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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

ID# 215557

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 22, 1984

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE DAN QUAYLE

SUBJECT: FORWARDS COPY OF LETTER FROM LILLIAN CORNELL,
LOGANSPOUT, INDIANA, CONCERNING SOVIET THREAT
TO FREE WORLD

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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COMMITTEES:
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LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

May 21, 1984

The White House
Office of Legislative Liaison
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter I received from Ms. Lillian Cornell of Logansport, Indiana. I have indicated to my constituent that I have brought this matter to your attention and would appreciate your thoughts and comments.

Please direct your response to my Washington office marked to the attention of Karl Stegenga.

Thank you for your assistance and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Dan Quayle
United States Senator

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Mar. 7-84

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Hi

I saw this piece in our Logansport
In. paper and wondered what Reagan
might think about this of these
people thinking this way and what
we are doing.

Sincerely

Lillian Cornell

912 State St.

Logansport In 46947

Public Forum

Soviet Threat To Free World Must Be Remembered

On Feb. 24, Estonians 66 years ago declared independence and at the same time were forced to repulse Russian Marxist-Communist invasion. In the following peace treaty, Moscow clearly promised to respect free Estonian independence. But the solemn peace promise was broken, because during World War II, Estonia, together with neighboring free Latvia and Lithuania, was forcibly overtaken by the Russian Red Army. Baltic republics still are illegally oppressed and exploited. This international crime is followed by wholesale arrests, outright killings, repression of human rights and mass deportation to Siberian slave labor camps. Records show that Communists' agreements don't match their deeds. They always speak pleasing words of peace, liberty and brotherhood, but secretly aim to take over more and more other independent

nations by military force, coercion, subversion and skillful propaganda, I.E. disinformation. The United States of America and some other Western governments are not recognizing the illegal occupation and destruction of Baltic Republics by the Soviets. Baltic people still long for freedom.

The United States Congress continuously declares: "It will continue to be the policy of the United States not to recognize in any way the illegal annexation of the Baltic nations by the Soviet Union."

The truth is that the Soviet Union's aim is to destroy the Baltic nations' identity by their barbaric policy of russification and exploitation of their natural resources. The case of colonization of the Baltic nations must be brought into the agenda of the United Nations. Alexander Solzhenitsyn in the "National Review," Jan. 21,

1983, wrote the very truth, "to improve or to correct Communism is not feasible. Communism can only be done away with by the joint efforts of the many peoples oppressed by it."

The commemoration of the historic Declaration of Independence of Estonian Republic will take place over the free world in the week of Feb. 24, wherever there are Estonians who have escaped to freedom from Marxist-Atheist-Communist enslavement.

The knowledge about Communist holocaust serves as a reminder to guard our independence and liberties. We must make clearly known the Soviet threat to the free world. This helps to achieve the so-much-desired peace in the world.

Ed Laete
Estonian Society, Inc.
Logansport

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

ID# 215563

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 22, 1984

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. HERBERT KRONISH

SUBJECT: URGES PRESIDENTIAL INFLUENCE TO FREE ANDREI
SAKHAROV AND HIS WIFE ELENA BONNER FROM THE
SOVIET UNION

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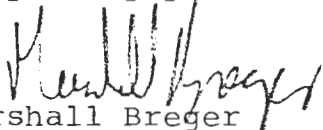
May 24, 1984

Dear Mr. Kronish:

Thank you for your letter of 10 May to President Reagan which has been referred to me for response.

As you are no doubt aware, the Administration is keenly concerned about the fate of Andrei Sakharov and his wife Elena Bonner. We are working at a variety of levels to underscore the importance we give to the Sakharov's plight.

Very truly yours,


Marshall Breger
Special Assistant to
the President for
Public Liaison

Mr. Herbert Kronish, Chairman
The New York Greater Conference on
Soviet Jewry
8 West 40th Street
New York, New York 10018

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Marshall Buzen
May 10, 1984

President Ronald W. Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

We urge you to do everything in your power to secure the freedom of Nobel laureate Andrei Sakharov and his wife Elena Bonner, so that they can obtain urgently needed medical care. The Soviet Union must understand that this case is of paramount importance to the United States.

