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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WOLFOVITZ

THROUGH: Mr. LILLET *W* 23 JAN 1992

SUBJECT: Debrief on CIS Humanitarian Conference and Mr.
Armitage's Proposed Press Release (U)

(U) Generally, it is my view that the first day of the conference was successful. Comments in the plenary session following the President's opening speech were positive and upbeat. Those countries which spoke in the plenary session were very supportive of the conference, the need to mount a major coordinated international effort and the requirement to get it underway quickly. I attended the food and medical working groups during the day and both seemed to be working very hard to forge a coherent productive plan for their respective programs. Because of the way the conference was structured, I did not attend the plenary sessions on medical assistance, energy, shelter or technical assistance. This report is not meant to imply that there were no differences. There are issues which need to be resolved. Some of the participants, who are selling products to the FSU expressed concern about disrupting those markets. The issue of how it will all be coordinated seems to be still evolving particularly concerning the role of such organizations as NATO, the EC, the OECD and WHO. Both the food and medical working groups have reached general agreement to hold follow up meetings in the next 6-8 weeks. In the plenary session this morning, the EC representative announced that the EC would host a follow-on conference in Lisbon in the spring. That seemed to be well received.

Please find attached a copy of the press release Rich Armitage has produced for release tomorrow after Secretary Baker's announcement regarding the USG effort in early February. I understand that he mentioned the release to you this afternoon. I propose that we give this to Public Affairs for use and release after the Baker announcement tomorrow.

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In order to dramatize and focus the interest of the West in the plight of the CIS and to give hope and support to the reformers and democrats in these new states, the U.S. plans to offer approximately 54 aircraft sorties to most, if not all, 12 Republics. (The situation in Georgia must become more stable before flights there could begin.) The one-time cost associated with this airlift is approximately 3 to 5 million, depending upon the precise mix of aircraft (C-5's and C-141's), their points of origin and their exact destinations. Most of these flights will originate in Europe; but some may depart from Japan to reach destinations in the Russian Far East.

There are available at Pisa, Italy and in Luxembourg

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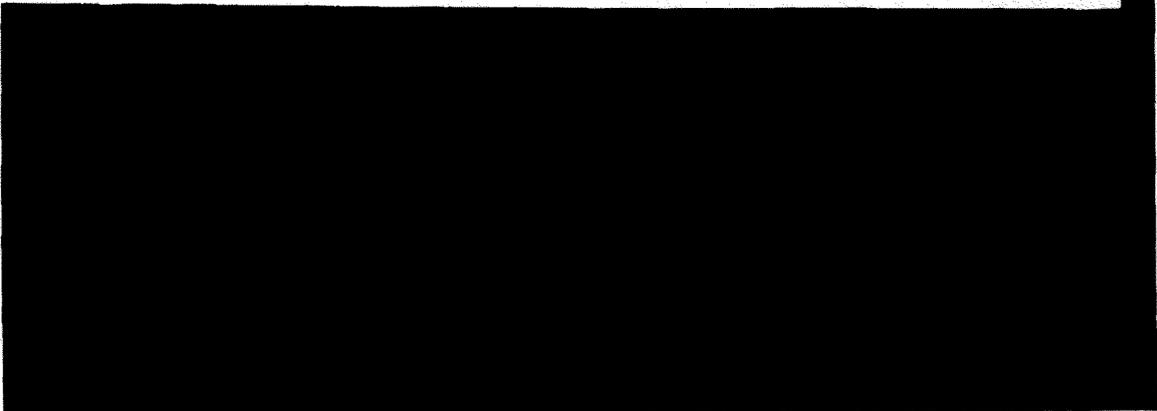
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approximately ^{12.8⁰} 1000 sealand vans of bulk rations, running the gamut from beef and ham to corn flakes and peanut butter. These vans are 40' long and each contains a total of 38,400 pounds of rations. Their approximate dollar value of these rations is \$44.8 million.

A C-5 aircraft can accommodate 75 tons of cargo. A C-141 aircraft handles about 25 tons.

In this dramatic initial airlift it is our intention also to include at least 6 C-5 aircraft of medicines and medical consumables. The primary medicine is CIPROFLOXIN, a multi-purpose antibiotic. The value of the CIPROFLOXIN is about \$8.7 million. The remaining supplies are consumables such as bandages, dressings, sutures, etc. The total value of all the medicine and consumables is \$17 million.

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An additional 58 vans of medical consumables have been located in California and will be air or sealifted to targetted groups in the FSU, whichever is more feasible.

The Defense Logistics Agency is being canvased to ascertain the availability of other excess military medical equipment.

The Department of Agriculture is shipping \$165 million worth of grant agricultural commodities. This will be accomplished in the main by sealift.

The U.S. will deploy approximately twelve teams consisting of USDOD, AID, OFDA personnel and others to targetted cities to arrange for the emergency shipments, manage the delivery to targetted groups and, to the extent possible, assure safe and full receipt. These teams will be under the direction of Ambassador Armitage.

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Following the completion of this phase the teams will be withdrawn, and their observations and experiences will be briefed, reviewed and evaluated to assure even better results at later stages.

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