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1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Russian-American  
5 Trust and Cooperation Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7        The Congress makes the following findings:

8            (1) The Government of the Russian Federation  
9            maintains an agreement with the Government of  
10            Cuba which allows Russia to operate an intelligence  
11            facility at Lourdes, Cuba.

12            (2) The Secretary of Defense has formally ex-  
13            pressed concerns to the Congress regarding the espi-  
14            onage complex at Lourdes, Cuba, and its use as a  
15            base for intelligence activities directed against the  
16            United States.

17            (3) The Secretary of Defense, referring to a  
18            1998 Defense Intelligence Agency assessment, has  
19            reported that the Russian Federation leases the  
20            Lourdes facility for an estimated \$100,000,000 to  
21            \$300,000,000 a year.

22            (4) It has been reported that the Lourdes facil-  
23            ity is the largest such complex operated by the Rus-  
24            sian Federation and its intelligence service outside  
25            the region of the former Soviet Union.

1           (5) The Lourdes facility is reported to cover a  
2           28 square-mile area with over 1,500 Russian engi-  
3           neers, technicians, and military personnel working at  
4           the base.

5           (6) Experts familiar with the Lourdes facility  
6           have reportedly confirmed that the base has multiple  
7           groups of tracking dishes and its own satellite sys-  
8           tem, with some groups used to intercept telephone  
9           calls, faxes, and computer communications, in gen-  
10          eral, and with other groups used to cover targeted  
11          telephones and devices.

12          (7) News sources have reported that the prede-  
13          cessor regime to the Government of the Russian  
14          Federation had obtained sensitive information about  
15          United States military operations during Operation  
16          Desert Storm through the Lourdes facility.

17          (8) Academic studies assessing the threat the  
18          Lourdes espionage station poses to the United  
19          States cite official United States sources affirming  
20          that the Lourdes facility is being used to collect per-  
21          sonal information about United States citizens in the  
22          private and government sectors, and offers the  
23          means to engage in cyberwarfare against the United  
24          States.

1           (9) It has been reported that the operational  
2           significance of the Lourdes facility has grown dra-  
3           matically since February 7, 1996, when then Rus-  
4           sian President, Boris Yeltsin, issued an order de-  
5           manding that the Russian intelligence community in-  
6           crease its gathering of United States and other  
7           Western economic and trade secrets.

8           (10) It has been reported that the Government  
9           of the Russian Federation is estimated to have spent  
10          in excess of \$3,000,000,000 in the operation and  
11          modernization of the Lourdes facility.

12          (11) Former United States Government offi-  
13          cials have been quoted confirming reports about the  
14          Russian Federation's expansion and upgrade of the  
15          Lourdes facility.

16          (12) It was reported in December 1999 that a  
17          high-ranking Russian military delegation headed by  
18          Deputy Chief of the General Staff Colonel-General  
19          Valentin Korabelnikov visited Cuba to discuss the  
20          continuing Russian operation of the Lourdes facility.

21 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON BILATERAL DEBT RESCHEDULING**  
22 **AND FORGIVENESS FOR THE RUSSIAN FED-**  
23 **ERATION.**

24          (a) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
25          sion of law, the President—

1           (1) shall not reschedule or forgive any out-  
2           standing bilateral debt owed to the United States by  
3           the Government of the Russian Federation; and

4           (2) shall instruct the United States representa-  
5           tive to the Paris Club of official creditors to use the  
6           voice and vote of the United States to oppose re-  
7           scheduling or forgiveness of any outstanding bilat-  
8           eral debt owed by the Government of the Russian  
9           Federation,

10          until the President certifies to the Congress that the Gov-  
11          ernment of the Russian Federation has ceased all its oper-  
12          ations at, removed all personnel from, and permanently  
13          closed the intelligence facility at Lourdes, Cuba.

14          (b) WAIVER.—

15               (1) IN GENERAL.—The President may waive  
16               the application of subsection (a)(1) with respect to  
17               rescheduling of outstanding bilateral debt if, not less  
18               than 10 days before the waiver is to take effect, the  
19               President determines and certifies in writing to the  
20               Committee on International Relations of the House  
21               of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign  
22               Relations of the Senate that—

23                       (A) such waiver is necessary to the na-  
24                       tional interests of the United States; and

1           (B) the Government of the Russian Fed-  
2           eration is substantially in compliance with mul-  
3           tilateral and bilateral nonproliferation and arms  
4           limitation agreements.

5           (2) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT.—If the Presi-  
6           dent waives the application of subsection (a)(1) pur-  
7           suant to paragraph (1), the President shall include  
8           in the written certification under paragraph (1) a  
9           detailed description of the facts that support the de-  
10          termination to waive the application of subsection  
11          (a)(1).

12          (3) SUBMISSION IN CLASSIFIED FORM.—If the  
13          President considers it appropriate, the written cer-  
14          tification under paragraph (1), or appropriate parts  
15          thereof, may be submitted in classified form.

16          (c) PERIODIC REPORTS.—The President shall, every  
17          180 days after the transmission of the written certification  
18          under subsection (b)(1), prepare and transmit to the Com-  
19          mittee on International Relations of the House of Rep-  
20          resentatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
21          the Senate a report that contains a description of the ex-  
22          tent to which the requirements of subparagraphs (A) and  
23          (B) of subsection (b)(1) are being met.

1 **SEC. 4. REPORT ON THE CLOSING OF THE INTELLIGENCE**  
2 **FACILITY AT LOURDES, CUBA.**

3 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-  
4 ment of this Act, and every 120 days thereafter until the  
5 President makes a certification under section 3, the Presi-  
6 dent shall submit to the Committee on International Rela-  
7 tions of the House of Representatives and the Committee  
8 on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report (with a classi-  
9 fied annex) detailing—

10 (1) the actions taken by the Government of the  
11 Russian Federation to terminate its presence and  
12 activities at the intelligence facility at Lourdes,  
13 Cuba; and

14 (2) the efforts by each appropriate Federal de-  
15 partment or agency to verify the actions described in  
16 paragraph (1).

Passed the House of Representatives July 19, 2000.

Attest:

*Clerk.*