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ACTION

February 14, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT C. McFARLANE
SUBJECT: Talking Points for Your Breakfast Meeting
with the Sperling Group

Attached at Tab A are suggested talking points for your use in your discussions with the Sperling Group scheduled for 9:00-10:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 15.

RECOMMENDATION

OK

No

✓

That you read the attached talking points at Tab A.

Attachment
Tab A - Talking Points

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White House Guidelines, August 23, 1987
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cc Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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ACTION

February 14, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

SIGNED

FROM: TYRUS W. COBB *TWC*

SUBJECT: Talking Points for Presidential Meeting with
Sperling Group

The memorandum at Tab I from you to President forwards suggested talking points on the Vice President's meetings in Moscow with Chernenko for the President's use in his meeting with the Sperling group.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo at Tab I forwarding the talking points.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachment

Tab I - Memo to the President
Tab A - Talking Points

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White House Guidelines, August 28, 1997
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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

April 19, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: JACK MATLOCK/TYRUS W. COBB *TW*
SUBJECT: Astronaut-Cosmonaut Meeting

Attached at Tab A is a letter that was hand-delivered to Ty at the NSC by Mr. Jim Hickman, a consultant working with the Rockefeller Foundation. He is coordinating a meeting between former American astronauts and Soviet cosmonauts at Pocantico Hills in May. The letter to you is from former astronaut Rusty Schweickart, who has been active in promoting this sort of activities.

- By way of background, there is some enthusiasm among our former astronauts for this enterprise, but also a certain degree of hesitancy based on concern over White House evaluation of the project and potential political fallout. At Tab C are examples of correspondence sent to Gil Rye indicating that the astronaut community is far from unanimous on this issue.
- One group, led by Rusty Schweickart, is pressing for expanded cooperation, to include work toward the "First Planetary Congress" referenced in his letter. Schweickart also has his own agenda, including controversial disarmament and space schemes, that concerns many of the astronauts.
- Another group of more "conservative" astronauts, principally Collins, Schmitt and Cunningham, support the project, but do not wish to proceed unless they are assured that the White House is either in favor or has no objection. They fear that, given the downturn in relations, we might wish to discourage these contacts. These astronauts have serious reservations about Schweickart's motives and fear that an astronaut/cosmonaut meeting could degenerate into an election year political football.

Hickman has been in touch with State (SOV/EE) and Ambassador Hartman in Moscow, who feel that there may be some value in these meetings as a small step forward in Soviet-American relations. At the same time, they have explicitly reminded the organizers of the potential for political propaganda it represents and of the possibility of Soviet attempts to use the gatherings to promote their national security policies (such as the demilitarization of space).

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In short, while we should do nothing to obstruct the meeting (this would receive maximum press play), we should also do nothing to encourage it. We feel that Jack Matlock should respond to Schweickart on your behalf, indicating that we are aware of the project and have no objections as long as the ground rules laid out in his letter are observed.

Ron Lehman and Gil Rye concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve Jack Matlock responding to Schweickart with the letter at Tab B.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachments

- Tab A - Letter from Schweickart
- Tab B - Matlock Letter to Schweickart
- Tab C - Astronaut Correspondence to Gil Rye

Russell L. Schweickart
892 La Sierra Drive
Sacramento, CA 95825

11 April 1984

Mr. Robert C. McFarlane
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Mr. McFarlane:

Over the past two years [redacted] American astronauts and Soviet cosmonauts have been informally developing plans for organizing the Planetary Congress [redacted], a professional organization of people who have flown in space. The [redacted] would be [redacted] [redacted] have been [redacted] [redacted] United States from May [redacted] 1984 [redacted] for the First Planetary Congress to be held in a third country within the next year.

The [redacted] are [redacted] [redacted] Because of the potential for political exploitation by the Soviet Union, [redacted] and with Richard [redacted] and Lynn [redacted] respectively the former and current Deputy Director, Office of Soviet Affairs, Department of [redacted] Ambassador Hartman recently advised us of the desirability of informing you directly of the background and plans for our activities.

[redacted] by a group of former astronauts whose participation is [redacted] It has been organized in consultation with representatives from the [redacted], the [redacted], and the [redacted] A planning committee of former astronauts will meet privately with the cosmonauts at the [redacted] The purpose of this meeting is to discuss organizational issues, establish an agenda for the First Planetary Congress, and identify topics for discussion such as development of space rescue capability. Following this meeting, the cosmonauts will visit New York City, Washington DC, Los Angeles and Boston to meet with other astronauts, do some sightseeing, and attend several welcoming receptions.

