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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

June 18, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH

SUBJECT: Presidential News Conference Opening Statement

Attached at Tab I is the NSC concurrence in the President's news conference opening statement as written (Tab II).

Howard TeicherTH and Karna SmallTH concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize Bill Martin to sign and forward the memo at Tab I.

Approve



Disapprove

Attachments

Tab I - Martin Memo to Chew w/copy to Elliott

Tab II - Presidential News Conference Opening Statement

North

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Document No.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

URGENT

DATE: 6/18/85

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY:

IMMEDIATE (10 minutes)

SUBJECT: REMARKS: NEWS CONFERENCE OPENING STATEMENT

	ACTION FYI			ACTION FYI	
VICE PRESIDENT	☐	☐	LACY	☐	☐
REGAN	☐	☒	McFARLANE	☒	☐
STOCKMAN	☐	☐	OGLESBY	☒	☐
BUCHANAN	☒	☐	ROLLINS	☐	☐
CHAVEZ	☐	☐	RYAN	☐	☐
CHEW	☐	☐	SPEAKES	☒	☐
DANIELS	☐	☐	SPRINKEL	☐	☐
FIELDING	☐	☐	SVAHN	☐	☐
FRIEDERSDORF	☒	☐	TUTTLE	☐	☐
HENKEL	☐	☐		☐	☐
HICKEY	☐	☐		☐	☐
HICKS	☐	☐		☐	☐
KINGON	☐	☐		☐	☐

REMARKS:

Please submit your comments directly to Ben Elliott within 10 minutes following delivery, and provide an information copy to my office.
Thank you.

RESPONSE: MEMO FOR DAVID L. CHEW

June 18, 1985

NSC concurs in the Presidential opening statement as written.

cc: Ben Elliott

William F. Martin
Executive Secretary

David L. Chew
Staff Secretary
Ext. 2702

(Elliott/North)
June 18, 1985
5:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NEWS CONFERENCE OPENING STATEMENT
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1985

Good evening. One hour ago, the body of a young American hero, Navy diver Robert Dean Stethem, was returned to his native soil in a coffin, after being beaten and shot through the head at pointblank range.

His murder and the fate of the other American hostages still being held in Beirut underscore an inescapable fact: the United States is tonight a Nation being warred against by international terrorists who wantonly kill and who seize our innocent citizens as their prisoners. As a first in response to this situation, I am directing that the following steps be taken:

- I have directed the Secretary of Transportation, in cooperation with the Secretary of State, to explore immediately an expansion of our armed sky marshal program aboard international flights of U.S. air carriers for better protection of passengers.
- I am directing the Secretary of State to issue an immediate travel advisory for U.S. citizens travelling through the Athens International Airport warning them of dangers. This warning shall remain in effect until the Greek government has improved the security situation there, and until it has demonstrated a willingness to comply with the security provisions of the U.S.-Greek Civil Aviation Agreement and the Tokyo, Montreal, and Hague Conventions regarding prosecution and punishment of air pirates. I have asked for

a full explanation of the events surrounding the takeover of the aircraft in Athens.

- I have appealed through the Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration for all U.S. air carriers to review the wisdom of continuing any flights into Athens until the security situation there improves.
- Further, I have asked Secretaries Shultz and Dole to report to me on whether we should terminate the service of foreign air carriers which do not honor appropriate International Conventions or provide adequate security at their airports.
- I am calling upon all Allied and friendly governments to redouble their efforts to improve airport security and take other measures to prevent the hijacking of aircraft. I will also be asking them to take steps together to prevent travel to places where lawlessness is rampant and innocent passengers are unprotected.
- And I am urging that no American enter any Middle Eastern country that does not publicly condemn and disassociate itself from this atrocity and call for the immediate, safe release of our citizens.

Let me further make it plain to the assassins in Beirut and their accomplices, wherever they may be, that America will never make concessions to terrorists. To do so would only invite more terrorism. Nor will we ask or pressure any other government to do so. Once we head down that path, there will be no end to it -- no end to the suffering of innocent people, no end to the bloody ransom all civilized nations must pay.

This act of terrorism is a stain on Lebanon and particularly on those Lebanese in whose name it has been done. Those in Lebanon who commit these acts damage their country and their cause, and we hold them accountable.

I call upon those holding our people to release them without condition. I call upon the leaders of Lebanon, political and religious, to meet their responsibilities and to do all that is required to end this crime now in the name of the God they worship. And I call on other governments to speak out and use their influence as well.

This attack is an attack on all citizens of the world who seek to live free from the fear and scourge of terrorism.

My thoughts and prayers are, as are those of all Americans, with the prisoners now being held in Lebanon and with their families.

Let me conclude by stating the obvious: We are in the midst of a dangerous and volatile situation. Yes, this subject is foremost in your minds, but please understand that there are many questions I cannot answer here tonight. That said: Mike Putzel of the Associated Press has the first question.

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

June 18, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH

SUBJECT: Vice President's Statement at Andrews AFB

Attached at Tab I is the NSC concurrence in the Vice President's statement to be made this evening at Andrews AFB (Tab II).

Howard Teicher and Karna Small concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize Bill Martin to sign and forward the memo at Tab I.

