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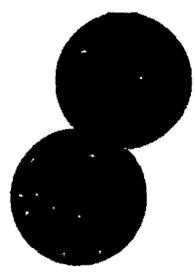
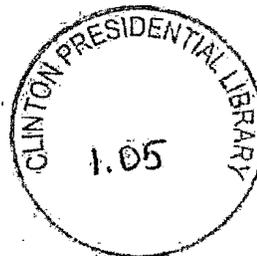
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MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

FROM: ALEXANDER VERSHBOW *AV*

SUBJECT: NATO Expansion



Attached is a paper that Dan Fried and I put together in an effort to elaborate the NSC staff position going into the interagency review of NATO expansion. Nick Burns has cleared. We would like to get together in the next few days to discuss it with you, preferably before the next IWG meeting on Friday.

Dick Schifter believes we should take a more cautious approach. As his attached paper indicates, he feels that, while we should begin discussions within NATO, we should defer the decision to admit any country and focus instead on intensifying military cooperation within Partnership for Peace. He also recommends priorities for spending the President's \$100 million that go beyond the scope of our paper.

Dick's concerns are not fundamentally at odds with the approach we recommend. While we believe there is an urgent need to define the road that leads from PFP to NATO membership, we agree it would be premature for the Alliance to make any decisions on specific candidates or a precise timetable. At the same time, we would argue that the debate over NATO expansion a year ago was not driven by fear of a reactionary turn in Russia, but out of a desire to provide the underpinnings for an expanded democratic community in Central and Eastern Europe -- a challenge that remains despite the relative calm that has returned to Russia since last October. Dick is of the view that this challenge can be best addressed by economic measures rather than NATO membership.

Concurrences by: Nicholas Burns<sup>NB</sup>, Richard Schifter<sup>RS</sup> and Daniel Fried<sup>DF</sup>

Attachments

Tab A Moving Toward NATO Expansion

Tab B NATO Expansion: Views of Richard Schifter

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