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172109 MEMO	J. MATLOCK TO MCFARLANE RE VISIT OF SOVIET PRESS AGENCY OFFICIALS	1 3/1/1984 B1
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22 FEB 84

KEYWORDS: USSR

SUBJECT: THREE PAPERS RE US & USSR RELATIONS

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR MCFARLANE DUE: 22 FEB 84 STATUS C FILES SIL

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SOVIET PRESS AGENCY OFFICIALS

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

March 5, 1984

TO:

ROBERT M. KIMMITT

Bob,

As you can see by the date, this memo was ready last week. I waited for Ambassador Matlock to send the original action on this through me for my concurrence. He failed to do so which explains the delay of this memo. I hope that my views can still be considered.

John Lenczowski

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February 23, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM:

JACK F. MATLOCK JFA

SUBJECT:

Schedule Proposal

I recommend that you sign the schedule proposal at $\ensuremath{\mathtt{Tab}}$ I.

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Tab I Proposed Schedule Proposal

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON February 23, 1984

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TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM:

ROBERT M. KIMMITT &

REQUEST:

Private Meeting

PURPOSE:

To discuss strategy for U.S.-Soviet relations in

1984

BACKGROUND:

N/A

PREVIOUS

PARTICIPATION: N/A

DATE AND TIME: February 29, March 1, or 2 for 90 minutes

LOCATION:

Treaty Room (Residence)

PARTICIPANTS: The President, Vice President, Secretary Shultz, Secretary Weinberger, William J. Casey, Robert C. McFarlane, Jack F. Matlock

OUTLINE OF EVENT:

Discuss papers submitted earlier.

REMARKS REQUIRED:

None

MEDIA COVERAGE:

None

RECOMMENDED BY:

Robert C. McFarlane

OPPOSED BY:

None

PROJECT OFFICER: Robert M. Kimmitt/Jack F. Matlock

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BY Wat MARKA

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CHARLES HILL Executive Secretary

Department of State

SUBJECT:

Visas for Soviet Officials (U)

The visa applications of two Novosti officials, whose purpose is to appear on American TV, raises once again the question of reciprocity and equal access. Because we are interested that the process of dialogue between our two countries be a two-way street and that we should be able to conduct dialogue with the people of the Soviet Union just as Soviets are able to reach our people through the mass media, we should grant visas to the Novosti officials on the condition that the Soviets agree to permit advocates of Administration policy to appear for equal lengths of time on Soviet television. (C)

Robert M. Kimmitt Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Visit of Soviet Press Agency Officials

Cable News Network (CNN) has invited Gennadiy Gerasimov, a journalist for the Soviet press agency Novosti, and Sergei Ivan'ko, First Deputy Chairman of the Novosti Board, to come to the US March 12 to appear on CNN programs to be taped March 14. The two Soviets also want to talk to officials of two publishing houses with which Novosti has translation agreements or other business: Praeger and International Universities Press Publishers.

While this visit raises questions of allowing Soviet propagandists to appear live on American TV without reciprocity for American spokesmen in Soviet media, we have concluded that it is less costly to allow the visit to proceed. We cannot prevent appearance by the Soviets on the programs by direct feed from Moscow. Refusing them entry would arouse a wave of criticism from US media on press freedoms grounds and inspire Soviet retaliation, possibly against programs of special interest to us. Refusal would have to be based on a finding on foreign policy grounds that their presence here would endanger national security. This would come at a particularly sensitive time in view of the recent filing of four lawsuits, three against the Secretary of State and one against the President, challenging the legality and constitutionality of several visa refusals on the same grounds in 1983.

Charles Hill Executive Secretary

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March 2, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CHARLES HILL

Executive Secretary Department of State

SUBJECT:

Visit of Soviet Press Agency Officials (U)

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CHARLES HILL

Executive Secretary Department of State BY 600 NARA DATE /8

SUBJECT:

Visas for Soviet Officials (U)

The visa applications of two Novosti officials, whose purpose is to appear on American TV, raises once again the question of reciprocity and equal access. Because we are interested that the process of dialogue between our two countries be a two-way street and that we should be able to conduct dialogue with the people of the Soviet Union just as Soviets are able to reach our people through the mass media, we should grant visas to the Novosti officials on the condition that the Soviets agree to permit advocates of Administration policy to appear for equal lengths of time on Soviet television. (C)

> Robert M. Kimmitt Executive Secretary

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--- Ambassador Abramowitz joined us on MBFR, and I said we wished to respond to Andropov's answer to you in March. We agree that we should seek reductions through a process leading to parity as the ultimate outcome. This will mean asymmetrical reductions. We think the principal task is verifying reductions to equal levels, putting in place a verification system that

will result in the capacity to ensure correct data. In other words, I said, we are prepared to defer the problem of prior agreement on data if we can agree on adequate verification procedures. If the Soviets agree to this approach, our Vienna negotiators can explore it privately.

Dobrynin said he would report back, but urged the small symbolic step of small U.S.-Soviet reductions first.

-- Ambassador Rowny joined us on START. Here I said we had made new decisions and would be putting our new proposal on the table, but the basic point is your desire for real give-and-take in Geneva. We now need a sharper focus and a more dynamic process, and we would like the Soviets to be more explicit and precise than they have been. On confidence-building measures, I noted that both sides had proposals on the table, and urged agreement to set up a working group in START to discuss them.