Approve



Disapprove

Attachments

Tab I - Martin Memo to Chew w/copy to Elliott

Tab II - Vice President's Statement

URGENT

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 6/18/85 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 10 minutes

SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT AT ANDREWS AFB THIS EVENING

	ACTION FYI			ACTION FYI	
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HICKEY	☐	☐	_____	☐	☐
HICKS	☐	☐	_____	☐	☐
KINGON	☐	☐	_____	☐	☐

REMARKS:

Please submit your comments directly to Tom Collamore immediately with an information copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE: MEMO FOR DAVID L. CHEW

June 18, 1985

NSC concurs in the Vice President's statement as written.

William F. Martin
William F. Martin
Executive Secretary

David L. Chew
Staff Secretary
Ext. 2702

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY REMARKS WILL BE BRIEF.

WE ARE HERE THIS EVENING TO RECEIVE IN THE NAME OF OUR COUNTRY THE REMAINS OF AN AMERICAN SERVICEMAN WHO DIED IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY. ROBERT DEAN STETHEM WAS KILLED BY CRIMINALS WHO SINGLED HIM OUT FOR DEATH BECAUSE HE CARRIED WITH PRIDE AMONG HIS PAPERS THE INFORMATION THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

ROBERT DEAN STETHEM OF THE U.S. NAVY WAS ONLY 23 YEARS OLD, BUT HE LOVED HIS COUNTRY WITH A YOUNG MAN'S LOVE, AND HE SERVED IT WITH VIGOR AND FAITH. TO YOU, MR. AND MRS. RICHARD STETHEM, MAY I SAY THAT I KNOW NO WORDS CAN CONSOLE. BUT WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SON. WE THANK YOU FOR THAT FINE YOUNG MAN. WE THANK YOU FOR HIS COURAGE.

WE WILL NOT FORGET HIM. AND WE WILL NOT FORGET THOSE WHO TOOK HIM FROM US. ROBERT DEAN STETHEM WAS AN INNOCENT VICTIM OF A CRUELTY THAT KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES AND A BARBARISM THAT SELECTS THE BLAMELESS FOR PUNISHMENT. WE CANNOT AND WILL NOT TOLERATE THIS EVIL.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU, MR. AND MRS. STETHEM, IN YOUR TIME OF PAIN; AND MAY HE EMBRACE YOUR LOVELY SON AS HE LEADS HIM TO HIS REST.

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

June 18, 1985

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. MARTIN

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH

SUBJECT: Status Report on the TWA Hijacking

Attached at Tab I is a memo from Secretary ~~to~~ Shultz to the President forwarding a status report as of June 16 on the TWA Flight #847 hijacking. This ~~is~~ situation report has already been briefed to the President.

RECOMMENDATION

That you place this in the file "for the record."

Approve WM

Disapprove _____

Attachment

Tab I - Shultz Memo to the President of June 16, 1985

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Declassify: OADR

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Sec.3.4(b), E.O. 12958, as amended
White House Guidelines, Sept. 11, 2006
BY NARA RW, DATE 3/2/11

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

June 20, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. MARTIN

FROM:

KARNA SMALL ✓

SUBJECT:

Insert on Terrorism for Presidential Address
at International Lions Club Convention

We have reviewed the insert on terrorism for the President's address at the International Lions Club Convention and have made some suggested changes. Because of the urgency, Ben Elliott's office was advised by telephone.

HT
Teicher concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo to Ben Elliott at Tab I.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachment

TAB I Memo to Ben Elliott with attached insert
for Presidential address-----
June 20, 1985

Per instructions from VADM Poindexter, North coordinated a new draft with Ben Elliott which is attached.

Oliver North

MEMORANDUM

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Add-on

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT

FROM: WILLIAM F. MARTIN

SUBJECT: Insert on Terrorism for Presidential Address
at the International Lions Club Convention

NSC concurs in the insert attached.

Attachment

Insert on Terrorism

Version: (Rohrabacher/BE/PJB June 20, 1985 6:30 p.m.)

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

URGENTDATE: 6/20/85 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 3:00 P.M. TODAYSUBJECT: INSERT FOR ADDRESS TO INTERNATIONAL LIONS CLUB - DALLAS

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REMARKS:

Attached is an insert for tomorrow's address to the Lions Club, which cover the recent international events. Please provide any edits directly to Ben Elliott by 3:00 p.m. today, with an information copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

David L. Chew
Staff Secretary
Ext. 2702

(Rohrabacher/BE/PJB)
June 20, 1985
6:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: INSERT FOR INTERNATIONAL LIONS
CLUB CONVENTION
DALLAS, TEXAS
FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 1985

In the last few days it has become ever more clear that the criminal threat to civilization is no mere domestic problem. Wednesday night in El Salvador, four young Marines in civilian clothes, along with civilians from America and several other countries, were gunned down in a sidewalk cafe. This event was preceded by the wanton bombing of an air terminal in Frankfurt, the hijacking of one of our airliners, and the seizure of a Jordanian aircraft.

The killers in El Salvador are no different than these other perpetrators of inhumane acts. I can promise all of them this: they will never succeed in weakening our resolve to resist terrorism.

We consider these murders, hijackings, and abductions an attack on all western civilization.

