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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

CO 054-01

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 12, 1988

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE DONALD W. RIEGLE JR.

SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP ON HIS LETTER OF AUG 30 REGARDING
THE CASE OF THE ANGELIKA KRANICH FAMILY'S
DESIRE TO EMIGRATE FROM EAST GERMANY TO WEST
GERMANY, AND TO CORRECT AN ERROR IN THE *

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LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS
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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Senator Riegle:

I am pleased to be able to furnish more information in response to your letters to the President about the situation of the Angelika Kranich family.

Our Ambassador to the German Democratic Republic has raised the case twice and stressed your concern on behalf of your constituent, Dr. R. W. Schmieding, Angelika Kranich's uncle.

Our Ambassador was recently informed in response to his representations that the emigration application of Angelika Kranich's family is being worked on actively. However, the case is a difficult one because both Angelika Kranich and her husband are physicians, and the GDR is reluctant to allow too many physicians to emigrate.

The Ambassador will continue to express our concern about the case, particularly in view of the fact that both Angelika Kranich's parents are suffering from colon cancer and that she and her family hope to be reunited with them in the Federal Republic of Germany as soon as possible.

I regret that we cannot report more encouraging news, but we will continue to support the Kranichs' emigration request.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

EFJ
J. Edward Fox
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

The Honorable
Donald W. Riegle, Jr.,
United States Senate.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8827821

Date November 1, 1988

FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: The President

From: Senator Donald W. Riegle, Jr.

Date: October 25, 1988

Subject: Kranich Family Emigration from the GDR

WH Referral Dated: September 7, 1988
NSC ID# (if any): 592206

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.

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 (see remarks).

REMARKS:

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Date SEP 22 1988

FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: The President
From: Senator Donald W. Riegle, Jr.
Date: August 30, 1988
Subject: Kranich Family Emigration from the GDR

WH Referral Dated: 592206
NSC ID# (if any): September 7, 1988

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Director
Secretariat Staff

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

SEP 20 1988

Dear Senator Riegle:

The President has asked that I reply to your letter of August 30, regarding the concern of your constituent Dr. R.W. Schmieding about the efforts of his niece to emigrate from the German Democratic Republic to the Federal Republic of Germany.

The President is not planning to meet Chairman Honecker, but we will ask our Embassy in Berlin to raise the case with the German Democratic Republic as well as bring your interest to the attention of the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Both the Secretary and Deputy Secretary John Whitehead have stressed the importance the United States attaches to free emigration in their meetings with GDR leaders. However, in specific family reunification cases that do not involve American citizens, the GDR invariably turns aside our representations as interference in its internal affairs.

We sincerely hope that Dr. Schmieding's niece can be reunited as soon as possible with her parents, particularly in view of the need for Mr. and Mrs. Kranich to have medical treatment, and will continue to stress to the GDR its obligation to live up to its commitments under the Helsinki accords in this and other cases.

I regret that we cannot hold out more hope that our representations will be successful.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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J. Edward Fox
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

The Honorable
Donald W. Riegle, Jr.,
United States Senate.

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

REFERRAL

SEPTEMBER 20, 1988

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ATTN: EDWARD FOX

ACTION REQUESTED:
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 592371

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 1988

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE HONORABLE DONALD W. RIEGLE JR.
UNITED STATES SENATE

WASHINGTON DC 20510

SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP ON HIS LETTER OF AUG 30 REGARDING
THE CASE OF THE ANGELIKA KRANICH FAMILY'S
DESIRE TO EMIGRATE FROM EAST GERMANY TO WEST
GERMANY, AND TO CORRECT AN ERROR IN THE
PREVIOUS LETTER

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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, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

September 15, 1988

Dear Senator Riegle:

Thank you for your September 8 letter clarifying information that you provided in earlier correspondence on behalf of Angelika Kranich and her family.

You may be assured that I will see that this information is conveyed to those individuals reviewing your earlier letter.

With best wishes,

Cordially,

Alan M. Kranowitz
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Donald W. Riegle, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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cc: w/copy of inc to Ed Fox, cong affrs,
State - for DIRECT response

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DONALD W. RIEGLE, JR.
MICHIGAN

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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September 8, 1988

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

Dear Mr. President:

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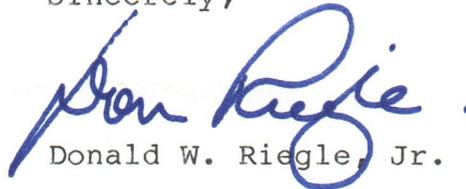
Thank you for acknowledging the receipt of my letter of August 30, regarding Angelika Kranich and her family, who wish to emigrate from the German Democratic Republic to the Federal Republic of Germany.

In my letter urging the reunification of Angelika, her husband Rolf-Dieter and their son Holger and daughter Wiebke with Angelika's parents in the Federal Republic of Germany, I incorrectly indicated that Angelika and her husband suffer from colon cancer. It is Mrs. Kranich's parents in West Germany who are stricken with the disease.

In rectifying this error, I again would like to request that this case be brought up at every appropriate opportunity during meetings between U.S. and East German officials. Allowing Angelika, her husband and children to emigrate would reunite them with her parents during this time of special hardship.

If I can be of any assistance in this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,


Donald W. Riegle, Jr.