[redacted] over the last year. In April 1983, former astronauts Dr. Edgar [redacted] Michael [redacted] and [redacted] meeting for the project. At the meeting we agreed that:

- a) the [redacted] of the organization would be [redacted] and oriented toward gaining popular support for space exploration;
- b) a final organizational meeting would be held in the US prior to the First Planetary Congress;

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c) [REDACTED];

d) [REDACTED] views of actions of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

would be happy to provide additional information or assistance in this regard. We would appreciate an opportunity

Russell L. Schweickart

Russell L. Schweickart

cc: Ambassador Arthur Hartman
Dr. Tyrus Cobb
Mr. Lynn Pascoe
Mr. Richard Combs

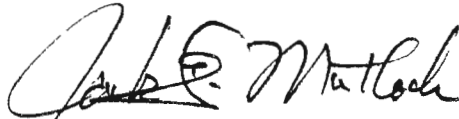
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

Dear Mr. Schweickart:

Robert C. McFarlane has asked me to respond to your letter of April 11, informing us of your plans to establish a professional organization composed of individuals who have flown in space. We appreciate your informing us of this proposal and sincerely hope that if you proceed with this project, you will conform strictly to the guidelines contained in your letter. In particular, I would stress the necessity of following the points which explicitly prohibit the use of this organization as an instrument of political propaganda rather than as an educational forum promoting space explorations.

Sincerely,



Jack F. Matlock
Special Assistant to the President

cc: Mr. Lynn Paskoe
EUR/SOV
Department of State

Mr. Russell L. Schweickart
892 La Sierra Drive
Sacramento, California 95825

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March 30, 1984

Mr. Frank Borman
Chairman
Eastern Airlines, Inc.
Miami International Airport
Miami, Florida 33148

Dear Frank,

You are probably aware of the efforts initiated by our associates, Rusty Schweickart, Ed Mitchell and Mike Collins to establish an organization of Astronauts and Cosmonauts. The driving force is Rusty. The unifying basis for the association appears to be the unique (?) perspective on the world's problems which each of us gained in passing through that barrier to space fifty miles above the earth. The *raison d'être* appears to be sharing this wisdom with the less fortunate through the process of American and Russian spacemen reasoning together, developing position papers and, if/when endorsed by a majority of those in attendance, duly publicizing them. Our relatively high media interest would guarantee broad coverage in Western news media.

The frequently stated rationale for all this is that world peace is so important that any effort to establish communications with "the other side" is worth the cost.

Then, too, there is the lure of an occasional free trip to Europe with funding sometimes provided by questionable organizations.

You are certainly capable of forming your own conclusion about the merits and inerrant dangers of accomplishing this when representatives of a monolithic bureaucracy are expected to work within an American institution - the private citizen, free-speech forum. The positive reaction among our group seems to be related inversely to the degree of activism and substance level of the proposed organization. The highest positive reaction is for a social or fraternal arrangement (the world can better solve its own problems). The lowest, for an attempt to forge collective, U.S. and Soviet space explorer positions on issues which can save humanity.

The organizers disavow any political intentions in a situation which, by its very nature is political. Unfortunately, given the particular concerns and politics of Rusty and Jim Hickman, (psychologist, fund raiser and associate of Rusty's involved from the beginning) the proposed organization is being driven towards the activist end of the spectrum. For the past twelve months I have communicated with Rusty and Ed at great lengths, hoping to avoid any scenario where an individual could be trapped in a collective political statement of any persuasion.

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My concern is that our group could be naively drawn into an association which could be politically manipulated to suit the needs of an organized minority. I am beginning to believe that one of the primary motivations for establishment of the proposed organization is the platform it could provide to pursue a political agenda encompassing the peace movement, nuclear disarmament and de-militarization of space. Because of the notoriety of the participants and the left leaning causes which are likely to obtain endorsement, spokesmen for the organization could become the "darlings" of the news media. Plans are already underway to publicize the organization's affairs.

I am writing you because I believe most of us would like to see our past career association remain apolitical in nature.

This is my perception. What could or should be done?

This is one of those cases where the best defense is probably not an offense. That would only serve to generate more publicity. However, I do believe we should be prepared to counter with a public statement if such a group, claiming to represent cosmonauts and astronauts, (as opposed to the individuals involved) makes public statements with political overtones.

I have no desire to make a political statement on your behalf or of our group, collectively. My political statements are in my name only. I am equally committed to other individuals not making political statements claiming to be representative of a group to which we both belong and for which I have the greatest respect. Are you interested in being included in or endorsing a public disavowal of such statements or organizations should it become necessary in the future?

Sincerely,

Walt

Walter Cunningham

A similar letter has been sent to:

William Anders, Neil Armstrong, Frank Borman, Fred Haise, Harrison Schmitt, David Scott, Alan Shepard, Donald Slayton and Al Worden.

P.S. I enjoyed seeing you here in Houston. Good luck!

ALFRED M. WORDEN
12 Alston Road
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410

March 7, 1984

Mr. Russell L. Schweickart
892 La Sierra Drive
Sacramento, California 95825

Dear Rusty:

First, let me say thank you for the invitation to attend the pre-planning meeting in New York this past weekend. I accepted because it was my first exposure to your plans regarding the Space Congress, and I wanted to be informed about the proposed meetings. Let me go on to say that, after the discussion and some personal reflection after returning home, I cannot support your group and wish to be dropped from any further discussions. I have an intuition that what you are doing can only be an embarrassment to all of us and to the United States Government. The following issues are, to me, at least, areas of deep concern and potential harm to the integrity of our group (Astronauts) and the President.