Dr. Sakharov and Dr. Bonner are not only leading spokespersons for the cause of peace and human rights, but also devoted friends of thousands of Soviet Jewish refuseniks and Prisoners of Conscience. Their continued persecution cannot be condoned.

Sincerely,

Zeesy Schnur
Zeesy Schnur
Executive Director

Herbert Kronish
Herbert Kronish
Chairman

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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JUNE 04, 1984

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE PATRICIA SCHROEDER

SUBJECT REQUESTS ASSISTANCE REGARDING OBTAINING
APPROVAL FOR VISA APPLICATIONS FOR YEKATERINA
KATSMANA AND ARTHUR KATSMAN

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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S/S 8418711

Date July 6, 1984

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

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Congresswoman Schroeder

Date: May 30, 1984 Subject: Visas for Yekaterina Katsman and
Arthur Katsman Denied

WH Referral Dated: June 30, 1984 NSC ID# 216067
(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.

 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.

 Other.

Remarks:

Charles Hill
Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Ms. Schroeder:

Thank you for your recent inquiry concerning the unsuccessful efforts of Yekaterina and Arthur Katsman, Mr. July Katsman's wife and son, to join him in the United States. We share your concern about the unwillingness of the Soviet Union to respect such basic human rights as freedom of movement. We are particularly dismayed in light of the USSR's undertaking in the Helsinki Final Act to "deal in a positive and humanitarian spirit with the applications of persons who wish to be reunited with members of their family."

Unfortunately, we do not have any information on the status of the application for exit permission of the Katsman family, and therefore are unable to make effective representations on their behalf. Mr. Katsman may wish to contact the Office of Soviet Union Affairs (Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520) if any further information about this family's application is available. For your information, I enclose a copy of the basic questionnaire we use in such cases.

The United States Government has consistently encouraged Soviet authorities to adopt a more favorable attitude toward Soviet citizens who wish to be reunited with family members abroad. Unfortunately, the Soviets have not been responsive to our efforts, labelling them as "interference" in their internal affairs. U.S. influence on Soviet emigration practices and decisions remains extremely limited. We will not give up, however, and intend to persist in our attempts to exercise what influence we have. As Secretary Shultz said in testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, "Human rights cannot be relegated to the margins of international politics."

If we can be of assistance to you in this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

W. Tapley Bennett, Jr.
Assistant Secretary
Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable
Patricia Schroeder,
House of Representatives.

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T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E
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JUNE 29, 1984

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ATTN: W. TAPLEY BENNETT

ACTION REQUESTED:
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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 216067

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MAY 30, 1984

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE HONORABLE PATRICIA SCHROEDER
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON DC 20515

SUBJECT: URGES YOU TO INTERCEDE WITH THE SOVIET
AUTHORITIES ON BEHALF OF YEKATERINA KATSMAN
AND ARTHUR KATSMAN WHOSE VISA REQUESTS HAVE
BEEN DENIED BY THE SOVIET UNION

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

June 26, 1984

Dear Pat:

Thank you for your interest in contacting the President on behalf of Mr. July Katsman whose wife and son have been denied visas by the Soviet Union.

Let me assure you that your inquiry has been brought to the attention of the President's foreign policy advisers. I am sure that they will thoroughly review your request, and that you will be hearing again as soon as any additional information is available.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Patricia Schroeder
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Refer reply to:
Katsman/72.a.1/aas

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President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500

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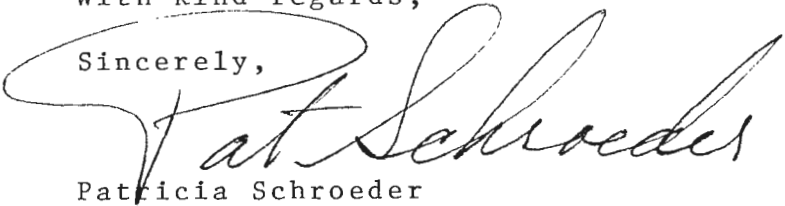
I am writing to you on behalf of a constituent who has contacted me regarding the family of Mr. July Katsman.

