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Bush hope to convince Putin of need for missile defense

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Russian President Vladimir Putin makes his first visit to the White House on Tuesday, President Bush hopes he can overcome Russian objections to his missile defense plans with promises of new cuts in the U.S. nuclear arsenal.

What the two presidents can accomplish the next day at Bush's Texas ranch — over a chuck-wagon picnic with crooning cowboys — is less tangible, but perhaps more important to Bush's war on terrorism and his broader agenda for U.S.-Russia relations.

As national security adviser Condoleezza Rice put it, Bush and Putin are steadily building "a relationship that is very, very good, and also normal," where issues can be addressed without the high-stakes negotiations that were the hallmark of the Soviet era.

On Bush's wish list for his three days with Putin are several issues, both long-range and immediate, that could benefit from the personal friendship and trust that Bush hopes to cultivate in a mix of formal White House talks and down-home hospitality at his 1,600-acre ranch in central Texas.

—Unflinching Russian support in the U.S.-led war against Osama bin Laden, his al-Qaida terrorist network and its allies in Afghanistan's ruling Taliban.

Putin has called the terrorists behind the Sept. 11 attacks a common enemy and vowed to help the United States "fight this evil."

Putin said in a weekend interview that Russia has supplied the United States with air corridors and "very valuable intelligence information," as well as "tens of millions dollars worth of military-technical assistance" to Afghan opposition forces fighting the Taliban.

Andrew Kuchins, Russia expert at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, warned that "if the United States wanted to take the military efforts outside Afghanistan, especially Iraq or Iran, our nascent partnership with Russia is going to get pretty complicated pretty fast." There are also signs that a U.S.-Russia squabble over the political configuration of any post-Taliban Afghanistan could be in the offing.

—A deal to begin reducing warheads on each side.

Bush will present to Putin the results of a nuclear strategy review by the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff and announce plans to send two-thirds of America's stockpiled nuclear warheads to the scrap heap.

The idea is that, if the American arsenal fell below 2,000 — to roughly match the 1,500 that would be left in Russia's stockpile under Putin's cost-savings plans — then the Russians might rest easy that any American missile shield is not meant as a weapon against Russia. Each side currently has about 6,000 warheads.

—Further softening of Russian opposi-

tion to U.S. missile defense.

Whether it happens this week or down the road, experts monitoring Russia talks expect Bush and Putin to reach some sort of executive agreement that 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty can be interpreted to permit testing of a system to do with the treaty when it bumps up against actual deployment of a U.S. missile shield.

Putin said in the interview that he was optimistic a compromise could be found.

"We know the president's view strategic offensive weapons can and must be reduced. This is a compromise in the direction," Putin said.

Bush will forge ahead with or without an agreement.

—Tight control over the nuclear other weapons material lying around here some 40,000 tons of chemical weapons, enough plutonium and uranium for an estimated tens of thousands of nuclear bombs.


"If even a minuscule fraction of Russian nuclear weaponry, material or expertise leaked out of the country, it would be a bonanza for state or terrorist organizations that might do us harm," said Karl Inderfuth, President Clinton's assistant secretary of State for South Asian affairs.

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