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Remembering Yeltsin

By Bill Clinton

When I spoke to BORIS YELTSIN by phone on New Year's Eve, shortly after he announced his resignation, he conveyed a mixture of relief that a tough choice was behind him and confidence¹ that it was the right choice for his country.

The manner of his leaving the presidency was vintage² Yeltsin, bold, blunt, even defiant, but rooted in his core belief in the right and the ability of the Russian people to choose their own leaders and their own course for the future.

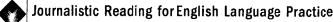
I met him for the first time in June 1992, when I was still a candidate for the presidency and he was fairly new in his own job. Since then, for the 19 times we've met, I have often heard him speak, with unmistakable and sometimes pugnacious³ pride, about his greatest achievements and, with equally straightforward candor⁴ about where he still had work to do to build a genuinely democratic, prosperous and modern Russia, pursuing its national interests while cooperating with other great nations and international institutions.

Now Yeltsin's designated successor, Vladimir Putin, must be the custodian⁵ of Russia's democracy while running for its presidency in March. If Russia is successful in passing power from its first democratically elected President to its second, then the country's direction will be in the hands of a new elected President and Duma, as well as the thousands of elected officials who now run local governments. Multiple parties vie for⁵ power through the ballot box⁷. There are some 65,000 nongovernmental organizations and approximately 900,000 private businesses while there were none a decade ago. A pluralist political system and civil society, competing in the world markets and plugged into 8 the Internet, have emerged from a totalitarian monolith that was closed off from the outside world and implacably hostile⁹ to our values and interests.

No one deserves a larger share of the credit for this transformation than Yeltsin himself. For all his difficulties, he has been brave, visionary and forthright, and he has earned the right to be called the Father of Russian Democracy.

In saying farewell, Yeltsin was characteristically frank bout what hasn't gone right under his leadership. He asked "forgiveness" for hopes that haven't been realized. "What we thought would be easily turned out to be painfully difficult," he said, acknowledging that along with new opportunities for some, the past decade has brought deep hardship to others.

From our many meetings, I know that no problem he has faced has been as frustrating, year in





and year out, for Yeltsin as turning the economy around and giving Russians better lives. He has always seen himself as their champion 11. Despite Russian citizens' difficulties, there are some signs of economic growth, and there was no sign in last month's elections that they have given up on reform. Indeed, many of those who did best in Duma elections told the people there had been too little reform, not too much.

The economy is not the only piece of unfinished business that Yeltsin leaves behind. There are three others that he and I have often talked about. First is crime and corruption. Unless that battle is joined and, over time, won, the democratic norms and the market economy that have been Yeltsin's prime focus can be undone. Russian citizens, like those of other democracies, need confidence that theirs really is a government of laws. Otherwise, they will turn to other leaders, and perhaps even to other forms of government.

Then there is the immediate issue of the war in Chechnya. We have a profound and open disagreement with the Russian government, not on its right to oppose violent Chechen rebels but on the treatment of refugees. The question for President Yeltsin's successors is not only how to liberate Grozny12 without killing thousands of civilians; it's also whether this war becomes a model for how to deal with other problems involving terrorists and separatists. Russia has to find the right balance between the use of effective force and decent respect for individual right and international norms. In Chechnya that balance has not yet been found.

Finally, there is the overarching13 question of Russia's relationship to the outside world. President Yeltsin and I believed our countries should, whenever and wherever possible, work together on our many common interests and work hard to keep our disagreements from preventing us from cooperating in other areas.

Though the chemistry14 between us was good, the partnership we established has been subject to plenty of strains15 . Most have been on specific issues-NATO enlargement and its actions in Kosovo, Chechnya, and antimissile defenses. But there has been a growing tendency lately in both countries to question the premise16 of partnership to cast doubt on whether Russia and the U.S. do indeed have common interests outweighing our differences.

