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WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

*C0002*

- O - OUTGOING
- H - INTERNAL
- I - INCOMING

Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 84/10/23

Name of Correspondent: Clairborne Pell

MI Mail Report      User Codes: (A) PRES (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Write on behalf of Dr. Robert Simon, the first American physician to go to Afghanistan & the founder of the International Medical Corp. Offer their support in obtaining funds from AID for Dr. Simon, who plans to return to Afghanistan as soon as possible.

Office/Agency	(Staff Name)	Action Code	Tracking Date YY/MM/DD	Type of Response	Code	Completion Date YY/MM/DD	ID
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		<u>A</u>	<u>85/02/05</u>		<u>C</u>	<u>85/02/05</u>	<u>AB</u>
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FOR OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

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Comments: Acknowledgment sent to all signers

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The Honorable Claiborne Pell  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Pell:

The White House has asked me to reply to your November 15 letter, with respect to support for Dr. Robert Simon's humanitarian project, the International Medical Corps, which seeks to provide medical care to the Afghan people.

You may be aware that Congress has recently made available \$2 million for medical assistance to Afghans. The Department of State is in charge of an Inter-Agency Task Force to oversee the effective use of these funds, and is currently consulting on how this may be accomplished. The Task Force is aware of Dr. Simon's plans and will give careful thought to how his project might be assisted.

Sincerely,

~~757 Dee Ann Smith~~ 

James O'Meara  
Acting Director  
Office of Legislative Affairs

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FILE: ASIA

RE RE  
ACTION: (1) AA/ASIA coord. reply with  
NE for LEG signature  
(2) Return copy of reply and  
original correspondence  
to ES for fwding to WH

Due: 11/29/84

Nov 16 12 15 PM '84

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

INFO: R/logs AA/NE  
AA/FVA AA/PPC LEG

NOVEMBER 15, 1984

TO: AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
ATTN: KELLY KAMMERER

ACTION REQUESTED:  
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 267545

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED OCTOBER 4, 1984

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE HONORABLE CLAIBORNE PELL  
UNITED STATES SENATE  
WASHINGTON DC 20510

SUBJECT: WRITE ON BEHALF OF DR. ROBERT SIMON, THE  
FIRST AMERICAN PHYSICIAN TO GO TO AFGHANISTAN  
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FOR DR. SIMON, WHO PLANS TO RETURN TO  
AFGHANISTAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN  
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE  
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE  
(OR DRAFT) TO:  
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

8501801

November 8, 1984

Dear Senator Pell:

Thank you for your October 4 letter, which we received on October 24, regarding the medical work which Dr. Robert Simon and the International Medical Corps are performing in Afghanistan.

In your letter you indicated that surgeons, along with ambulances and medical supplies which the International Medical Corps can supply, are a high priority in Afghanistan.

We appreciate receiving your recommendation that funding be provided to this group, and we will ask the appropriate officials to review this request. I am sure that the points which you raised will be taken into consideration and that you will be contacted as further information becomes available.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

M. B. Oglesby, Jr.  
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Claiborne Pell  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

MBO:KRJ:TJR:tjr

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DIRECT response

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*Letter to all agencies*

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WAS HAND-DELIVERED TO THE WHITE HOUSE  
VIA ROOM 45

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# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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207545

October 4, 1984

The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

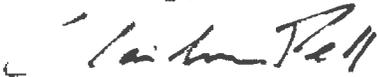
We are writing on behalf of Dr. Robert Simon, the first American physician to go to Afghanistan. Dr. Simon is the founder of the International Medical Corp, with a membership of two hundred and fifty medical personnel and a professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of California at Los Angeles. He plans to return to Afghanistan as soon as funds can be generated for 8 teams of medical and surgical personnel.

Since the Soviets expelled the Red Cross, the Afghan people have had no Internal humanitarian assistance. The French medical teams working inside Afghanistan have one serious deficiency; they cannot perform surgery, except for emergency amputations. As Dr. Simon stated at his forum, "to be wounded in Afghanistan is to be as good as dead." Travel time to Pakistan is life-threatening for those people whose injuries require surgery.