We will continue to act with appropriate restraint, but let no one doubt our resolve. Those who commit such crimes should be aware of the truth of President Theodore Roosevelt's observation, "The American people are slow to wrath, but when their wrath is once kindled it burns like a consuming flame."

Our patience is not inexhaustible.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 20, 1985

NORTHACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE *for*SUBJECT: Congressional ltr to the President regarding
Safety of U.S. Hostages in Lebanon

Attached at Tab A are letters prepared for your signature to Senator Paul Simon and Congressman George O'Brien. Your letters respond to a letter written to the President by 205 Congressional members (Tab B) regarding efforts to recover the Americans taken hostage in Beirut.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign and forward the letters at Tab A.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab A - Friedersdorf Memo to Simon and O'Brien

Tab B - Congressional ltr to the Pres of May 10, 1985

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Senator:

The President has asked that I respond to your letter of May 10 in which you and your colleagues expressed your concern regarding the continuing captivity of U.S. citizens in Lebanon.

President Reagan is extremely concerned and has taken a deep personal interest in the terrorist attacks on Americans in Lebanon and the fate of the six Americans who were abducted in Beirut. The protection of American citizens overseas is a major responsibility of our government and the release of these innocent Americans is a priority concern.

I can assure you that the lack of success in gaining the release of these citizens so far does not reflect a lack of effort. The State Department as well as other agencies and our Embassies overseas are following every lead which offers even a remote possibility of contributing to the safe return of the missing Americans. Intense diplomatic contacts are continuing and we are pursuing all possible avenues of inquiry. We have said little publicly about our efforts on behalf of the captive Americans because we strongly believe that their release can best be accomplished through quiet, discreet diplomacy. Publicity simply increases the incentive of the captors to hold on to the hostages. This is also the view of the intermediaries with whom we have been working.

As you know, our policy is that we do not give in to terrorist demands, and we do not urge others to do so. This would only encourage further terrorist acts against the international community. The United States will not allow itself to be intimidated by terrorist threats or permit such threats to compromise our fundamental policies and values.

This does not mean, however, that we are unwilling to talk. In all of our contacts on these kidnappings, we have stressed our interest in maintaining open lines of communication. Their principal and continuing demand has been the release of the Dawa Party prisoners in Kuwait, a demand the Kuwaitis have consistently rejected. As you may recall, the 17 Dawa prisoners being held by the Kuwaiti Government have been legally convicted of grave terrorist acts including lethal bombing attacks on the U.S. and French Embassies and Kuwaiti installations in December 1983. Six persons died as a result of these attacks and more than 80 were

injured. We supported the Kuwaiti Government decision in December 1984 not to release the Dawa prisoners when this was the demand of those who had hijacked a Kuwaiti airliner and murdered two United States Government officials.

Unfortunately, the terrorists are playing on the natural concern and sympathies of the families. This is as cynical and cruel as their taking the hostages in the first place. It is all too easy in such a situation to blame ourselves for being victimized by terrorists.

The President clearly appreciates what an ordeal this is for the families, whose anxiety and frustration we share. We realize that until the captives are released no explanation will seem adequate. Nevertheless, let me assure you that we will continue our intensive efforts on behalf of the captive Americans. I have addressed a similar letter to Congressman George O'Brien.

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Paul Simon
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable George M. O'Brien
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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United States Senate

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May 10, 1985

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

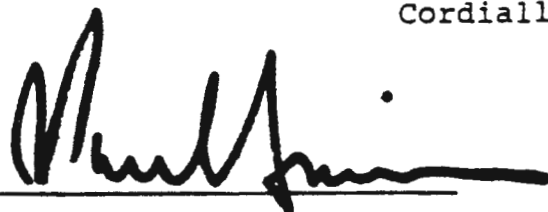
Dear Mr. President,

We are writing to express our deep concern for the safety and welfare of William Buckley, the Reverend Benjamin Weir, Peter Kilburn, Father Lawrence Martin Jenco and Terry Anderson, the five U.S. citizens who are being held hostage in Lebanon.

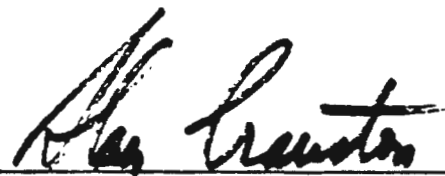
We know that the Department of State has been working through various channels to secure the hostages' release. While we recognize the process is a delicate one, we urge you to direct the Department to redouble its efforts and to become personally involved in efforts to obtain the hostages' release. Recent events in Lebanon make our request more urgent.

The families of these men anxiously hope and wait for news of their safe release. We would greatly appreciate your ensuring that all possible means to achieve this end are exhausted.

