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In reply refer to
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POLICY

Honorable Sam Nunn
Chairman, Senate Armed Services
Committee
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-1001

Dear Senator Nunn:

You and I spoke Sunday night at dinner about Nunn-Lugar assistance for Ukraine. You asked how much of the \$175 million which we committed to Ukraine we would in fact spend. With the exception of \$11 million in nuclear reactor safety assistance, \$10 million in assistance for a science and technology center, and \$3.9 million for military-to-military contacts, the provision of any further assistance is contingent upon the Ukrainian Government completing the necessary internal procedures allowing entry into force of the October 25, 1993 Umbrella Agreement, which Warren Christopher signed. Ukraine must also enter into implementing agreements with us describing the types of assistance that we may provide.

Under these agreements, Ukraine would receive \$135 million in assistance to eliminate strategic offensive arms; \$7.5 million in assistance for control, accounting, and physical protection of nuclear material; \$5 million in emergency response assistance; \$2.4 million in assistance to establish a Government-to-Government communications link, and \$2.26 million in export control assistance. Nunn-Lugar assistance can begin as soon as those agreements enter into force, but the scope and timing of our strategic dismantlement assistance will depend strictly on Ukraine's progress in deactivation. We will judge this progress on the degree to which Ukraine follows through in a timely manner on its clear commitment to Secretary Christopher to include all types of strategic systems -- SS-19s, SS-24s, and ALCMs -- in deactivation.

Please give me a call should you need any additional information. We will be firm with the Ukrainians but as we spoke on Sunday, Ukraine and its future as a stable and independent state is important to the United States. We must be careful in how we proceed; we have to encourage the Ukrainians to press ahead with

SS-19, SS-24 and ALCM deactivation and return of nuclear warheads to Russia and if accomplishing these important objectives requires providing limited doses from our pledge, we would be wise to make this gesture. We will continue to keep you informed as we move forward with this effort.

I took your point about our relations with Russia; they are central to our policy toward the east. This said, we need to do everything we can to encourage Ukraine to fulfill its Lisbon commitments.

Sincerely,

Frank G. Wisner