We would like to offer our support in obtaining funds from the Agency for International Development for Dr. Simon and the International Medical Corp. We feel that the provision of surgeons, along with ambulances and medical supplies, are matters of the highest priority. The program outlined by the International Medical Corp would include training of Afghan civilians as medics so that in the future fewer Americans will be involved.

At the present time, there is a critical need for surgical treatment in Afghanistan. The International Medical Corp can meet that need and will give the plight of the Afghan people the visability and some of the humanitarian aid they deserve.

Sincerely,

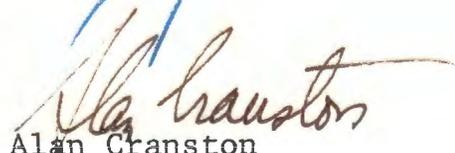


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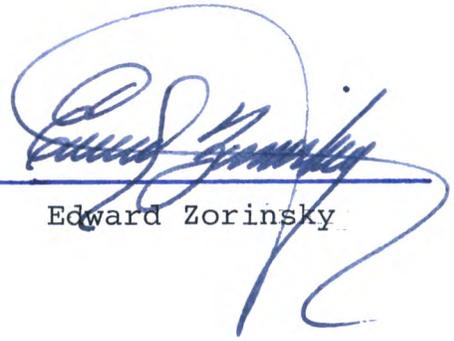


Gary Hart

cc: The Honorable Peter McPherson

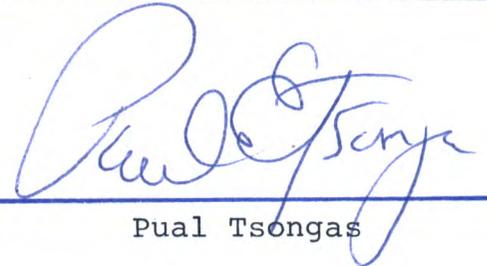


Alan Cranston



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Edward Zorinsky



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

0002

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 02, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. THOMAS H. LATIMER

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO DISCONTINUE DIPLOMATIC  
RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS OF  
AFGHANISTAN, CAMBODIA, ANGOLA, SURINAM, ETC

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY (STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
	ACT CODE	DATE YY/MM/DD	TYPE RESP	C COMPLETED D YY/MM/DD
MARY JO JACOBI	ORG	85/05/02		C 8/10/02 <sup>PY</sup>
REFERRAL NOTE: <u>NSKimm</u>	A	85/05/13 <sup>PY</sup>		C 85/05/13 AB
REFERRAL NOTE:				

COMMENTS:

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*I-INFO COPY/NO ACT NFC*                                     *           OUTGOING *
*R-DIRECT REPLY W/COPY *                                     *                                     *
*S-FOR-SIGNATURE       *                                     *                                     *
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President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20200

April 26, 1985

Dear President Reagan:

We urge you to discontinue diplomatic relations with the Communist governments of Afghanistan, Cambodia, Angola, Surinam, Mozambique and Nicaragua. We appeal to you to recognize Freedom Fighter Governments-in-Exile for each of these countries and to cut-off all trade with these puppet regimes. We ask that U.S. subsidies and most favored trade relations be denied to any nation that continues trade with our enemy. We must then aid our friends in destroying Hind Helicopter gunships and chemical weaponry at least.

C(ae)zar Gorbachev's decision to abrogate all agreements requiring on-the-ground verification by shooting American verifiers like Major Arthur D. Nicholson, Jr. The Constitution does not delegate Foreign Policy decisions to the Congress and even the Democrats recognize the genocide Holocausts in Afghanistan and Cambodia.

