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SUBJECT: Russian MoD Ivanov, March 11, 2002

I took MoD Ivanov to the Wizards' basketball game on March 11.

We didn't talk much business, but the following items might be worth noting:

1. He said the Olympics played very badly in Russia. It stirred up a lot of anti-American feeling.
2. I told him that the "chicken" decision was not going to be helpful with Jackson-Vanik. He said he has been briefed on that, and there is no question but that when the chicken arrived from the U.S., stamped "approved," they found salmonella in 5 or 6 or 7 cases. He believes it. He mused that it is hard to see the connection between chickens and Jewish immigration.
3. He said the steel decision hurts in Russia. I said Russia and several other places.
4. I told him we might want to spend the first part of the first meeting talking about what we want to do, what we want to cover in which meeting. He said fine. He said he brought along some experts—one in proliferation. They know more than he does, and he said we ought to give them a chance to speak.
5. I asked him if Berezofsky was bouncing him around a little bit. He said he is after all of Putin's people in the press, but nothing notable.
6. He is still limping noticeably, claims that in a month or two it will all be well.
7. He is still smoking.

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