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Meeting: Mr. Khozh-Akhmed Noukhaev✓
First Deputy Prime Minister, Chechnya

Friday, February 28, 1997
6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
E 1227 Conference Room

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B. SUBJECT: MEETING: MR. KHOZH-AKHMED NOUKHAEV, FIRST DEPUTY
PRIME MINISTER OF CHECHNYA (B) (N)
VENUE: E1227 (CONF. RM.)
CONTACT: MR. JACHIMCZYK @ 202-862-1600, RM. 903//
FAX:785-1255
IN ATTENDANCE: JDW, CKW, MIAGKOV-ALTERNATE (FOR BUGROV),
HUANG (FOR LINN), R. RANKEN & BARIBEAU (FOR KASSUM), HANY
INTERPRETER: SERGIE CHERNOV
DELEGATION:
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Minutes of Meeting

When: February 28, 1997

Where: World Bank Offices, Washington, D.C.

With: Mr. Kozhakhmed Noukhaev, First Deputy Prime Minister, Chechnya
Princess Shahpari Khashoggi, Mr. Mansour Maciej Jachimczyk, Chief Advisor
for Economic Relations.

Bank Staff: Mr. James D. Wolfenson, President, Mr. Eugene Miagkov, Alternate Executive
Director, Russia; Messrs. Caio K. Koch-Weser (EXC), Yukon Huang (EC3DR),
Richard Ranken (IFC), HanyAssaad (EXC)

Main points raised:

1. Mr. Noukhaev began by noting the state of devastation in Chechnya and that they were now seeking broader support for the republic's needs. The first stop of the trip was in Los Angeles where arrangements had been made to publicize their cause. They had earlier in the day met with the IMF. He highlighted the country's desperate situation and the need to rebuild drawing upon resources in the region as well as from neighbors. He acknowledged that political considerations would restrict the modalities for attracting funding and in this context he sketched out a proposal for forming a Caucasus Common Market Corporation to attract funding in the energy, transport and telecommunication sectors. Membership was open to municipalities and cities in the region from Ukraine, Russia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, etc. Corporations could also join. The effort was being led by a group of distinguished officials including the former head of the EBRD (Attali) as well as ex-government officials and business leaders from the region. Princess Khashoggi and Adan Khashoggi were also involved in the effort. This would be a private corporation listed in Tokyo and thus would operate independent of "political constraints." In this context he was seeking ways in which the World Bank and IFC could provide financing.

2. Mr. Wolfensohn expressed appreciation for the briefing. He elaborated on how the World Bank Group functioned and that any lending from the World Bank had to be done with the approval of the Russian Government. IFC could lend to corporations but it also functioned with support from the federal authorities. IFC would make itself available to review any proposed projects which the Caucasus Common Market company might develop in line with our usual guidelines.

3. The delegation mentioned that there was no intention on their part to conceal their intentions from the Russian government, and that they would continue the discussions with the ED's office to learn more about how the IFIs operate. Mr. Miagkov indicated that his office was prepared to be helpful. He also noted that the Bank had recently developed a new policy on reconstruction and this could be looked at in terms of its relevance for Chechnya. Mr. Wolfensohn concluded the meeting by encouraging the delegation to come forward with proposals which would be reviewed for their appropriateness for Bank Group financing.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 27, 1997

TO: Mr. James D. Wolfensohn

FROM: Yukon Huang, Acting Vice President, ECA 

EXTENSION: 35357

SUBJECT: **Meeting with Mr. Kozhakhmed Noukhaev, First Deputy Prime Minister, Chechnya
Friday, February 28 at 6:30pm in Room E1227**

Mr. Jacques Attali suggested this meeting with First Deputy Prime Minister Noukhaev. Mr. Noukhaev will be accompanied by:

Princess Shahpari Khashoggi
Mr. Mansour Maciej Jachimczyk, Chief Advisor for Economic Relations

From the Bank's side, Mr. Caio K. Koch-Weser and I will be present. In addition, Mr. Richard Ranken, Division Manager, Russia (IFC) and Mr. Hany Assaad may also attend. Mr. Eugene Miagkov, Alternate ED for Russia will be present.

With the election of Aslan Maskhadov as the President of Chechnya in January 1997, the Russian authorities finally have an officially recognized and legitimate counterpart in their negotiations with the republic. So far Mr. Maskhadov has made no explicit overtures for diplomatic recognition of Chechnya, but he has seemingly embarked on an approach focused on international support for, and dialogue with, his republic -- including a policy of intensifying their contacts with Islamic nations in the Middle East.

The Russian Government, while not objecting to our meeting representatives from autonomous republics within Russia, nevertheless has been sensitive to these overtures. (There may be something more to Attali's role since he is known to be seeking opportunities to represent authorities in the region and pushed to have an official from Dagastan, another autonomous republic, to be accorded some official status at the last Annual Meetings.

For obvious reasons, we have never visited Chechnya nor had any contact with officials from Chechnya. We have had no indication of any kind that the federal government is interested in our playing a role in Chechnya's reconstruction, nor is it likely that such a sentiment will emerge.

There is great sensitivity in Moscow to any actions by the outside world that might give credibility to any Chechen pretensions to recognition of their independence before the issue is sorted out within Russia. Moscow believes that it still holds some leverage over the Chechens in the form of potential assistance for reconstruction. However, Moscow will presumably demand that any assistance will be predicated upon "the Chechens behaving". If some understanding is struck on the more sensitive political issues, Moscow may offer assistance but even then, the federal government may want to handle it themselves without the involvement of multilaterals who might be seen as becoming too sympathetic to the Chechen's cause.

Thus, you should emphasize that our relationship is with the federal government only, and any potential relationship with Chechnya, like for any other "subject" of the Russian Federation, can only be through and with the agreement of the federal government. You should suggest that they need to work with our counterpart agencies handling the Russian program: Ministries of Economy and Finance, who are responsible for indicating to us any interest Russia may have in our playing a role in Chechnya.

cc: Messrs. Koch-Weser, Linn o/r, Carter, Mitra, Ranken (IFC), Assaad