Mr. Katsman migrated from the Soviet Union in February of 1980 with his mother, and two sisters are citizens of the the USSR who desires to emigrate to the United States. It is my understanding that the visa requests for his wife, Yekaterina Katsman and his son, Arthur Katsman have been denied.

I would appreciate your using your good offices on behalf of Mr. Katsman to intercede with the Soviet authorities to request these visa applications be approved.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,


Patricia Schroeder
Member of Congress

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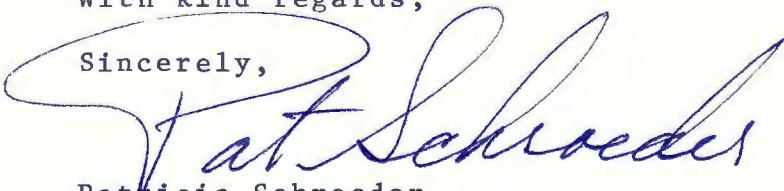
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With kind regards,

Sincerely,



Patricia Schroeder
Member of Congress

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Dear Mr. Hildenbrand:

Thank you for forwarding a copy of Senate Resolution 294, regarding the present situation of Mr. Igor Ogurtsov, which passed the Senate on June 27, 1984.

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In accordance with the wishes of the Senate, the Department of State has forwarded the original of Resolution 294 to the Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Enclosed for your records is a copy of the Diplomatic note.

If we can be of further assistance to you in this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Robert F. Turner
Acting Assistant Secretary
Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

Enclosure:
Copy of Diplomatic note.

The Honorable
William F. Hildenbrand,
Secretary of the Senate,
United States Senate.

Senate Resolution 294 - Igor Ogurtsov

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NSC # 8405145

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
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Date July 11, 1984

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

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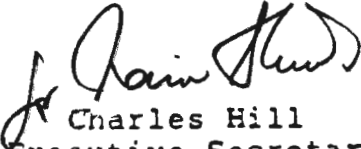
To: PRESIDENT REAGAN From: WILLIAM HILDENBRAND
Date: July 2, 1984 Subject: LTR TO PRES FM SEN HILDENBRAND
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Remarks:


Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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The Department of State calls to the attention of the Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics the enclosed Resolution of the Ninety-Eighth Congress of the United States of America regarding the present situation of Mr. Igor Ogurtsov.

In accordance with the wishes of the Congress, the Department of State transmits herewith the enclosed Resolution, on behalf of the President of the United States of America, to the Ambassador of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United States of America.

Enclosure:
As stated.

Department of State
Washington, July 5, 1984

The Department of State calls to the attention of the Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics the enclosed Resolution of the Ninety-Eighth Congress of the United States of America regarding the present situation of Mr. Igor Ogurtsov.

In accordance with the wishes of the Congress, the Department of State transmits herewith the enclosed Resolution, on behalf of the President of the United States of America, to the Ambassador of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United States of America.

Enclosure:
As stated.

Department of State
Washington, July 5, 1984

In the Senate of the United States

June 27, 1984

Whereas the Soviet Union is a party to the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

Whereas Igor Ogurtsov, the founder of a religious-political opposition group in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics known as the All-Russian Social Christian Alliance for the Liberation of the People (VSKhSON), in late November and early December 1967, was tried in camera with three other leaders of VSKhSON and was found guilty of treason (article 64 of the RSFSR criminal code) and subsequently sentenced to fifteen years of imprisonment and five years of internal exile;

Whereas Igor Ogurtsov denied that he was guilty of treason but was nonetheless sentenced to seven years in Vladimir prison, eight years in a strict regime camp, and five years of internal exile;