Dobrynin said that he did not have detailed instructions, but could make several general points. If the U.S. approach continued to single out Soviet land-based missiles, or sought direct throw-weight limits or highly restrictive sublimits like the 110 ceiling on heavy missiles, there would not be much progress. The Soviets are prepared to look at warhead limitations, but not to make substantial cuts in the major leg of their strategic forces. I replied that if the talks are to get anywhere there must be cuts in heavy missiles. The largest cuts would come through warhead limitations, but it is important for the Soviets to understand that reductions in destructive potential, where there is a huge disparity in their favor, are important.

While Dobrynin and I were talking, Rick Burt took up the following issues with Embassy Minister-Counselors Sokolov and Isakov:

- -- He gave them a short statement that the first launch of the Peacekeeper, a new type of "light" intercontinental ballistic missile (under SALT II criteria) took place June 17, and pointed out that this notification parallels their notification of a new-type test last October.
- -- He urged the Soviets to take another look at Cap Weinberger's communications confidence-building measures; proposed that State and Defense experts join Art Hartman in Moscow for further discussion of these measures plus the idea of a multilateral convention against nuclear terrorism; and said we would be getting back soon with a proposal on timing.
- -- In responding to the Soviet proposal for meetings of scientists on ballistic missile defense, Burt said we believe such discussion must be on a government-to-government basis, given its policy and strategy implications, and proposed that it take place between official representatives in the established fora of START and SCC, augmented by experts as necessary

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BUSH-CHERNENKO MEETING: BRIEFING POINTS

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MOST OF THE ALLIES WERE BRIEFED IN WASHINGTON ON VICE PRESIDENT'S FEBRUARY 14 MEETING WITH SOVIET GENERAL SECRETARY CHERNENKO. HOWEVER, IF MISSION FEELS IT WOULD BE USEFUL, IT MAY DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO BRIEF PERMREPS.

THE VICE PRESIDENT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SENATOR HOWARD BAKER AND AMBASSADOR ARTHUR A. HARTMAN. SOVIET SIDE CONSISTED OF CHERNENKO, FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO, AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN, AND ANDREY ALEKSANDROV-AFTER INITIAL PLEASANTRIES, CHERNENKO AFFIRMED THE CONTINUITY OF SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY AND THEN LISTED GENERAL SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY GOALS: CONSOLIDATING PEACE, REDUCING THE THREAT OF WAR, AND PURSUING PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. ZU BHT TAHT GBTATZ BH SHOULD UNDERSTAND CLEARLY THAT THE USSR DOES NOT SEEK OVP

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- H. CHERNENKO CALLED THE STATE OF US-SOVIET RELATIONS A CAUSE FOR CONCERN AND BELIEVED THE US RECOGNIZED THIS ALSO. HE PLEDGED "CONSTRUCTIVE INTERACTION" AS A MEANS OF ATTAINING GOOD RELATIONS AND TOOK NOTE OF PRESIDENT REAGAN'S EXPRESSED INTEREST IN COOPERATING WITH THE USSR. HE STATED THAT US-SOVIET RELATIONS MUST BE BASED ON EQUALITY AND EQUAL SECURITY, MUTUAL TRUST AND RESPECT FOR THE OTHER SIDE'S INTERESTS, AND NONINTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.
- 5. CHERNENKO CLAIMED THAT IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS AT THIS POINT DEPENDS ON THE US, WHICH SHOULD TAKE PRACTICAL STEPS TO REVERSE THE DETERIORATION IN RELATIONS. HE COMMENTED THAT MANY OF THE CURRENT ISSUES IN US-SOVIET RELATIONS WERE CAPABLE OF BEING SOLVED, AND LISTED ARMS LIMITATION AND REDUCTION, PREVENTING THE EXTENSION OF THE ARMS RACE INTO NEW AREAS, AND REGIONAL CONFLICTS AS THE PRIME AREAS REQUIRING ATTENTION. CHERNENKO STATED THAT THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP DID NOT BELIEVE IN THE INEVITABILITY OF A CONFLICT.
- L. VICE PRESIDENT BUSH THANKED THE GENERAL SECRETARY FOR HIS REMARKS AND HANDED HIM A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN. THE LETTER CONTAINED THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO PRODUCTIVE DIALOGUE AND TO SOLVING THE PROBLEMS IN THE RELATIONSHIP. RESPONDING TO CHERNENKO'S REMARKS, THE VICE PRESIDENT NOTED THAT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT WISH TO BE DRAWN INTO ANY CONFLICT. HE EXPRESSED THE US DESIRE FOR CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION AND CITED THE PRESIDENT'S JANUARY 36 SPEECH ON US-SOVIET RELATIONS.
- 7. VICE PRESIDENT BUSH BRIEFLY DISCUSSED REGIONAL AND ARMS CONTROL ISSUES, INCLUDING THE MIDDLE EAST AND START, EXPRESSING A WISH FOR PROGRESS IN THESE AREAS. HE ALSO EXPRESSED US CONCERNS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, CITING IN PARTICULAR THE CASES OF SHCHARANSKIY, ORLOV, AND SAKHAROV.
- 8. SUMMING UP, THE VICE PRESIDENT AGAIN EXPRESSED THE STRONG US DESIRE FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS. CHERNENKO COMMENTED THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO FUTURE STEPS WHICH WOULD IMPROVE RELATIONS, AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN FURTHER DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AS A MEANS OF RESOLVING ISSUES ON A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE BASIS.

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THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE MEETING WAS GOOD; CHERNENKO TOOK A NON-POLEMICAL STANCE, AND AVOIDED DIRECT CRITICISMS OF THE US. WHILE CHERNENKO'S INITIAL REMARKS WERE FROM A PREPARED TEXT, HE RESPONDED WITHOUT NOTES AND SEEMED IN COMMAND OF ISSUES. YY