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NEW YORK - The establishment of diplomatic relations between the Atlantic Alliance countries and Ukraine, as well as the inclusion of Ukraine in an eventual denuclearized zone, are proposed by the Supreme Ukrainian Liberation Council.

In a memorandum sent Sept. 26 to the foreign ministers of all NATO countries, Mikola Lebed, Secretary-General for Foreign Affairs of the Council, suggested the two points for the forthcoming talks and negotiations between the West and the Soviet bloc "in view of the possible further easing of tensions between the two blocs."

"The establishment of direct diplomatic relations with the Ukrainian SSR would be ... a new dimension of developing further contacts between the West and the peoples of the Soviet bloc, and a sui generis test of Soviet willingness to act toward a further detente," Mr. Lebed wrote in his memorandum.

He added that the inclusion of the Ukrainian SSR into a denuclearized zone, established by a NATO-Warsaw Pact non-aggression agreement or a similar pact on the subject, would compensate for the territorial strategic imbalance between Western Europe and its Eastern counterpart.

Mr. Lebed also wrote that the countries of the Soviet bloc, in such a denuclearized and inspected zone, would become less subordinate to Moscow.

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TEXT OF THE MEMORANDUM FORWARDED SEPT. 26, 1963 TO THE FOREIGN  
MINISTERS OF ALL NATO COUNTRIES BY MIKOLA LEBED, SECRETARY  
GENERAL FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE SUPREME UKRAINIAN LIBERATION  
COUNCIL.

In connection with recent developments between the West and the Soviet bloc, and in particular in view of a further possible easing of tensions between the two blocs, we should like to call to your attention two problems that may be of direct interest to your country's peace aims and as such could be included in the direct context of forthcoming talks and eventual agreements.

The two problems are:

1. The establishment of diplomatic relations between your country and the Ukrainian SSR with envoys in your capital and Kiev, respectively.
2. The inclusion of the territory of the Ukrainian SSR into an eventual area of an atom-free, inspected and/or otherwise controlled zone in Europe in the event that its implementation is negotiated and agreed upon within the framework of a NATO-Warsaw Pact non-aggression agreement or non-aggression declaration.

The establishment of direct diplomatic relations with the Ukrainian SSR would be not only a logical sequence to legal and political implications of the international status of the Ukrainian SSR, as a charter member of the United Nations, and her participation in some other international institutions and activities, but above all, a new dimension of developing further contacts between the West and the peoples of the Soviet bloc, and a sui generis test of Soviet willingness to act toward a further detente.

The inclusion of the territory of the Ukrainian SSR, (together with that of the Belorussian and Baltic republics) into a denuclearized zone of one kind or another is not only in the direct interest of the Ukrainian and other peoples, but it would also compensate for the territorial strategic imbalance between Western Europe and its Eastern counterpart. At the same time the inclusion of the territory of the Ukrainian SSR and of other above-mentioned Soviet republics would be instrumental in establishing in the future a new category of countries within the Soviet bloc subordinate to Moscow to a lesser degree.

We sincerely believe that the inclusion of the two problems in the framework of negotiations with the Soviet Government will serve the cause of world peace and contribute to expanding ideas of freedom into areas under totalitarian control. We also hope that these problems will be given due consideration and if you would like to have some more elaboration on them, we will be only too glad to submit it.