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She usually wears dark colors, dresses of good material which have obviously been made for her in the Soviet Union. She dyes her hair jet black and once returned from the United States wearing a black wig of which she was quite proud.

She seldom talks with other Soviet women during social occasions and is in turn ignored by them. She seems grateful when foreigners talk with her in Russian. She becomes animated, ^{and} is very good at chitchat about the food, table decorations, the weather and such. When using an interpreter she is less informative and outgoing but she uses one without self-consciousness.

While her husband gives elaborate toasts at banquets, the only other sound that can be heard above his voice is the scraping and clanking of her spoon and her fork as she continues to eat her desert.

She presumably likes sweets very much. At a tea party for Mrs. Vance there were six courses, each sweeter than the last, followed by brandy and many toasts.

She says that she hasn't worked outside the home for a long time because looking after her husband and grandchildren is a full time job. If I remember correctly, she has been an economist and a teacher.

The hobby she enjoys most is reading. Jack London was the only American author she mentioned by name. Her favorite Russian authors are Pushkin and Chekhov. She says that her husbands suggests what she should read and likes for her to sit with her book near him when he works at home in the evenings.

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She loves to give souvenir-type gifts and will probably arrive with a suitcase full to distribute. The most unusual one she gave me was a sailor doll! This is the way it came about:

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Mrs. Gromyko danced with the wife of the ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany who spoke Russian, and with other women whom I didn't know. They were probably wives of East European ambassadors. (Galina Breznev danced only with the aging ballerina Ulanova.) Since I had observed at a party earlier in the week at the Swedish ambassador's residence that the wife of the Chinese ambassador enjoyed dancing, I invited her to dance and she accepted. We had a turn about the floor, and I began to think that perhaps I had made a faux pas in this. My intention was not to flaunt my friendliness with the Chinese at a Soviet party, and I hoped it wouldn't be interpreted as such.

I said quietly to one of the English speaking Soviet ladies that I would like very much to be able to tell my husband that I had danced with Mrs. Gromyko. As I expected her to do, she soon repeated this to Mrs. Gromyko who caught my eye and beckoned to me.

She was seated alone beside the dance floor and I went to speak with her. She did not invite me to sit down, but said that she was over-heated from dancing. Then she reached into a basket and gave me the sailor doll which she said she wanted me to have as a remembrance of the occasion. I thanked her appropriately and returned to sit with my West European friends.

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Although she comes consistently to social gatherings with foreigners, she is almost always unattended. Once while we were at dinner in the Kremlin it snowed heavily - 11 inches. As we waited at the door of the Hall of Facets to be collected by the embassy driver, we were amazed to see Mrs. Gromyko plunge out into the snowstorm unescorted to find her driver whom she said she thought "might be asleep" to take her home, presumably alone since the Foreign Minister was not to be seen.

When her husband was leaving with a delegation for America, he went on the plane first, was followed by the delegation including at least one woman, next came Ambassador and Mrs. Dobrynin, she being steered by the elbow by her husband, and finally Mrs. Gromyko with her hand luggage straggling at the back by herself.

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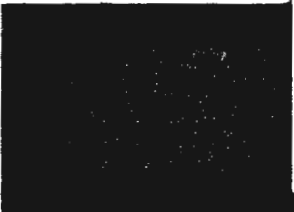
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September 22, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCCHARLANE

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FROM:

JACK MATLOCK *JM*

SUBJECT:

President-Gromyko Meeting: Talking Points and
Other Material

In case you have time to review material related to the Gromyko visit during your trip to New York, I have attached several relevant papers as they now stand.

At TABs A, B and C are the talking points for the President for the three segments of his meeting: his initial points, points to make in response to Gromyko's comments, and the points for his private session. The first two have been coordinated with State at the Burt level. They have not seen the talking points for the private session, nor have I mentioned the idea to them. In case you wish to forward this package to the President at this point, I have included a brief covering memorandum at TAB I.

Additionally, at TAB II, I have listed, with brief comment, some of the issues on which the President may wish to indicate the direction of our thinking, or hint at the way a particular issue could be settled to our satisfaction. Some of them are already in the talking points and some not.

At TAB III is the text of the talking points State prepared for the Shultz-Gromyko meeting. I have highlighted in red in the margins the points to which you should pay particular attention.

I plan to leave for New York on the 11:00 shuttle Tuesday, in order to participate in Shultz's prebrief that afternoon. If you have any instructions for me on any disputed points, please let me know.

Attachments:

As stated

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White House Guidelines, August 28, 1997
By *CAS* NARA, Date *10/22/02*

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