Whereas the latest reports indicate that Igor Ogurtsov is in poor health, is very undernourished and weak, suffers from high blood pressure, liver malfunction, poor sight and loss of teeth, and has been described by his mother as "a walking skeleton";

Whereas Igor Ogurtsov was offered an exit visa that would allow him and his parents to emigrate only if he signed a statement of pardon renouncing his views;

Whereas to sign such a document would have been to compromise his principles in that his arrest was illegal to begin with;

Whereas Igor Ogurtsov desperately wishes to emigrate to any country in the West that would accept him and his parents; and

Whereas Igor Ogurtsov is the only remaining VSKhSON member still imprisoned: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that the President, acting directly or through the Secretary of State, should—

(1) continue to express at every suitable opportunity and in the strongest possible terms the opposition of the United States Government to the forced exile and repressive treatment of Igor Ogurtsov; and

(2) urge the Government of the Soviet Union to—

(A) provide him with adequate medical care;

(B) grant Igor Ogurtsov immediate release from internal exile; and

(C) accept Igor Ogurtsov's application for an exit visa, and allow him to emigrate with his parents to the West without forcing him to renounce his views, in accordance with the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the President with the request that he further transmit such copy to the Ambassador of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United States and to the President of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Attest:


Secretary.



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WILLIAM F. HILDENBRAND
SECRETARY

United States Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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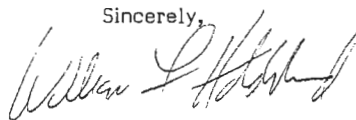
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Sincerely,



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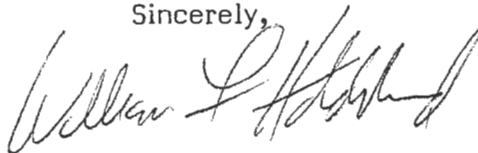
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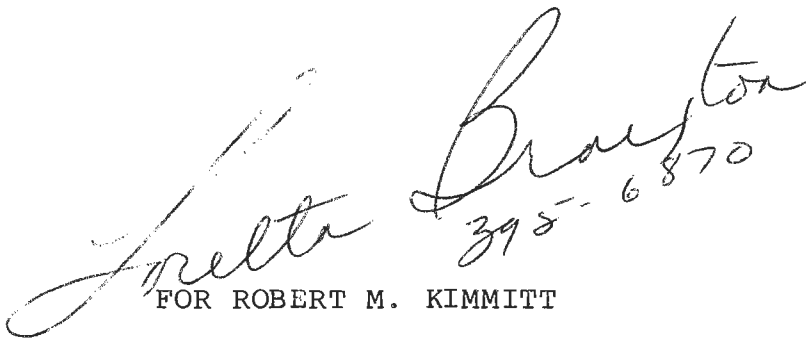
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FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

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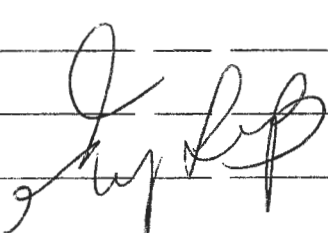
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SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING HOUSE RESOLUTION 450,
CONCERNING SOLIDARITY SUNDAY FOR SOVIET
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*Acknowledgment also sent to Congresswoman
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LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS
MANAGEMENT.

June 18, 1984

Dear Geraldine:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of June 1, which you cosigned with Congressman Gilman, enclosing a copy of H.Res. 450, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning Solidarity Sunday for Soviet Jewry.