Sincerely,

Thomas H. Latimer  
Executive Vice President

THL:jg

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\*Martyred August 31, 1983

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Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) *8510208*

Name of Correspondent:  Mr.  Mrs.  Miss *Emergy S. Pal*

MI Mail Report User Codes: (A) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: *No response to two previous letters concerning Afghanistan*

ROUTE TO:		ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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## PRESIDENTIAL REPLY

Code	Date	Comment	Form
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DSP	_____	Time: _____	Media: _____

**SIGNATURE CODES:**

- CPn - Presidential Correspondence**
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- n - 7 - Ronnie
  
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- P - Photo
- R - Report
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- T - Telegram
- V - Telephone
- X - Miscellaneous
- Y - Study

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(Classification)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8509065

Date April 2, 1985

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane  
National Security Council  
The White House

Reference:

To: The President From: Mr. Emery S. Pal

Date: January 31, 1985 Subject: No Response to Two Previous  
Letters Concerning Afghanistan

WH Referral Dated: March 22, 1985 NSC ID# 306244  
(if any)

       The attached item was sent directly to the  
Department of State.

Action Taken:

       A draft reply is attached.

       A draft reply will be forwarded.

       A translation is attached.

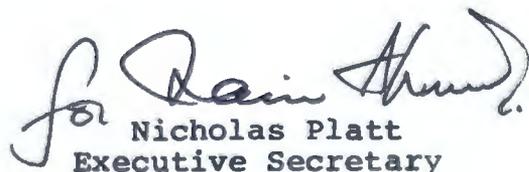
XXX An information copy of a direct reply is attached.

       We believe no response is necessary for the reason  
cited below.

       The Department of State has no objection to the  
proposed travel.

       Other.

Remarks:

  
Nicholas Platt  
Executive Secretary

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(Classification)



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

April 1, 1985

Mr. Emery S. Pal  
3773 West 113rd Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44111

Dear Mr. Pal:

The White House asked me to respond to your letter of January 31, expressing concern about Afghanistan and the weapons you feel the Afghan Freedom Fighters need for their struggle against Soviet aggression. I regret that you did not receive a reply to your previous correspondence; the heavy volume of mail received at the White House occasionally results in misplaced letters. Nevertheless, you can be assured that the President is aware of your concerns, and appreciates your taking the time to write him on this important issue.

The United States strongly opposes the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, and seeks the removal of Soviet troops from that war-torn land. The U.S.S.R.'s invasion and continuing occupation is an example of Soviet willingness to use its military might beyond its border in ways that threaten peace, stability and freedom in the Southwest and South Asian regions, as well as throughout the world. For this reason, it is essential that Soviet aggression in Afghanistan not succeed.

As President Reagan reiterated on September 24 to the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), the United States is committed to seeking a negotiated political settlement for Afghanistan based on the principles spelled out in six UNGA resolutions. These resolutions call for an immediate withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan; reaffirm the right of the Afghan people to determine their own form of government and to choose their economic, political, and social system; reiterate that the preservation of the sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence, and non-aligned character of Afghanistan is essential for a peaceful solution of the problem; and call for the creation of conditions which would enable the Afghan refugees to return voluntarily to their homes in safety and honor.

Unfortunately, the prospects for an early political settlement do not appear bright. The Soviets seem prepared for a long struggle, and have shown no willingness to negotiate a withdrawal of their forces. With their increasingly brutal reprisal tactics against civilians and civilian areas, the Soviets seem to feel they can prevail through a cynical policy of attrition and that the world will simply look the other way.

The Afghan people, for their part, have demonstrated a remarkable determination to resist the Soviet invader. The resistance fighters are more numerous, better armed, and more effective than ever before. After five long years of mounting bloodshed on both sides, the conflict remains a bitter stalemate and the Soviets face the bleak prospect of an open-ended military struggle.

The United States Government has repeatedly made clear to Soviet leaders that their army's presence in Afghanistan is and will remain a serious impediment to a fundamental improvement in our relations. This was stated most recently in Vienna by Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy in his "experts" talks on the Middle East with his Soviet counterpart. We will continue to speak out against the Soviets' brutal repression of the Afghan people, and will work with those seeking to focus world attention on Soviet atrocities and to bring about an early withdrawal of Soviet forces. The question of how we can bring home to the Soviet Union the full cost of its aggression in Afghanistan is under constant review.

