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GORBACHEV, MIKHAIL S

(HS)

BALDRIGE, M

SUBJECT: PRES LTR TO GORBACHEV FOR BALDRIGE TO HANDCARRY ON TRIP TO USSR

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR MCFARLANE

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	<i>5/11</i>	<i>Pres ref Ltr</i>		
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 11, 1985

Dear Mr. Secretary General:

Secretary Baldrige's visit to Moscow provides me the opportunity to repeat to you my desire for a more constructive working relationship between the United States and the Soviet Union. An expansion of peaceful trade can and should be an important part of an improved relationship between our countries.

I place great significance on the discussions between Secretary Baldrige and Minister Patolichev in Moscow. They are holding the first meeting of our Joint Commercial Commission in seven years, and their meeting reflects the judgment of both our governments that an expansion of our peaceful trade is now appropriate. It is my hope that their achievements will result not only in increased trade, but also in an increased desire to seek greater cooperation in areas other than trade.

I have asked Secretary Baldrige to have pragmatic discussions with Minister Patolichev, so that the meeting of our Joint Commercial Commission will result in concrete actions by both sides to expand trade where that is now possible. To leave no doubt that the United States favors the expansion of peaceful trade with the Soviet Union, I have also authorized Secretary Baldrige to join with Minister Patolichev in a public statement on the development of trade relations.

While I believe there are some actions we can take now to facilitate trade, I doubt that there can be a fundamental change in our trade relationship

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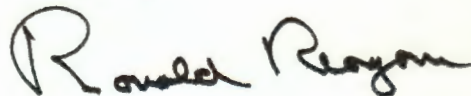
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without parallel improvements in other aspects of our relationship. I have mentioned in my previous letters some of the areas in which improvements would contribute greatly to a climate in which a more complete development of trade and economic cooperation would be possible.

It is my hope that upon his return from Moscow Secretary Baldrige will be able to report to me that there are areas in which both our countries can benefit from commercial cooperation and that there is Soviet interest in parallel improvements in other parts of our relationship. Given such progress, I believe that the development of our trade relationship is a question in which you and I could usefully take a continuing personal interest. I will welcome any suggestions you may have in this regard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R".

His Excellency
Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev
General Secretary of the Central Committee of
the Communist Party of the Soviet Union
The Kremlin
Moscow

National Security Council
The White House

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 10, 1985

MR. PRESIDENT:

NSC has requested the
attached be signed by
tomorrow.

After you have had an
opportunity to review
and sign the letter,
could you please have
an usher return it with
the PDB to the Sit Room

Thank you.



David L. Chew

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

5/10

David Chew,

We would like to get
this to Camp David
and signed tomorrow
morning, since Jack
Mallock leaves on
Sunday. Suggest that
it go up and be delivered
with Sat PDB about 0900.

John

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 Explain to Chew we need to get this
 DACOM'D to Camp David and signed on Sat.
 Please keep my revised memo to President
 in your office after action is completed (over)

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until final decision is made
by President after ~~the~~ Shultz
gets back and reports to the
President on his meeting.

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DRAFT LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO GENERAL SECRETARY GORBACHEV
TO BE CONVEYED IN PERSON BY SECRETARY BALDRIGE IN MOSCOW,
PROBABLY MAY 22.....Revised 5/6/85 and Cleared by State/EUR

His Excellency
Mikhail Gorbachev
General Secretary
of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union
The Kremlin
Moscow

Dear Mr. General Secretary:

Secretary Baldrige's visit to Moscow provides me the opportunity to repeat to you my desire for a more constructive working relationship between the United States and the Soviet Union. An expansion of peaceful trade can and should be an important part of an improved relationship between our countries .

I place great significance on the discussions between Secretary Baldrige and Minister Patolichev in Moscow. They are holding the first meeting of our Joint Commercial Commission in seven years, and their meeting reflects the judgment of both our governments that an expansion of our peaceful trade is now appropriate. It is my hope that their achievements will result not only in increased trade, but also in an increased desire to seek greater cooperation in areas other than trade.

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to facilitate trade, doubt
While I believe there are some ~~modest trade~~ actions we can take now, I ~~must stress~~ that there ~~cannot~~ be a fundamental change in our trade relationship without parallel improvements in other aspects of our relationship. ~~As one example, resumption of a substantial flow of emigration from the USSR,~~ would contribute greatly to a climate in which a more complete development of trade and economic cooperation would be possible.

Soviet
It is my hope that upon his return from Moscow Secretary Baldrige will be able to report to me that there are areas in which both our countries can benefit from commercial cooperation and that there is ~~interest~~ in parallel improvements in other parts of our relationship. Given such progress, I believe that the development of our trade relationship is a question in which you and I could usefully take a continuing personal interest. *I will welcome any suggestions you may have in this regard.*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Under Secretary for International Trade
Washington, D.C. 20230

MAY 9 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR AMBASSADOR MATLOCK
Special Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

FROM: Lionel H. Olmer *LHO*

SUBJECT: Secretary's Meeting with Ambassador Dobrynin

Ambassador Dobrynin met briefly with Secretary Baldrige May 8 to discuss the upcoming Joint Commercial Commission (JCC) meeting. Dobrynin said Moscow was working hard preparing for the meeting, and he believed we would see positive results. He asked what the Secretary thought would be accomplished, and was told that we believed we could solve some practical problems in exchange for Soviet actions, but that MFN or any other fundamental changes in trade couldn't come without major improvements in other parts of the relationship. (C)

Dobrynin said he understood, and that he thought the effort to talk positively on trade was good. He believed the meeting would be worthwhile to both sides. At the end of the meeting the Secretary was told that they were working to arrange a meeting for him with Gorbachev, and that they were assuming he would convey a letter from the President at such a meeting. (C)

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