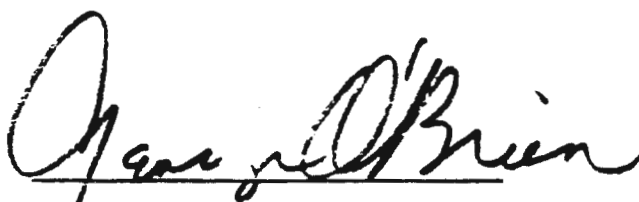
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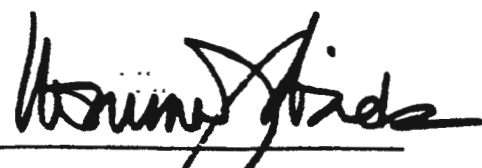
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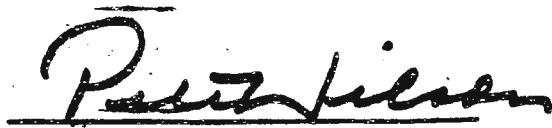
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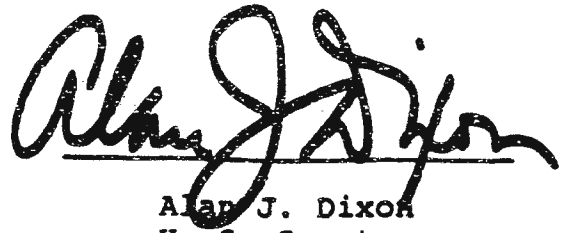
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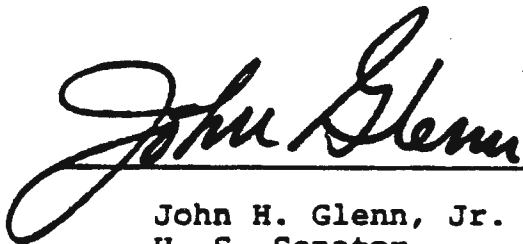
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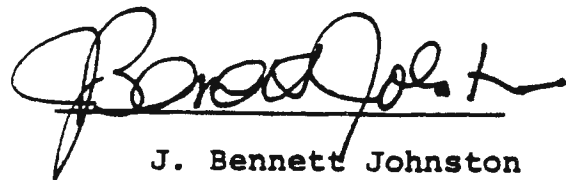
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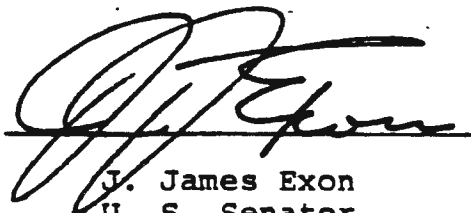
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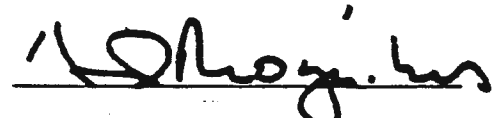
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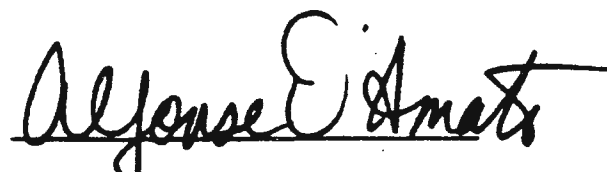
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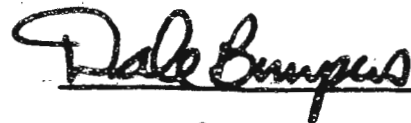
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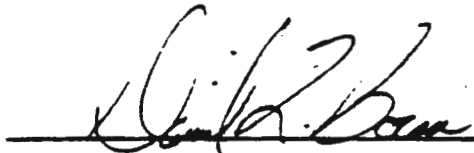
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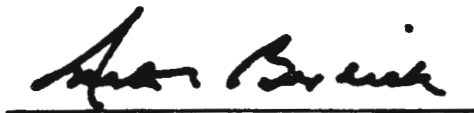
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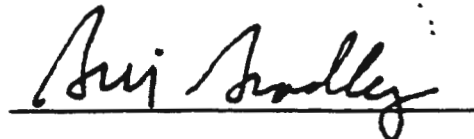
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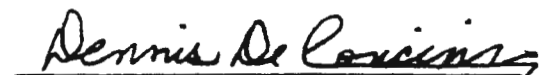
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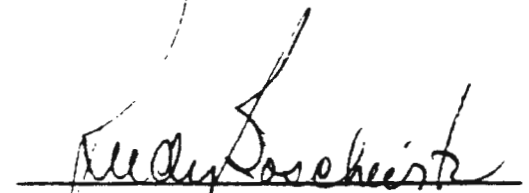
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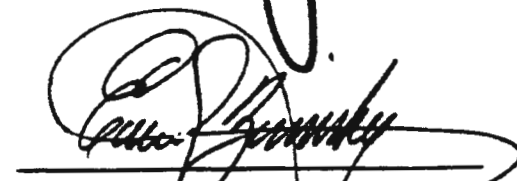
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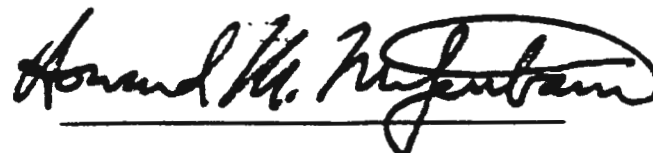
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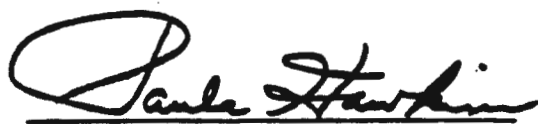