As President Reagan said in his statement released on the December 27 fifth anniversary of the Soviet invasion, "...we will not forget the people of Afghanistan who are struggling to live once again among the free nations of the world. These brave people will continue to have the support of all Americans in their noble struggle."

Sincerely,

*RSI*

Robert A. Peck  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of Near Eastern and South Asia Affairs

8509065

T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

MARCH 22, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:  
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 306244

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JANUARY 31, 1985

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. EMERY S. PAL  
3773 WEST 133RD STREET  
CLEVELAND OH 44111

SUBJECT: NO RESPONSE TO TWO PREVIOUS LETTERS  
CONCERNING AFGHANISTAN

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SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Complaint

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3773 West 133 Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44111

January 31, 1985

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

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SK.  
President Reagan,

As a citizen of this great country I feel it is my patriotic duty to write to you about what I feel is important to the welfare of this nation. I am aware of the constant threat the Soviet Union and its allies pose towards all free nations of the world.

I think the United States should continue to take a tough stand on issues dealing with the Soviet Union. I urge you to continue to supply the brave people of Afghanistan with weapons. I've read in the news magazines that although arms are getting through to the guerrillas the amount of weapons is not enough. I think the government should send more and better quality weapons including anti-aircraft missiles, so the guerrilla will be able to combat the enormous amount of air superiority that the Russian forces possess. The United States cannot let the brave people of Afghanistan become slaves of the Soviet empire like it did when the Soviets invaded Hungary in 1956. The government of the United States didn't help then but there is still time to help now, before it is too late.

Could you please reply personally. I've written two other letters but have received no reply. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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May 21, 1985

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The Honorable Gordon J. Humphrey  
The United States Senate  
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## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 18, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR DONALD T. REGAN

FROM: ROBERT C. McFARLANE *RCM*

SUBJECT: Humanitarian Aid to Afghanistan

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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May 16, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: WALTER RAYMOND, JR. *WR*

SUBJECT: Humanitarian Aid to Afghanistan

I have prepared a rather frank memorandum for you to send to Don Regan (Tab I). Attached at Tab A to your memorandum is a proposed draft response for Don to send to Senator Humphrey.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to Don Regan at Tab I.

Approve

Disapprove

*CL* Chris Lehman, *NOT AVAILABLE* Don Fortier, *NOT AVAILABLE* Howard Teicher, and *JM* Jack Matlock concur.

Attachments

- Tab I Memo to Regan
- Tab A Draft Ltr to Sen Humphrey
- Tab II Ltr fr Sen Humphrey, Apr 24, 85

TO: *Bud*

FROM: DONALD T. REGAN  
CHIEF OF STAFF

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## United States Senate

Washington, DC 20510

April 24, 1985

The Honorable Donald T. Regan  
Chief of Staff to the President  
of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Don:

I would like to bring to your attention an issue which I believe impacts heavily on the United States' ability to successfully implement foreign policy goals. While U.S. policy supports the freedom fighters in Afghanistan, and they are commonly held out as courageous protectors of freedom, they are currently crying out for food and medicine to protect the innocent civilian population choosing to remain in their own country.

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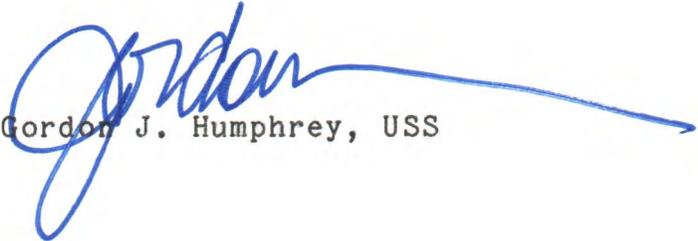
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Unfortunately, as you well know, to the Afghans time is in short supply. I would greatly appreciate it if you could use your good offices to insure that a mechanism exists for the effective and expeditious delivery of humanitarian aid to the Afghans.