For those with doubts, look at the years since 1991: 5,000 strategic nuclear weapons have been dismantled17; U.S. and Russian nuclear weapons are no longer targeted at each other; nuclear weapons have been removed from the other former Soviet states. Russia has withdrawn its troops from the Baltics, and it has played a positive role in the Balkans; now Russian troops serve alongside Americans in Bosia, and Russian diplomacy was instrumental18 in achieving peace in Kosovo. The machinery of communism has been dismantled, and the vast majority of Russians work for private employers-not the state.

If Russia s new leaders—the generation to whom Boris Yeltsin gave the stage last Friday—endorse19 this as firmly as he did, they will find in America an eager and active partner.

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NOTES 1.a mixture of r	elief and confidence—a feeling of both comfort and certainty	
2. vintage sl	nowing most particular qualities	
№ 3. pugnacious——easy to quarrel, fight with sb.		
≪ 4. candor—si	ncere honest	
№ 5. custodian	-sb. who is responsible for	
♦ 6. vie for—co	empete hard to get sth.	
№ 7. ballot box—	-a system of secret voting in election	
№ 8. plugged into-	connected to	
 9. implacably hostile—firmly opposing 10. characteristically frank—particularly honest and truthful 11. champion—defender 12. Grozny—capital of Chechnya 	ostile——firmly opposing	
	cally frank——particularly honest and truthful	
	defender	
	capital of Chechnya	
№ 13. overarching	every	
№ 14. chemistry	relationship	
№ 15. subject to pl	lenty of strains affected by many problems, difficulties and wor-	
ries		
№ 16. premise	-precondition	
№ 17. dismantled	taken apart	
№ 18. instrumenta	limportant	
№ 19. endorse	-support, approve	

IN DEPTH¹: INTERNET ATTACKS

Clinton takes up Web security with experts

WASHINGTON: Calling the outbreak of Internet attacks² "obviously very disturbing³", President Bill Clinton is bringing technology experts and even a mysterious hacker named Mudge to the White House to look at ways to tighten security on the World Wide Web.

The initial idea of the session was to address the problem⁴ of terrorists using cyberspace. But Clinton says last week's attacks underscore⁵ a need for the government to focus on protecting the In-



ternet itself.

"These denial-of-service attacks are obviously very disturbing and I think there is a way that we can clearly promote security," Clinton told CNN. Com on Monday in what was billed as the first online interview of a president.

Among the participants in yesterday's meeting was Mudge, nickname for a member of a"think tank" of hackers who perform security consulting under the name At Stake. A White House official was hush-hush about Mudge's role in the meeting, saying "We're not really discussing it."

The hacker and his colleagues testified to the Senate in 1998 about lax⁸ computer security, using their old monikers⁹. "The US Senate referred to me as Mudge," he once said in an interview. "Mom and Dad refer to me as Mudge. I figure, why break the streak"?"

About 20 executives from technology companies, as well as academics and officials from the National Security Agency, also were invited to the meeting, said spokesman Joe Lockhart.

One challenge for vulnerable companies is how to share warnings on attacks without causing undue panic or releasing corporate secrets.

Managers of a recently formed warning network for banks said computer experts at some of the nation's largest financial institutions received detailed warnings of impending¹⁴ threats days before last week's attacks began on major sites such as Yahoo! Buy.com,e-Bay and ETrade.

But banking officials never passed those warnings to the FBI¹⁵ or other law enforcement agencies, because they weren't allowed to do so under rules of the unusual security arrangement, formed with the government's encouragement.

To encourage open participation by banks and other financial firms, the Treasury Department decided that information disclosed within such a network would not be turned over to federal regulators or law enforcement agencies. It worked well for the banks that were forewarned about the attacks last week but the system also ensured the same warnings were not widely distributed.

The banking network issued the first alert¹⁶ in the latest attacks on February 4. "When we started seeing certain machines being compromised¹⁷, "said William Marlow of Global Integrity Corp, who runs the network, "Yahoo! was attacked four days later."

