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## NO DIRECT AID TO MOSCOW

PRESIDENT BUSH OUGHT TO HAVE THE BACKING OF EVERY AMERICAN TAXPAYER AND EVERY MEMBER OF CONGRESS, IN OPPOSING DIRECT AMERICAN AID NOW TO THE SOVIET UNION.

AT A TIME WHEN WE'RE TRYING TO MANAGE OUR OWN \$3 TRILLION DEBT, WHEN WE HAVE AN ANNUAL BUDGET DEFICIT THAT RUNS TO 12 DIGITS, AND ARE RELYING ON PILES OF FOREIGN CREDIT TO PAY OUR OWN BILLS -- THE AVERAGE AMERICAN IS GOING TO WONDER ABOUT SCHEMES TO GIVE GORBACHEV OR ANY OTHER SOVIET LEADER SOME KIND OF "INTERNATIONAL CREDIT CARD" TO PICK UP THE TAB FOR 70 YEARS OF COMMUNIST TYRANNY AND MISMANAGEMENT.

WE WANT GORBACHEV'S REFORMIST POLICIES TO SUCCEED. AND WE OUGHT TO PROVIDE HIM ALL THE ADVICE AND EXPERTISE HE NEEDS TO PUT HIS ECONOMY ON A SENSIBLE, FREE-MARKET BASIS, INCLUDING MFN -- IF A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT IS REACHED WITH THE BALTIC STATES, ASSURING THEIR INDEPENDENCE.

BUT IF GORBACHEV NEEDS AN INFUSION OF CASH, HE OUGHT TO DECLARE HIS OWN "PEACE DIVIDEND." HE OUGHT TO GET A "REBATE" ON THE \$4 BILLION IN AID HE'S GIVING TO CASTRO, THE \$1 BILLION HE'S GIVING TO THE COMMUNIST REGIME IN ANGOLA, OR THE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS HE CONTINUES TO POUR INTO AFGHANISTAN. AND FOR LONGER-TERM HELP IN PAYING FOR HIS REFORMS, HE OUGHT TO START BY MAKING SERIOUS CUTS IN HIS DEFENSE BUDGET -- INSTEAD OF THE PUNY 4% CUT MADE THIS YEAR.

IN FACT, I BET THAT SOME OF OUR TAXPAYERS ARE STARTING TO WONDER: IF OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES HAVE ALL THAT SPARE CASH AROUND, PERHAPS THEY CAN USE SOME OF IT TO PICK UP A LOT BIGGER SHARE OF THE COST OF STATIONING OUR TROOPS IN EUROPE -- THE TROOPS THAT HAVE INSURED THE PEACE, AND GIVEN THEM THE CHANCE TO PROSPER.

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