Thank you for your consideration.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Gordon J. Humphrey, USS

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May 10, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM: WALTER RAYMOND, JR. *WR*

SUBJECT: Administration Participation at Capitol Hill  
Event on Afghanistan, May 14

Following our discussion at the ODSM meeting on May 9, I discussed the possibility of Administration participation at the Afghanistan event sponsored by the Committee for a Free Afghanistan on May 14. The press release at Tab I spells out in more detail this proposed event. Elliott does not personally want to participate in advance of his hearings. He recommends that one Administration spokesman be present. We considered alternatives and came up with the suggestion that Gene Douglas represent us.

Chuck Lichenstein will participate, as will selected Senators and Congressmen. If you concur or have a better proposal, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can respond to the request from General Milnor Roberts, Chairman of the Committee for a Free Afghanistan.

RECOMMENDATION

That an Administration spokesman participate.

Approve *JF*

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

That Gene Douglas be asked to speak for the Administration.

Approve *JF*

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Other candidates? \_\_\_\_\_

Chris *Raymond* concurs. -

Attachment

Tab I Press Release

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PRESS RELEASE

14 MAY RALLY AT THE CAPITOL STEPS BY D.C. HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENTS

--The genocide in Afghanistan has now reached the point where more than 10,000 youth have been taken from their families to the Soviet Union for at least ten years of 'reeducation'. High School students are, for the first time, trying to make others aware of what is happening to those their own age in Afghanistan.

The theme of the rally will be symbolized by balloons calling for the Soviet Union to return the Afghan children ~~that~~ will be carried by the protesters.

The rally is the very first of its kind; while the horrors of Ethiopia and South Africa have garnered great attention throughout the media, and many marches have taken place over those issues, there have been no marches by Americans against these atrocities. Many D.C. youth think it is time that changed.

--Sponsored by the Committee for a Free Afghanistan and two local chapters of Junior Statesmen of America with participants from approximately 20 local high schools and their political awareness societies.

--To take place at the central steps on the East side of the

Capitol Building at 4:00 p.m. on May 14.

--Guest speakers, representing a clear bi-partisan interest in the issue, include: Ambassador Charles Lichenstein, Senator Gordon Humphrey (R-N.H.) chairman of the Congressional Afghan Task Force, Senator Steve Symms (R-ID.), Congressman Barney Frank (D-Mass.), Congressman Robert Lagomarsino (R-Calif.) Congressman Charles Wilson (D-TX.) and Karen McKay, executive director of the Committee for a Free Afghanistan. Others also are planned to speak and their names will be listed in an update to this release.

For further information please contact Mary Spencer, 202-546-7577 at the Committee for a Free Afghanistan or Neil Gorsuch, 703-823-5564, student.

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s/s 8524540

Date August 27, 1985

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane  
National Security Council  
The White House

Reference:

TO: The President From: Mr. Mohammed Abassi

Date: August 6, 1985 Subject: Letter of appreciation  
and also extending best wishes for President Reagan's recovery  
from recent surgery

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\_\_\_\_\_ A draft reply will be forwarded.

\_\_\_\_\_ A translation is attached.

X \_\_\_\_\_ An information copy of a direct reply is attached.

\_\_\_\_\_ We believe no response is necessary for the reason  
cited below.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Department of State has no objection to the  
proposed travel.

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Remarks:

  
Nicholas Platt  
Executive Secretary

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 26, 1985

Mr. Mohammed Ibrahim Abassi  
543 S. Oxford Avenue  
Apartment #3  
Los Angeles, California 90020

Dear Mr. Abassi:

I am responding to your letter of August 6 to the President. Thank you for taking the time to write and express your concern for the President's health and your strong support for the administration's policy on Afghanistan and on international terrorism.

The United States strongly opposes the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, and seeks the removal of Soviet troops from that war-torn homeland. The U.S.S.R.'s invasion and continuing occupation is an example of Soviet willingness to use its military might beyond its border in ways that threaten peace, stability, and freedom in the Southwest and South Asian regions, as well as throughout the world. For this reason, it is essential that Soviet aggression in Afghanistan not succeed.