DWR/cjh

cc: The Honorable George Shultz

Edward Jones County

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SEPTEMBER 7, 1988

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ATTN: ED FOX

ACTION REQUESTED:
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 592206
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED AUGUST 30, 1988
TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN
FROM: THE HONORABLE DONALD W. RIEGLE JR.
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON DC 20510

SUBJECT: WRITES ON BEHALF OF HIS CONSTITUENT, DR. R.W.
SCHMIEDING WHO EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT HIS
NIECE, ANGELIKA KRANICH AND HER FAMILY WHO
ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY EMIGRATING FROM THE
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

THE WHITE HOUSE
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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 31, 1988

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE DONALD W. RIEGLE JR. 8826287

SUBJECT: WRITES ON BEHALF OF HIS CONSTITUENT, DR. R.W. SCHMIEDING WHO EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT HIS NIECE, ANGELIKA KRANICH AND HER FAMILY WHO ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY EMIGRATING FROM THE *

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COMMENTS: * GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

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September 1, 1988

8826287

Dear Senator Riegle:

Thank you for your letter of August 30 to the President regarding Angelika Kranich and her family who wish to emigrate to the Federal Republic of Germany.

We appreciate being advised of your interest in this matter. In an effort to be of assistance, we have forwarded your letter to appropriate Administration officials for their careful review. You will receive a more detailed response in the near future.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

With best wishes,

Cordially,

Alan M. Kranowitz
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Donald W. Riegle, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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cc: w/copy of inc to Ed Fox, Congressional Affairs, State --
for DIRECT

DONALD W. RIEGLE, JR.
MICHIGAN

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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August 30, 1988

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

Dear Mr. President:

Recently I was contacted by one of my constituents, Dr. R.W. Schmieding, who expressed grave concern about his niece, Angelika Kranich and her family, who live in the German Democratic Republic. In 1987, Angelika and her husband Rolf-Dieter, along with their son Holger and daughter Wiebke, applied to their government for permission to emigrate to the Federal Republic of Germany, where Angelika's parents reside. As of today, they still have not received a reply.

This case is of particular urgency because both Mrs. Kranich and her husband suffer from colon cancer. Rolf-Dieter's condition is so severe that he needs colostomy surgery. Allowing this family of four to emigrate would not only reunite them with their relatives in the West, it would also allow Mr. and Mrs. Kranich to receive badly needed medical treatment.

I respectfully request that this case be brought up at every appropriate opportunity during meetings between U.S. and East German officials. In this regard, I understand that, within the next several months, a meeting may occur between you and Chairman Honecker. Should such an event occur, I urge you to raise this case with the Chairman, so that approval of this family's emigration request might be expedited. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Don Riegle
Donald W. Riegle, Jr.

DWR/cjh

cc: The Honorable George Shultz

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

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Director



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Status Date	10/05/2022
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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May 23, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR CLAYTON YEUTTER
NANCY RISQUE

FROM: JOHN C. TUCK

SUBJECT: The German Democratic Republic

Senator Mathias met with Senator Baker last week and asked that Senator Baker explore with Secretary Shultz the possibility of negotiating with the German Democratic Republic (DDR) for the payment of reparations from World War II for the Jewish victims of the Holocaust. Senator Baker conveyed to Senator Mathias that he did not think he could be of much help with this situation but would pass it along.

Please let me know your views on this subject. Thank you.

Attachment

I told John Tuck's office that Crippen + Mike Smith had been working this issue for several months and that it is very sensitive. Clayton recommends that they consult with (Tuck) Crippen before going any further.

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TO: Bob Brown for Senator Mathias
FROM: Warren Eisenberg, Mark Epstein
May 6, 1988

Since the 1950's various negotiations have taken place between the government of the DDR and the United States Conference for Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, acting on behalf of Jewish victims of the Holocaust.

Unlike the FRG, the DDR denies being a successor state to the Third Reich, claiming that Socialists and Communists were also persecuted by the Nazis. Therefore, they acknowledge no responsibility toward the Jewish people for loss of life or property. However, in the 1960's the DDR made an offer of \$1,000,000, which they described as a gesture of good will implying no responsibility or obligation. It was rejected as insufficient.

Since then, there have been various slow starts at negotiating this and other issues between the United States and the DDR, such as matters of Social Security claims and U.S. claims for American property in Germany on May 8, 1945. The other questions are not explicitly linked to Jewish claims, but when the DDR attempts to improve its relations with the U.S., particularly to get MFN, all the issues emerge and negotiations progress.

In the past few years, Saul Kagan and Rabbi Israel Miller of the Claims Conference have reached a point in their negotiations where the DDR seems to be, or to have been, considering a payment in the neighborhood of \$100,000,000.

The Department of State has been supportive of these efforts and cooperative, as has the Treasury Department. Secretary Shultz apparently persuaded Secretary Baker personally of the desirability of seeing progress in this regard.

Last Autumn, top DDR officials gave the impression that a decision in principle had been reached and, in time, the results would be forthcoming. We assumed the deal to be a matter of negotiating a payment schedule for admittedly large sums of hard currency.

The talks now seem to have bogged down, and there is concern that the DDR may be drawing back from its previously implied commitments. We have been asked to solicit help, including possibly Sen. Baker. Perhaps he could indicate directly to the DDR authorities, or to Secretary Shultz, that he would like to see progress in this area.

Our desire is to find non-confrontational ways to make clear to the DDR that it serves their interests in other areas to move forward with the settlement they have suggested regarding Jewish material claims.

