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MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT BIDEN

OPEN LETTER

Dear Mr. President & VP Harris

In 2022, we “the collective West” overestimated Russian military capabilities and underestimated the will of Ukraine to resist and its capabilities. Then we adjusted (too slowly) to Russian ineptitude and failures at the hands of Ukrainian courage and valor. Next, we overestimated Ukraine’s abilities, and frightened they might trigger a nuclear response with catastrophic success – we dialed it back and crippled Ukraine’s ability to win. Carefully titrating the dosage of arms supplied to cause a stalemate while we caught up with our continuing failure to correctly estimate the realities of the war there.

In doing that we forced Ukraine to squander the chances for an outright victory in 2022. By allowing Russia time to dig-in defenses three lines deep and with triple density minefields. Then as if our duplicity wasn’t bad enough, our loud and stupid pundits began to criticize Ukraine’s (doomed by our own intentionally timid designed to fail, without an air arm “combined arms” based) counter offensive in 2023.

Then along came Trump seeking to help Putin by causing GOP House members to stymie aid for Ukraine for 7 months. In which time the Ukraine military did the best they could in increasingly dire shortage of arms. Finally, speaker Johnson with or without Trump approval (not sure) was persuaded to do the right thing once he knew of Russian persecution of Baptist pastors and the bombing of 400 Protestant and Baptist churches in Ukraine. Thank God for that!

I advised Ukraine (through channels) to go after Russian refineries, having also advised them in 2022 to turn light aircraft into drones to create a long-range strike capability (we allies?) could not forbid. This led to misguided fears about rising oil prices which if anything began trending down because the oil Russia can’t refine began impacting global markets.

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I then noticed with consternation that America has lifted tariffs on Russian banks until November as Ukraine continued the attacks against refineries. Hmmm.

Russia has learned a lot of Ukraine's best moves including stealing some ideas I helped with, and Russia is now doing better militarily, the effects of which have been exasperated Trump's 7 month aid embargo.

Ukrainian lives and territory have been needlessly lost due to Trump's maligned influence and the collective failings of the collective West. Leaving Trump and his minions with Ukrainian blood on their hands. If only they had consciences, this should weigh on them.

So it is that we were confronted by the prospect that Ukraine could lose, plus increasing danger to Europe and NATO of a triumphant and hence emboldened Kremlin.

Ukraine has to put up with Russia amassing forces just over the border which common military sense says they should try to interdict before they can attack. But which our timidity is forcing Ukraine to grant sanctuary too. This is military madness and must not continue.

Please hear me Mr. President: Ukraine must be unleashed to fight their war as their needs must unrestrained. Without our timidity tying their hands.

Thank you for the privilege of your attention and this opportunity to help.

Sincerely

Mark Taylor

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