The Washington Post said the FBI was preparing to question three possible suspects as early as yesterday after authorities were able to link hacker's aliases to real names and addresses.

At the White House, Clinton's spokesman Joe Lockhart said "The experts will spend some time talking about the current situation and seeing if there is more we can do."

But he said the latest attacks would not dominate a discussion dealing more broadly with ways to tighten security without going overboard¹⁹ with government intervention.

Lockhart said the participants mainly planned to review Clinton's US \$ 2 billion proposal for protecting the nation's digitalized infrastructure from sabotage ; about US \$ 91 million of that would go towards addressing cyberterrorism.

Clinton's proposal has been met with skepticism²² among congressional Republicans, who are concerned it doesn't adequately²³ protect federal computer systems from hackers²⁴.

- NOTES 1. in depth—thorough and complete
 - 2. outbreak of Internet attacks—attacking Internet suddenly
 - 3. obviously very disturbing—clearly making you feel upset and worried

 - № 5. underscore—underline
 - ♦ 6. think tank——a committee of people with experience in a particular subject that an organization or government established to provide ideas and give advice
 - № 7. hush-hush—very secret
 - № 8. lax—careless
 - № 9. old monikers—strange nicknames
 - № 10. Why break the streak? ——Why not people call me Mudge?
 - № 11. vulnerable—easily attacked
 - № 12. to share warnings—to tell each other the warnings
 - № 13. undue—extreme
 - № 14. impending coming
 - № 15.FBI—Federal Bureau of Investigation
 - № 16. alert—warning
 - № 17. compromised——spoilt, damaged
 - № 18. aliases——false names usually used by criminals
 - № 19. overboard——saying or doing too much
 - ≈ 20. review—consider and examine
 - № 21. sabotage—secretly destroy
 - 22. skepticism—doubt
 - ≈ 23. adequately—quite effectively
 - 24. hackers—people who secretly and unlawfully use or change the information in other computer systems

Gap between haves, have-nots widens¹

BANGKOK2: The world trade system may be moving on and globalization picking up3, but supporters and opponents alike warned yesterday of a severe danger of increasing gaps between haves and have-nots.

One view of globalization calls it a unique and historic opportunity for humankind, but others



see it as a force disintegrating societies and creating more inequality among nations, said Enrique Iglesias, president of the Inter-American Development Bank.

Speaking at the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Iglesias told delegates: "There is a serious asymmetry in the relationship between the developing and developed that has to be sorted out7."

The UNCTAD meeting is seen as a chance to redress⁸ the balance in favour of poorer countries in the wake of bitter disagreements that wrecked the World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle late last year.

The WTO meeting broke up9 with no agreement on launching a broad round of trade liberalization negotiations. Developing countries claimed moves towards freer trade were moving too quickly and that they were being left behind. They also claimed they had been left out of vital discussions.

Michael Bailey, senior policy advisor for the charity Oxfam, said free trade could help the poorer nations but only if everybody played fairly.

"Currently, we think the developed countries are being extremely hypocritical", "Bailey said yesterday. "They are committed preachers of liberalization, but when it comes to the domestic markets, arguments appear for why they shouldn't open up."

- NOTES 1. Gap between haves, have-nots widens—the widening gap between the rich and the poor
 - 2. Bangkok——capital of Thailand
 - № 3. picking up—improving
 - 4. disintegrating—breaking up
 - ≤ 5. inequality—unfair situation
 - № 6. asymmetry—not equal
 - ~ 7. sorted out—dealt with
 - № 8. to redress the balance—to make the situation fair, equal
 - № 9. broke up—ended
 - № 10. claimed——stated
 - № 11. hypocritical——pretending to show concern for poor countries

Premier calls to build clean, honest gov \mathbf{t}^1

Premier Zhu Rongji told government organizations at all levels yesterday to be vigilant² in stamping out3 corruption and to work hard in building a more honest government.