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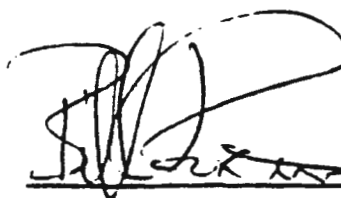
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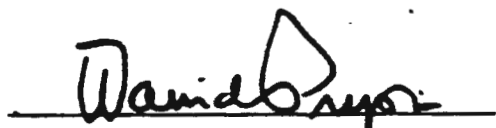
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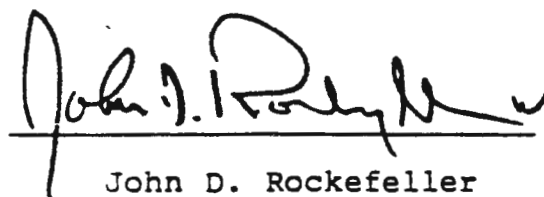
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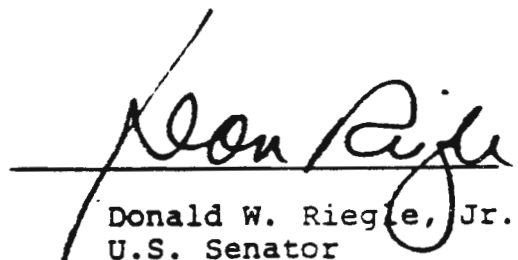
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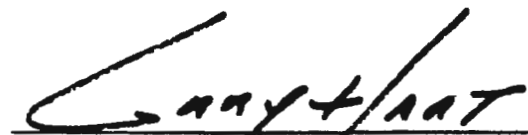
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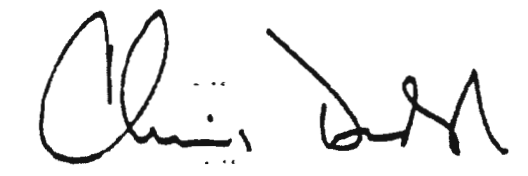
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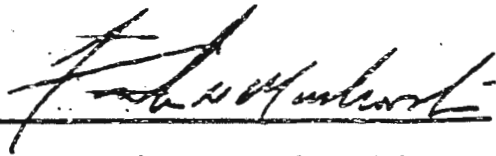
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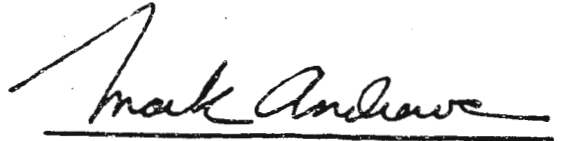
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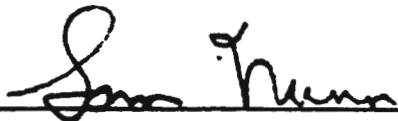
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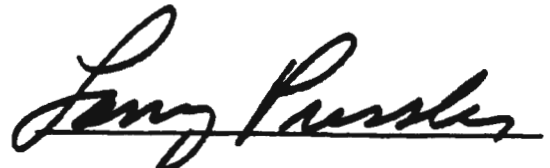
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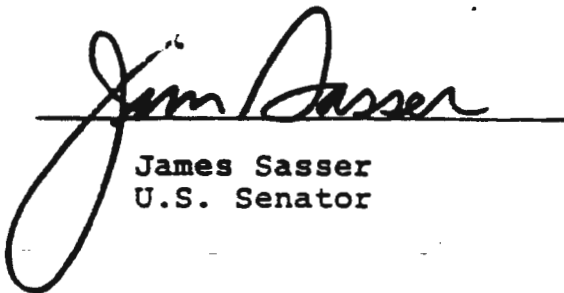
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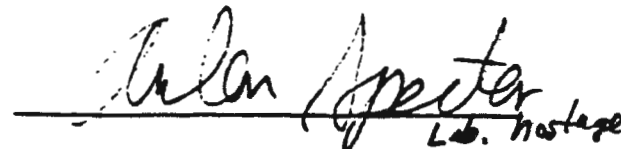
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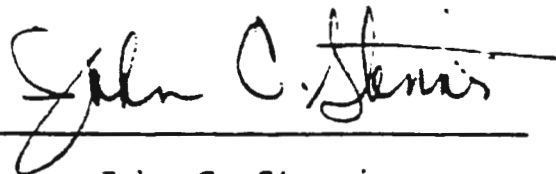
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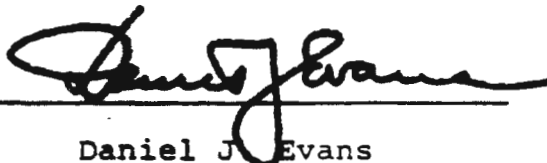
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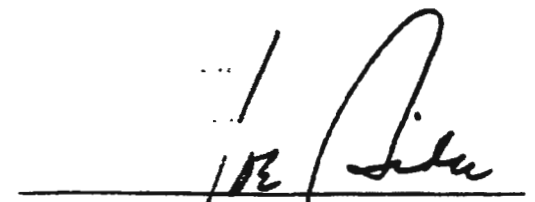
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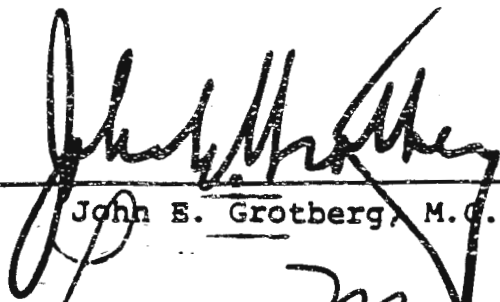
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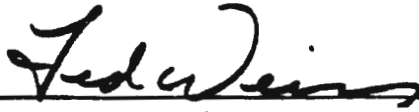