We appreciate your bringing this legislation to our attention, and I was pleased to bring your correspondence to the attention of the President's foreign policy advisers. I can assure you that this Administration shares your concern over the human rights situation in the Soviet Union, and will continue to take every appropriate opportunity to keep the Soviets aware of our deep concern.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Geraldine A. Ferraro
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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June 16, 1984

Dear Ben:

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The Honorable Benjamin A. Gilman
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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June 1, 1984

Dear Mr. President:

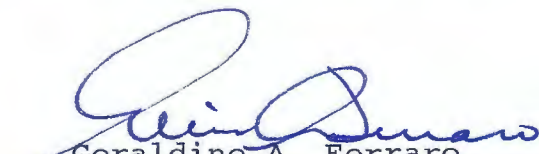
We are enclosing for your consideration a copy of H.Res. 450, Solidarity Sunday for Soviet Jewry, which was unanimously adopted by the House of Representatives on May 3 after obtaining a majority of House members as cosponsors.

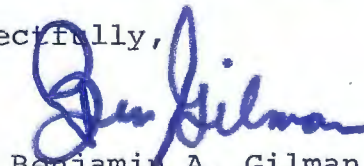
This Resolution and the massive Solidarity Sunday demonstration which took place on May 6 in New York City reaffirm the concern of the American public for the violation of human rights in the Soviet Union, especially as it affects Soviet Jewry.

It expresses the sense of Congress, which we know you share, that the Soviet Union must live up to its international commitments in its treatment of the rights of its citizens, including the basic rights of family reunification and religious freedom.

We thank you for your attention to this important Resolution and look forward to working together to resolve this issue.

Respectfully,


Geraldine A. Ferraro
Member of Congress


Benjamin A. Gilman
Member of Congress

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

98TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 450

To express the sense of the House of Representatives concerning Solidarity
Sunday for Soviet Jewry.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 29, 1984

Ms. FERRARO (for herself and Mr. GILMAN) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

MAY 3, 1984

Additional Sponsors: Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. WIRTH, Mr. SYNAR, Mr. MORRISON of Connecticut, Mr. FAUNTROY, Mr. DWYER of New Jersey, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HOYER, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. ADDABBO, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. D'AMOURS, Mr. DIXON, Mr. HARRISON, Mr. YATES, Mr. McCLOSKEY, Mr. BEILENSON, Mr. YOUNG of Missouri, Mr. FRANK, Mr. MCGRATH, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. BERMAN, Mrs. BURTON of California, Mr. FLORIO, Mr. STOKES, Mrs. JOHNSON, Mr. OWENS, Mr. GREEN, Mr. ROE, Mr. CORCORAN, Mr. SILJANDER, Mr. COLEMAN of Texas, Mr. FAZIO, Mr. LONG of Maryland, Mr. CARNEY, Mr. SOLARZ, Mr. PORTER, Mr. EDWARDS of California, Mr. HOWARD, Mr. MCKINNEY, Mr. ERDREICH, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. VANDER JAGT, Mr. LEWIS of Florida, Mr. KOSTMAYER, Mr. WALGREN, Mr. HORTON, Mr. FORD of Tennessee, Mr. CARR, Mr. LEHMAN of Florida, Mr. VENTO, Mr. BARNES, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FISH, Mr. CONTE, Mr. LEVINE of California, Mr. LENT, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. WEISS, Mr. DAUB, Mr. PEPPER, Mr. MAVROULES, Mr. MCDADE, Ms. FIEDLER, Mr. FASCELL, Mr. LEVIN, of Michigan, Mr. VANDERGRIFF, Mr. FROST, Mr. WILSON, Mr. SEIBERLING, Mr. LOWERY of California, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. RATCHFORD, Mr. GLICKMAN, Mr. SCHEUER, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. RICHARDSON, Mr. DOWNEY, of New York, Mr. SMITH of Florida, Mr. RITTER, Mr. BEDELL, Mr. O'BRIEN, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. HUGHES,, Mr. BIAGGI, Mr. LEVITAS, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. OTTINGER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MAZZOLI, Mr. LOWRY of Washington, Mr. MACKAY, Mr. EDGAR, Mr. FRENZEL, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. EARLY, Mr. SIKORSKI, Mr. GORE, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. SABO, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mr. STARK, Mr. NOWAK, Mr. ROSE, Mr. STANGELAND, Mr. WEAVER, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. FORD of Michigan, Mr. MINISH, Mr. SISISKY, Mrs. KENNELLY, Mr. REGULA, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WOLPE, Mr. MINETA, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. LAGOMARSINO, Mr. DYSON, Mrs. SCHNEIDER, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. HERTEL of Michigan, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. SIMON, Mr. GARCIA, Mr. MACK, Mr. LI-

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MAY 3, 1984

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

To express the sense of the House of Representatives
concerning Solidarity Sunday for Soviet Jewry.

