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U.S. President-Elect Donald J. Trump
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Dear Mr. President-Elect:

**Re: Ukraine -- America's Guarantee of Ukrainian Independence and Territorial Integrity
Ukraine In Exchange Surrendering in 1994 Its 1,900 Multiple-Warhead Nuclear Missiles**

This is a plea from a 232-member monthly public-policy study group that I have facilitated for the past 19 years. Its participants include many attorneys and professors. Indeed, our meetings on nuclear matters since Fukushima Daiichi in 2011 have been led by a PhD from America's national nuclear-research laboratory at Oak Ridge/U-Tennessee.

As we're sure you are aware –

- On 12/26/1991 the old Soviet Union dissolved as proclaimed in Declaration No. 142-H of the individual Soviet Republics of the Supreme Soviet of the Soviet Union. That is, that all 14 Soviet Republics including Russia and Ukraine were thenceforth independent.
- The dissolution left Ukraine with 1,900 multiple-warhead nuclear missiles.
- Ukraine had its share of USSR nuclear scientists and its share USSR military nuclear-missile techies so that Ukraine would have had no trouble in remaining the world's THIRD-largest nuclear power – behind the U.S. and Russia BUT AHEAD OF Britain, France, China, etc.
- However, as a new “world citizen,” Ukraine signaled its willingness to surrender its 1,900 multiple-warhead nuclear missiles and its nuclear-weapons program IF ITS INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY WERE GUARANTEED.
- On 12/5/1994, President Bill Clinton for the U.S., Prime Minister John Major for the U.K., and President Boris Yeltsin for Russia signed an agreement GUARANTEEING UKRAINE'S INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY if Ukraine would surrender its 1,900 multiple-warhead nuclear missiles and its nuclear-weapons program.
- Ukraine immediately did so.
- On 2/24/2022, Russia invaded Ukraine – as it had in 2014.
- Technically, the 12/5/1994 agreement described above (often called “The Budapest Memorandum”) is not triggered unless the threatener of Ukraine's independence OR territorial integrity ALSO threatened the use of nuclear weapons.
- Vis-à-vis the current war, Putin has long since threatened the use of nuclear weapons (albeit so-called “tactical nukes”).

In your amazing news conference yesterday in which you answered questions for more than an hour on an incredible range of issues, you expressed concern for the extent of the death and destruction in the Ukrainian War.

Obviously, it could be halted virtually overnight with a worldwide boycott of Russian oil & gas exports – you probably recall that your Obamacare “thumbs-down” nemesis, the late U.S. Sen. John McCain, loved to call Russia “a gas station masquerading as a country.”

Indeed, your current ally, Elon Musk, not only saved Ukraine from immediate annihilation in 2022 by extending to it his Starlink service, but he also, as widely reported in early March 2022, called for Europe to re-activate its de-activated nuclear-power plants which could, except for administrative “red tape” re-certification, be re-activated with little more than a “flip of the switch.”

Elon Musk obviously thought a worldwide boycott could be organized vis-à-vis the Russian oil & gas displaced by the reactivation of the European nuclear-power plants.

Unfortunately, America and the world stood by while Russia sold its displaced oil & gas to China at greatly-inflated prices caused by its war on Ukraine, so that Russia has been profiting handsomely from its war.

It would appear that your laudable concern for the death and devastation in the Ukrainian War would be ended quickly – as you have promised – by a quick “Art Of The Deal” threat to halt Russian oil & gas exports to China OR ANYONE ELSE.

And that America’s (and the U.K.’s) guarantee of Ukrainian independence and sovereignty could be honored by having Ukraine join NATO – rather than “twisting in the wind” every time Russia decides to attack.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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