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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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Dear Bill -

I'm writing this note about an hour after your call from Ft. Riley reporting your breakthrough with Grachev. I suspect that a decade from now I'll feel the same way about it; this is an immensely significant & positive development, with implications far beyond Bosnia. It could help tide us over a rough patch ahead in US-Russian relations; it will have a salutary effect on Russian-NATO

relations more generally; it could have
helpful fallout on CFE. Altogether,
your handshake with Grachev could be
one of those critical pivot points
in history.

I can't tell you how much I admired
the patience, persistence & skill with
which you led our efforts, in Geneva,
in Washington &, obviously, in the air
over the Midwest. I'm mighty proud
to be associated with you.
Regards, Strobe