Whereas, on May 6, 1984, the eighty-five constituent agencies of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry will sponsor "Solidarity Sunday" to reaffirm the resolve to secure freedom for Soviet Jews and beleaguered people everywhere;

Whereas Americans of all faiths and from all regions of the country will join with the Conference on that day in activities expressing the solidarity of our people with the almost three million Jews in the Soviet Union;

Whereas the right to emigrate freely and to be reunited with families abroad is being denied Soviet Jews and others, in

clear violation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Helsinki Final Act of 1975 and the Final Document of the Madrid Conference, signed in 1983;

Whereas Soviet Jewish emigration has dropped alarmingly from a high of fifty-one thousand three hundred and twenty in 1979 to just one thousand three hundred and fourteen in all of 1983;

Whereas the Government of the Soviet Union has implemented new emigration restrictions designed to make the process of obtaining a visa even more arduous;

Whereas those Soviet Jews and other persons who have applied to leave the Soviet Union have been subjected to expulsion from jobs and schools, exile from major Soviet cities and constant surveillance and harassment;

Whereas the Government of the Soviet Union is denying all its Jewish citizens even those rights and privileges accorded other recognized religions in the Soviet Union;

Whereas the Government of the Soviet Union discriminates against Jewish culture and religion by arresting Hebrew teachers, attacking Hebrew teaching circles as "subversive," and promoting anti-Semitic ideology under the cloak of "anti-Zionism;"

Whereas the Government of the Soviet Union will not succeed in isolating Soviet Jews from friends in the West so long as those who cherish liberty and human rights continue to speak out on behalf of beleaguered people everywhere;

Whereas "Solidarity Sunday for Soviet Jewry" will serve as an expression of our determination to continue efforts to obtain freedom for Soviet Jewish Prisoners of Conscience, to have exit visas granted to veteran refuseniks who have sought permission to emigrate for up to fourteen years, and to

secure the free exercise of religious beliefs and cultural expression for all minorities: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives supports
- 2 “Solidarity Sunday for Soviet Jewry” on May 6, 1984.

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Dear Mario:

On the President's behalf, I would like to thank you for your June 6 letter in which you called to his attention an op ed article from the June 5 New York Times.

As you noted, in that article the author suggests that President Reagan meet with Konstantin Chernenko on the anniversary of the day when the Red Army reached the Elbe River and made contact with the United States First and Ninth Armies.

As you know, in his June 14 press conference the President indicated his willingness to meet with the Soviet leader to discuss a number of bilateral issues. Although it is premature to determine the President's schedule for next May, we appreciate receiving this interesting suggestion. I have shared your correspondence with the President's scheduling office and his foreign policy advisers.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

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The Honorable Mario Biaggi
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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June 6, 1984

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

Dear Mr. President:

I wish to call to your attention and consideration a most interesting proposal which was contained in an op ed article from the June 5, 1984 New York Times entitled, "Chernenko Deserves to be at Normandy."

In the article, its author, Mr. Allan A. Ryan, Jr. makes reference to an upcoming anniversary of another pivotal day in the history of World War II. As he states, "Eleven months after D-Day on May 3, 1945, the Red Army reached the Elbe River and made contact with the United States First and Ninth Armies. The Great Patriotic War--World War II was over. Americans and Russians reached out and shook hands."