As President Reagan reiterated on September 24 to the United States General Assembly (UNGA), the United States is committed to seeking a negotiated political settlement for Afghanistan, based upon the principles spelled out in six UNGA resolutions on Afghanistan. These resolutions call for an immediate withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan; reaffirm the right of the Afghan people to determine their own form of government and to choose their economic, political, and social system; reiterate that the preservation of the sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence, and non-aligned character of Afghanistan is essential for a peaceful solution of the problem; and call for the creation of conditions which would enable the Afghan refugees to return voluntarily to their homes in safety and honor.

Unfortunately, the prospects for an early political settlement do not appear bright. The Soviets seem prepared for a long struggle, and have shown no willingness to negotiate a withdrawal of their forces. With their increasingly brutal reprisal tactics against civilians and civilian areas, the Soviets seem to feel they can prevail through a cynical policy of attrition and that the world will simply look the other way.

You and your countrymen have demonstrated a remarkable but not surprising determination to resist the Soviet invader. The resistance fighters are more numerous, better armed, and more effective than ever before. The question of how the United States can bring home to the Soviet Union the full cost of its aggression in Afghanistan is under constant review. After five long years of mounting bloodshed on both sides, the conflict remains a bitter stalemate and the Soviets face the bleak prospect of an open-ended military struggle.

The United States Government has repeatedly made clear to Soviet leaders that the Soviet Army's presence in Afghanistan is and will remain a serious impediment to a fundamental improvement in our relations. The State Department has played an active role in trying to focus world attention on Soviet atrocities. We will continue to speak out against their brutal repression of the Afghan people and will work with those seeking to bring about an early withdrawal of Soviet forces.

On the broader question of international terrorism, we continue to work with our allies on practical steps to combat terrorism while searching for long-term solutions to an ever-growing problem. Vice President Bush heads a government-wide task force to review and recommend improvements in our efforts to halt terrorism. We believe that terrorism has become a form of warfare all its own -- war against freedom, which we cannot and will not lose.

Your countrymen's tireless efforts to expel the Soviet invaders and regain your freedom are an inspiration to all freedom-loving peoples. As President Reagan said in his statement released on the December 27 fifth anniversary of the Soviet invasion, "we will not forget the people of Afghanistan who are struggling to live once again among the free nations of the world. These brave people will continue to have the support of all Americans in their noble struggle."

May I take this occasion as well to wish you and your colleagues Id Mubarak and to offer the hope that before another Id-al-Azha is upon us, the situation in Afghanistan will have taken a major turn for the better.

Sincerely,



Herbert G. Hagerty  
Director  
Office of Pakistan,  
Afghanistan, and  
Bangladesh Affairs

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OF AFGHANISTAN  
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Honorable Ronald Regan  
President of The United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
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Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the freedom-loving people of the Afghanistan freedom fighting movement, I would like to extend best wishes for the continuation of your excellent recovery from your recent surgery. Please be assured that the prayers of those who are engaged in a similar daily life struggle are with you.

Those of us who have been in the forefront of the war against Soviet aggression deeply appreciate the support and assistance thusfar provided by your Administration. Your deep commitment to our cause is clear and the increased aid provided under your leadership is enabling us to continue our holy mission.

Similarly, we are appreciative of the firm yet reasonable stance you have taken against the increasing acts of terrorism staged by the misfits of the world. God-fearing, freedom-loving people of all races, creeds and religions must stand fast against those who would senselessly murder innocent victims in an attempt to increase their own power and enhance their warped egos.

I - and those other former Afghan leaders working throughout the world to support our brethern fighting the Soviet armies - remain available and ready to assist your government in any way possible to fight the further spread of terrorism. Should you create a commission to review anti-terrorist strategies or lead an international public campaign against those who would undermine the rule of international law, we are quite eager to assist.

Once again, I would like to extend best wishes for your continued full recovery and thanks for your on-going support of the right to self-determination among those suffering from the aggression of the Soviet-bloc.

Very truly yours,

*M. I. Abassi*

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