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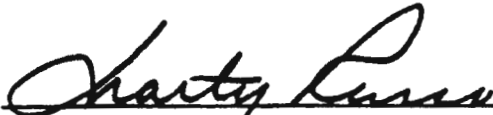
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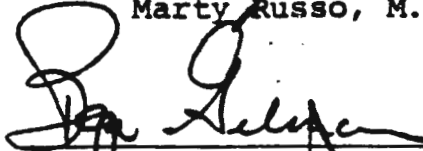
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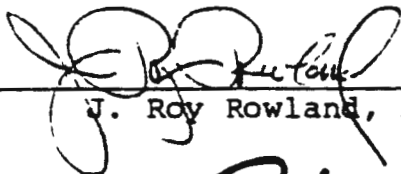
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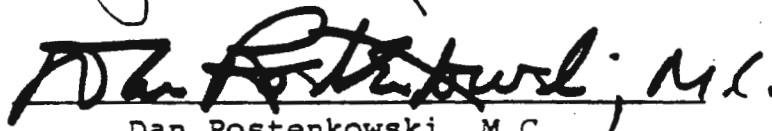
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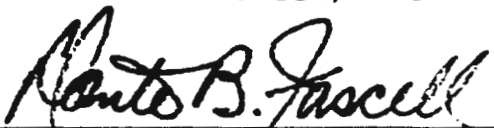
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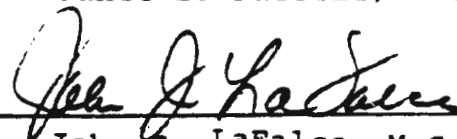
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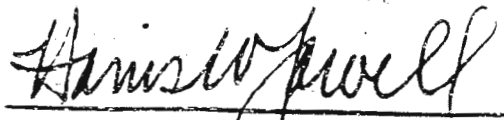
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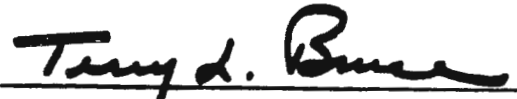
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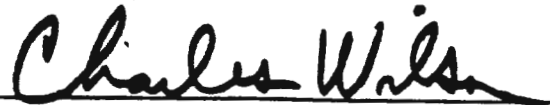
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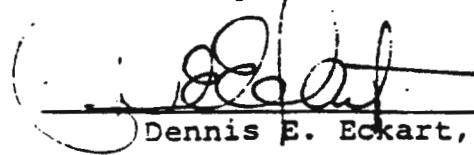
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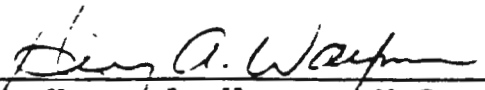
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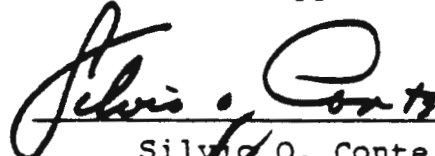
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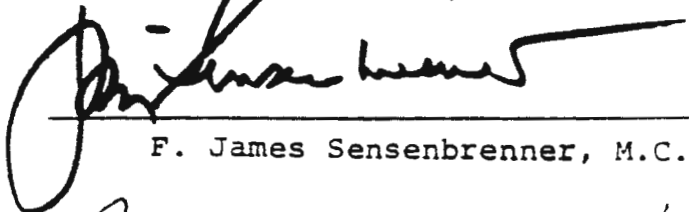
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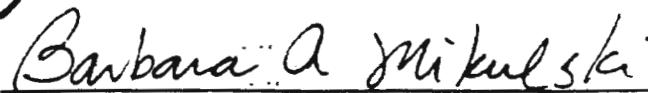
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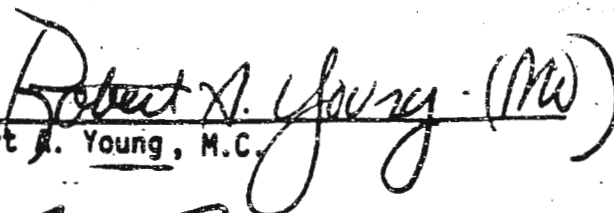
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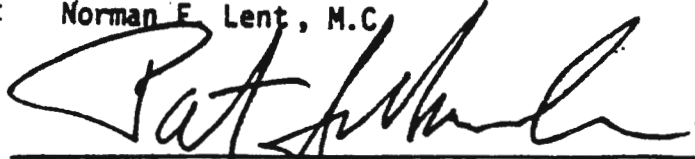
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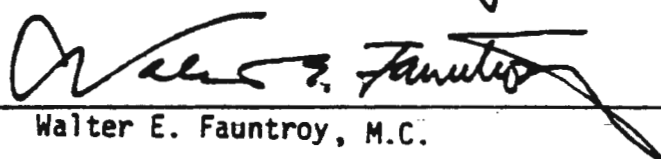

