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Executive Summary

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**Terms of the Trilateral Statement**

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**Compensation for the U-235:  
A Straight Exchange**

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<sup>1</sup> Trilateral Statement by the Presidents of U.S., Russia, and Ukraine, January 1994, U.S. Department of State Dispatch Supplement, Vol. 5, No. 1. (U)

<sup>2</sup> Russian-Ukrainian Accord Implementing Trilateral Nuclear Agreement, State Cable 141047Z February 1994, American Embassy, Moscow. (S)

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**Ukraine's Energy Problems**

**The Trilateral Offers Limited Help  
For Ukraine's Reactor Needs**

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Statement: Ukraine

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Could Ukraine Change Its Mind  
About Transferring Nuclear  
Warheads to Russia?

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<sup>6</sup> *Ukrainian Nuclear Power Industry Update*, State Cable 291548Z March 1994, American Embassy, Kiev. (C)

<sup>7</sup> *Ukrainian and Russian Delegations Optimistic After Talks on Nuclear Withdrawal*, Radio Ukraine World Service, February 12, 1994 (BBC Summary of World Broadcasts, February 15, 1994). (U)

<sup>8</sup> Future prospects for breaking the Russian monopoly by using Western-supplied reactor fuel are improving. For example, Westinghouse contracted in 1993 to fabricate fuel for Czech VVER-1000 reactors, with the first fuel loading scheduled for December 1996. (NuclearFuel, January 31, 1994.) (U)

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**Geopolitical Factors**

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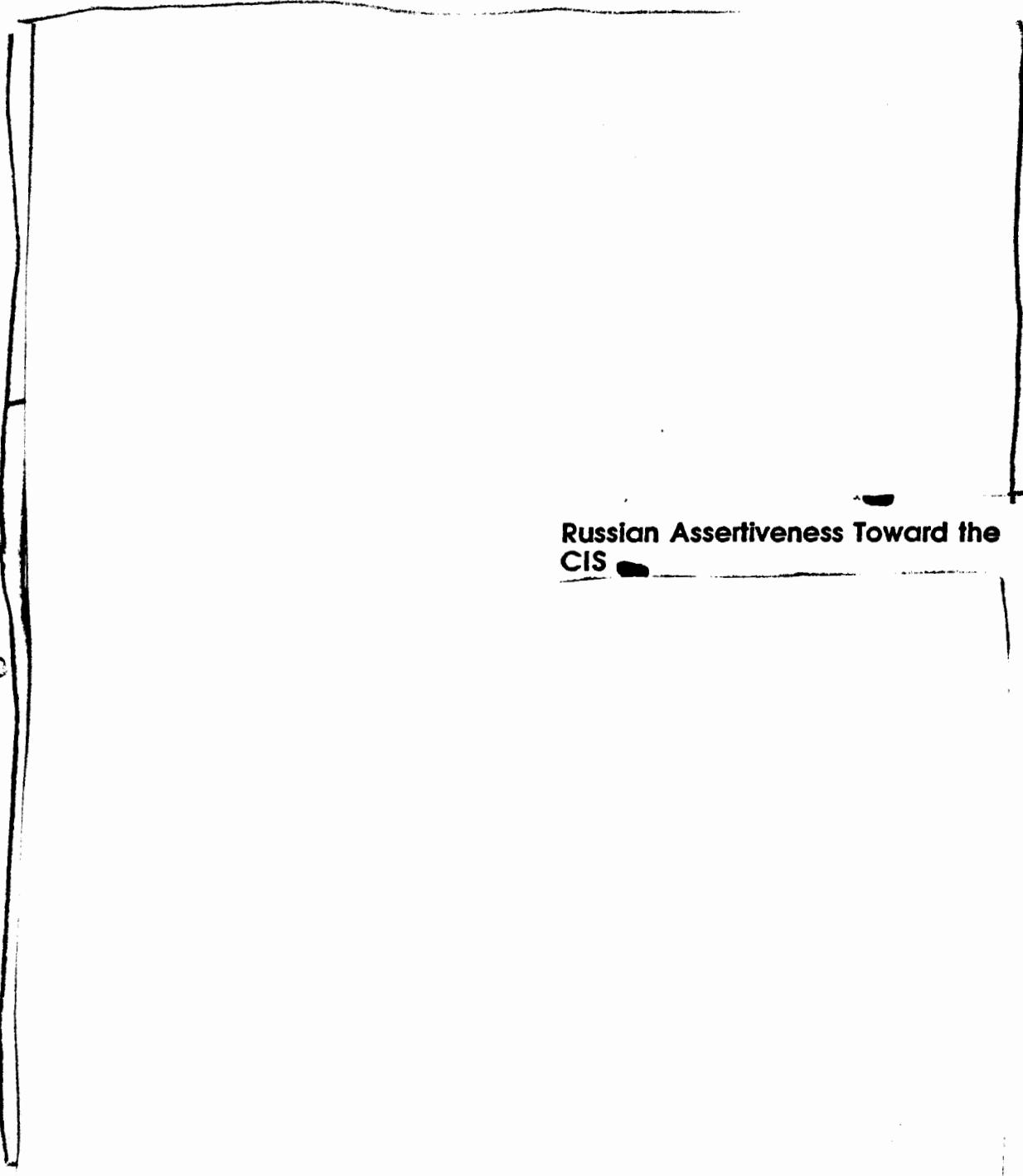
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**Ukraine's Energy Dependence  
on Russia: Opportunity for  
Coercion**

