with Section 102 of the FREEDCM Support Act, and has determined that he will chair an interagency Assistance Coordination Group.

2. The Assistance Coordination Group will report to the Folicy Steering Group established pursuant to the memorandum dated March 18. 1993. chaired by Ambassador-at-Large Strobe Talbett and cochaired by Special Assistant to the President Toby T. Gati.

1. In his capacities as Coordinator and Chairman of the Assistance Coordination Group and under the direction of the Steering Group Ambassador Simons will preside over allocation of U.S. assistance resources and the interagency process for design and implementation of all policies and programs dealing with bilateral assistance for the new independent states of the FSU.

4. The President has directed all Executive departments and agencies to treat the Assistance Coordination Group as the focal point for interagency deliberations on bilateral assistance for the new independent states of the FSU.

It is the responsibility of the Assistance Coordination Group to consider those Executive Branch actions that have significant implications for bilateral assistance for the new independent states of the FSU. Therefore, the department and agency needs shall ensure that all such actions under consideration by their departments and agencies come before the Assistance Coordination from in a timely manner.

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