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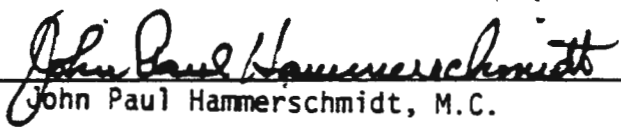

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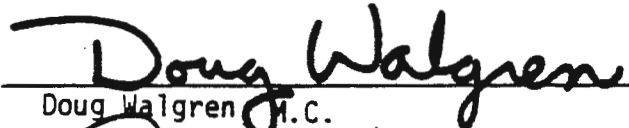

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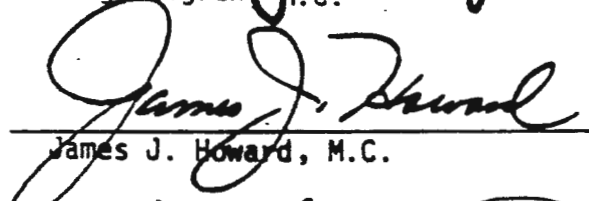

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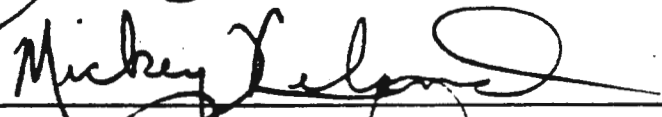

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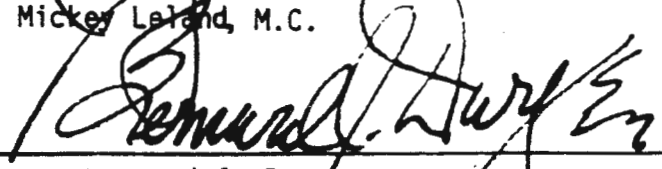

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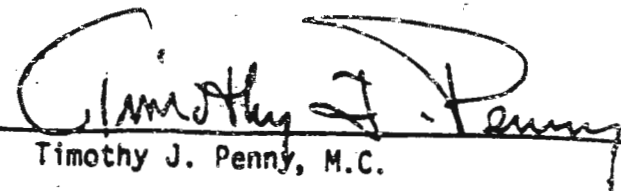

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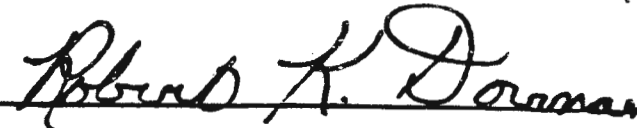

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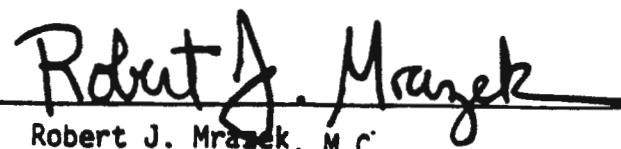

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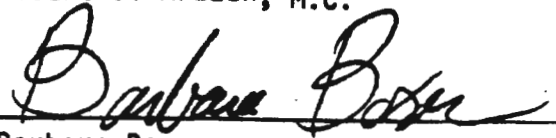

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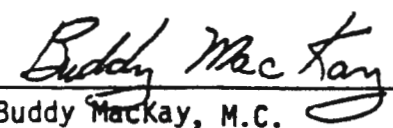

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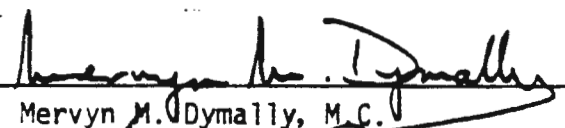

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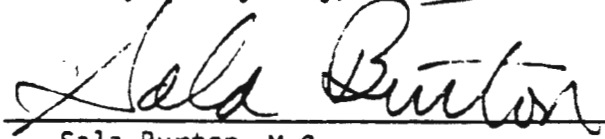

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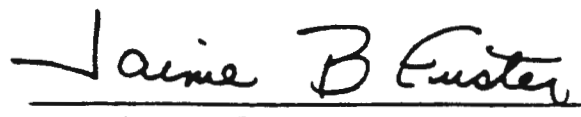

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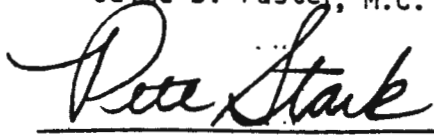

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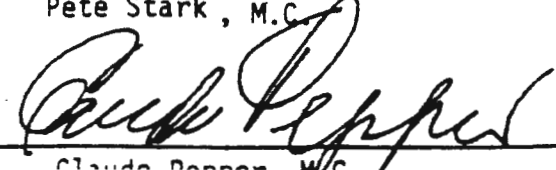

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Richard D'Amato with the Democratic Policy
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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

May 24, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Proposed Response to Congressional Correspondence on
the American Hostages

Senator Paul Simon and 204 other House and Senate members have cosigned a May 10 letter to President Reagan (Tab 2) urging that he become personally involved in efforts to obtain the release of the Americans kidnapped in Lebanon and that the Department of State redouble its efforts on behalf of the hostages. Attached at Tab 1 is a proposed draft response. You may want to address your reply to representatives of both Houses of Congress, preferably to Congressman O'Brien as well as Senator Simon, both of whom have actively followed the hostage issue and have hostage family members among their constituents.


for Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

Tab 1: Proposed Reply
Tab 2: Incoming Correspondence

Dear Senator Simon/Mr. O'Brien:

Thank you for the letter of May 10 which you and your colleagues forwarded to President Reagan regarding the continuing captivity of U.S. citizens in Lebanon. I have been asked to respond on the President's behalf.