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**Russian Assertiveness Toward the  
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<sup>9</sup> *Status of Debt/Gas Supply Talks with Ashgabat and Moscow, State Cable 181517Z January 1995, American Embassy, Kiev. (C)*

<sup>10</sup> *Deputy Minister Deems Russian Stand on Fleet 'Annexation', Kiev Intelnews, December 27, 1994. (U)*

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13 This pressure could be interpreted as violating the terms of the Trilateral Accord. (U)

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<sup>14</sup> Groznyi—Ukrainian Reaction, State Cable 281557Z December 1994, American Embassy, Kiev. (C)

<sup>15</sup> Were Crimea to erupt, Russia could be drawn into a violent conflict which would almost certainly produce a negative effect on Trilateral implementation. (U)

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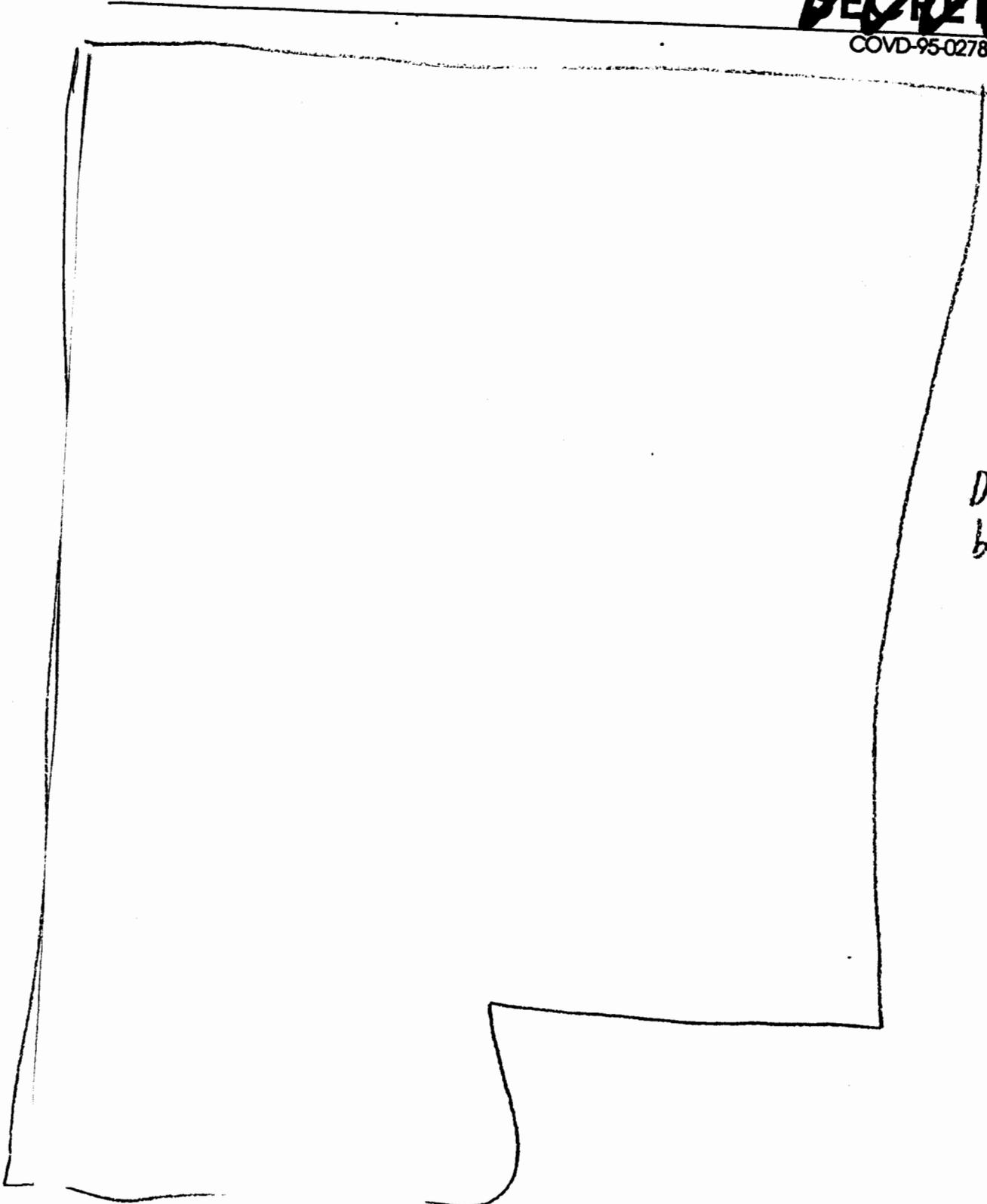
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