The specific proposal he makes is that this occasion serves as the basis for a meeting between yourself and President Konstantin U. Chernenko. Such an idea does seem consistent with your own expressed interest in meeting with the Soviet leadership. As you so eloquently stated in your speech before the Dail on Monday, June 4, 1984:

"I want to stress today that the United States seeks greater dialogue in two other critical areas of East-West relations. Just as we seek to reduce the burden of armaments, we want to also find ways to limit their use in troublesome or potentially difficult regional situations. So we must seek serious discussions with the Soviets to guard against miscalculation or misunderstanding in troubled or strategically sensitive areas of the world. I want to stress again today the serious commitment of the United States to such a process."

I contend that there in fact may be considerable merit to this idea. The meeting would be held against a backdrop of a time in history when the United States and the Soviet Union worked together against the tyranny of Hitler and the Third Reich and for the preservation of world peace. It could launch a new phase of needed United States Soviet dialogue on the critical issues of arms control and disarmament which is of such great concern. I fully recognize the commitment you have already made in this area and hope consideration will be given to this idea. I enclose the article for your review.

Sincerely,

MARIO BIAGGI, M.C.

THE WHITE HOUSE
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For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane
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To: President Reagan From: Mario Biaggi

Date: June 6, 1984 Subject: Quotes from a N.Y. Times
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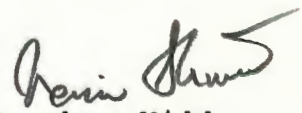
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Department of State.

Action Taken:

- A draft reply is attached.
- 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
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Executive Secretary

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Congressman Biaggi:

Thank you for your letter of June 6 suggesting that the President meet with Soviet General Secretary Chernenko on the anniversary of the Elbe River meeting between US and Soviet troops.

There is no more crucial issue facing us today than the maintenance of peace and the promotion of a more stable and constructive US-Soviet relationship. That is why this Administration has sought to engage the USSR in constructive dialogue aimed at developing concrete solutions to the problems that engage our two countries. The President has made clear his desire to meet with his Soviet counterpart without any preconditions as to venue or scheduling. Specifically, President Reagan said last month that the "door was open" not only for a summit meeting but for a general improvement in the dialogue between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. To date, the Soviet Union has not responded positively to the President's readiness to meet.

In considering ways to strengthen our relations with the USSR, we recognize that a summit meeting keyed to such an anniversary as the Elbe River meeting would indeed offer the possibility for high-level US-Soviet dialogue. At the same time, however, we must realize that a summit meeting would not, in and of itself, solve the very real substantive problems existing between our two countries with such different values and interests. Any summit will also, of course, require careful preparation if it is to be successful.

I can assure you that Mr. Ryan's comments will be given careful consideration as we examine ways to proceed toward those goals. I thank you for passing on his very thoughtful article, and I ask you to write again if I can assist you in any other way.

Sincerely,

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Richard F. Turner
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The Honorable
Mario Biaggi,
House of Representatives.

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SUBJECT: QUOTES FROM A N. Y. TIMES ARTICLE: "ELEVEN MONTHS AFTER D-DAY ON MAY 3, 1945, THE RED ARMY REACHED THE ELBE RIVER & MADE CONTACT WITH THE UNITED STATES FIRST & NINTH ARMIES. THE GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR--WORLD WAR II WAS OVER. AMERICANS & RUSSIANS REACHED OUT & SHOOK HANDS." ENDORSES THE AUTHOR'S IDEA THAT THE ANNIVERSARY OF THIS OCCASION WOULD SERVE AS A BASIS FOR A MEETING BETWEEN YOU AND PRESIDENT CHERNENKO

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

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By Allan A. Ryan Jr.

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Russian troops did not land at Normandy, of course. But the Allies could not have succeeded there without them, for in 1944 Hitler was engaged in a titanic struggle against the Red Army on the Eastern Front. From the Baltic Sea through the Pripet Marshes of Byelorussia to Odessa on the Black Sea, the Russians were pushing the Nazis backward, inch by bloody inch.

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