President Reagan is extremely concerned about the terrorist attacks on Americans in Lebanon and the fate of the five Americans who were abducted in Beirut. This is a problem in which he takes a deep personal interest. The protection of American citizens overseas is a major responsibility of our government and the release of these innocent Americans is a priority concern.

I can assure you that the lack of success so far does not reflect a lack of effort. The State Department as well as other agencies and our Embassies overseas are following every lead to ensure the safe return of the five missing Americans. Intensive diplomatic contacts are continuing and we are pursuing all possible avenues of inquiry. We have said little publicly about our efforts on behalf of the captive Americans because we strongly believe that their release can best be accomplished through quiet, discreet diplomacy. Publicity simply increases the incentive of the captors to hold on to the

hostages. This is also the view of the intermediaries with whom we have been working.

As you know, our policy is that we do not give in to terrorist demands, and we do not urge others to do so. This would only encourage further terrorist acts against the international community. The United States will not allow itself to be intimidated by terrorist threats or permit such threats to compromise our fundamental policies and values.

This does not mean, however, that we are unwilling to talk. In all of our contacts on these kidnappings, we have stressed our interest in maintaining open lines of communication. Although the kidnappers have shown no interest in a dialogue with the U.S. government, we continue to look for any evolution in their attitudes.

Their principal and continuing demand has been the release of the Dawa Party prisoners in Kuwait, a demand the Kuwaitis have consistently rejected. As you may recall, the 17 Dawa prisoners being held by the Kuwaiti government have been legally convicted of grave terrorist acts including lethal bombing attacks on the U.S. and French Embassies and Kuwaiti installations in December 1983. Six persons died as a result of these attacks and more than 80 people were injured. Indeed,

we rightly applauded the Kuwaiti government decision in December 1984 not to release the Dawa prisoners when this was the demand of those who had hijacked a Kuwaiti airliner and murdered two United States Government officials.

Unfortunately, the terrorists are playing on the natural concern and sympathies of the families. This is as cynical and cruel as their taking the hostages in the first place. It is all too easy in such a situation to blame ourselves for being victimized by terrorists.

The President clearly appreciates what an ordeal this is for the families, whose impatience and frustration we share. We realize that until the captives are released, no explanation will seem adequate. Nevertheless, let me assure you that we will continue our intensive efforts on behalf of the captive Americans.

Sincerely,

Received 5/17
1545

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 17, 1985

W 5 - Action by early next week. Clear with C.A. and M/CTP. I guess include statement. we should today W.

MEMORANDUM FOR:

WILL BALL
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations
Department of State

FROM:

KATHY RATTE JAFFKE *KRJ*
Director, Congressional Correspondence

SUBJECT:

American Hostages in Lebanon

The attached letter, dated May 10, is signed by 205 House and Senate Members expressing concern for the safety of five Americans being held hostage in Lebanon.

Because the situation has been in a state of flux over the last few days and since this letter was apparently released to the press yesterday, I would appreciate your assistance in coordinating a draft response for B. Oglesby's signature.

I am omitting an interim due to the number of cosigners and the need to provide a prompt response.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

cc: NSC Secretariat - FYI
cc: Records Management - FYI

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

June 17, 1985

ACTION

SIGNED

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH

SUBJECT: Congressional ltr to the President regarding
Safety of U.S. Hostages in Lebanon

Attached at Tab I is a memo from you to Max Friedersdorf requesting that he sign and forward the letters to Senator Paul Simon and Congressman George O'Brien attached at Tab A. These letters respond to a letter written to the President on May 10, 1985 from 205 Congressional members regarding efforts to recover the Americans taken hostage in Beirut (Tab B).

The suggested State Department draft response is attached at Tab II. The original package #3987 forwarded to you on May 28 is attached at Tab III.

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Ron Sable concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you initial and forward your memo to Max Friedersdorf at Tab I with Tabs A and B attached.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachments

- Tab I - McFarlane Memo to Friedersdorf
 - Tab A - Friedersdorf ltrs to Simon and O'Brien
 - Tab B - Congressional ltr to the Pres of May 10
- Tab II - Platt Memo to McFarlane of May 24, 1985
- Tab III - Original Package #3987 of May 28, 1985

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

May 28, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH

SUBJECT: Congressional ltr to the President regarding
Safety of U.S. Hostages in Lebanon

Attached at Tab I is a letter from you to Senator Paul Simon and Congressman George O'Brien regarding efforts to recover the Americans taken hostage in Beirut. Your letter responds to a letter to the President dated May 10, 1985 from 205 Congressional members on this matter (Tab II).

State Department agrees that it would be more appropriate to have you respond than B. Oglesby as was initially proposed in their draft response (Tab III).

HL for
Ron Sable concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the two letters at Tab I.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachments

- Tab I - McFarlane letters to Simon and O'Brien
- Tab II - Platt Memo to McFarlane of May 24, 1985
- Tab III - Congressional ltr to the President of May 10, 1985