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MEMORANDUM FOR:

John A. Gordon
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FROM:

Susan J. Koch
(KOCH)

SUBJECT:

Kazakhstan as Nuclear State?

In case you thought that things weren't out of control.

Susan
This argues to
have the negotiations
at some very
specific location
for a very
extended period
of time.

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KAZAKHSTAN TO RETAIN STRATEGIC N-ARMS AS 'BARGAINING COUNTER'

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[TEXT] ROME, MARCH 20 (AFP) -- KAZAKHSTAN INTENDS TO USE THE STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEPLOYED ON ITS TERRITORY AS A BARGAINING COUNTER IN ARMS REDUCTION TALKS, PRESIDENT NURSULTAN NAZARBAYEV SAID IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED HERE FRIDAY. THE WEAPONS WILL NOT BE DESTROYED IN ORDER THAT KAZAKHSTAN "WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN STRATEGIC ARMS REDUCTIONS TALKS ALONG WITH RUSSIA AND THE UNITED STATES", NAZARBAYEV TOLD THE LA STAMPA DAILY.

"KAZAKHSTAN DID NOT BECOME AN ATOMIC POWER BY ITS OWN WILL", NAZARBAYEV COMMENTED.

"ON OUR TERRITORY AT SEMIPALATINSK, FROM 1949 ONWARDS, 467 NUCLEAR TESTS WERE CARRIED OUT. WE WANT TO BECOME A DENUCLEARISED STATE, AND WE HAVE CLOSED SEMIPALATINSK. BUT AS REGARDS THE STRATEGIC MISSILES, WE HAVE ASKED FOR THE STATUS QUO."

NAZARBAYEV ARGUED THAT KAZAKHSTAN "IS ENTITLED TO BELONG TO THE NUCLEAR CLUB BECAUSE TESTS ON ITS TERRITORY WERE BEING CARRIED OUT 18 MONTHS BEFORE THE SIGNING OF THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY" IN MAY 1968.

EARLIER THIS YEAR KAZAKHSTAN, ALONG WITH UKRAINE AND BELARUS, AGREED TO TRANSFER ALL TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO RUSSIA WHERE THEY WOULD BE DISMANTLED AND DESTROYED BY RUSSIAN EXPERTS.

NAZARBAYEV TOLD LA STAMPA THAT "THE TRANSFER TO RUSSIA WOULD COST BILLIONS OF RUBLES WHICH KAZAKHSTAN DOES NOT HAVE". HE ADDED THAT

THERE WAS "NO CONTROL MECHANISM FOR THE ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS."

"COMMON SENSE REQUIRES THAT THE REDUCTION IN STRATEGIC NUCLEAR FORCES SHOULD BE IN LINE WITH THE DEFENSIVE NEEDS OF THE COMMONWEALTH (OF INDEPENDENT STATES), NOTIONS WHICH UNFORTUNATELY DO NOT FOR THE MOMENT EXIST", HE CONCLUDED.

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