1. Press Releases and Public Statements by the
"Congress":

The measures you have outlined to control the content of any public statements and press releases fairly cry of Russian dominance. They will act as a common unit with Soviet direction while our group will act as individuals without government acceptance. They will obviously have the majority vote if even one of the astronauts agrees with them. The potential divisive effect on this country is incalculable.

2. Media Attraction:

If the "Congress" would act beyond the realm of media attention, there might be a glimmer of hope. Sadly, most of the astronaut group seemed to encourage media attention, leading me to suspect even the motives of our own people. The meeting in May will be a huge media event unless my suspicions are not correct. And this, in an election year with a great potential for embarrassing President Reagan.

3. Timing:

Again, this is the wrong year to even contemplate such an activity with national elections ongoing. Unless President Reagan were in full accord and publicly endorsed the initiative, it would only do him great harm. I recognize that we live in a free society and that "they" can't tell us what to do, but my loyalties are with NASA and our President, and I would do nothing to tarnish my personal relationship with those entities and my own sense of patriotism.

4. Political Acceptance:

I am mostly disturbed by the fact that the Russians will participate as a unified entity with the direction and concurrence of their government. It is clear that you have no meaningful dialogue with our own government, and that this group will act out of individual and personal political conviction. The results can only be perceived as a total and unrestrained willingness to espouse policies detrimental to our country.

5. Affiliations:

I must admit that my initial thoughts on this subject were to go for private sponsorship. However, that did not imply a naive approach to the direction an astronaut group would take, or to a flaunting of our government, i.e., it's a free country and we can do what we want. Since I now perceive that by private sponsorship you also mean unrestrained direction, I think you play directly to the Russian hand. Also, a direct affiliation, such as the N.A.S. or the JAF, would defuse the publicity surrounding a "Congress".

6. Statement of Purpose:

I am of the opinion that your statement of purpose directly impacts U.S. policy and current direction. I see no way to work with the Russians for mutual benefit because they will act in concert in making public announcements. Will the group, for instance, declare that space should not be used for nuclear testing or operations? That just might be a total disregard for U.S. policy. I don't know, but that statement of purpose certainly leaves the door wide open for public disagreement with our own government. I can't accept that. I tried to introduce a statement of purpose that focused on events so far removed from present political considerations that it just might be acceptable. I didn't even get the courtesy of a discussion on the issue. I am, therefore, honor-bound to ask the real purpose of this endeavor.

Mr. Russell L. Schweickart

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March 7, 1984

In summary, Rusty, maybe I am much too patriotic to engage in an activity I see as clearly dangerous to our country. In the right circumstances, with the proper support from our own government, and with the right controls to insure that the "Congress" does not become a vehicle of Soviet propaganda, it could have had some chance of succeeding. Dialogue with the Russians is important, but I cannot be party to something that will ultimately degrade my own country, or in the least promote a few individuals.

Sincerely,


Alfred M. Worden

cc: Captain Alan L. Bean
Colonel Gerald P. Carr
Colonel Donn F. Eisele
Colonel James B. Irwin
Captain Edgar D. Mitchell
Colonel William R. Pogue

✓ bc: Mr. R. Walter Cunningham

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Harrison H. Schmitt
Harrison H. Schmitt

P.O. Box 8261
Albuquerque, NM 87198
(505) 293-1982

February 9, 1984

Russell L. Schweickart
892 La Sierra Drive
Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Rusty:

Thank you for your letter of January 30, 1984, bringing me up-to-date on your efforts to form a "Planetary Congress of Space Explorers."

Rusty, I see no way that you and I are going to agree on the advisability of an effort along the lines that you describe. I do not think I am alone among our colleagues in this regard. Therefore, at the least, you must keep at a minimum any appearance that this group, if formed, has an "Astronaut" sanction.

However, my concern goes much deeper than the possibility that our apolitical stature as astronauts will be compromised by this organization. In your letter, you say, "...our intent is not political." However, I see no way that that intent can be realized in the context of your proposal. In fact, in your proposed statement of purpose enclosed with your letter, you say in the last paragraph, "It is then the intention of this organization...to meet, confer, to speak and act from this unique experience." I see no way that a group of cosmonauts and astronauts "speaking" and "acting" will not be interpreted and used as political statements in less than the "largest and highest sense of that word."

An initiative of this kind just does not seem appropriate in view of the continuing international arrogance of the Soviet Union and the largely military context in which their space program is conducted.

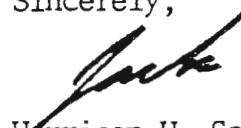
Now, having said all of that, I would strongly recommend that you touch base with George Mueller in order to be brought up-to-date on the

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Russell L. Schweickart
February 9, 1984
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intentions of the IAF to form an astronaut-cosmonaut special section. At this time, it would seem that this could be a first step in a clearly nonpolitical context. With time, who knows what might grow from it. It is my impression that we could have almost unanimous support for the IAF initiative, whereas controversy will stalk what you are trying to do, however well motivated it may be.

Finally, Rusty, our discussions in Houston in April did not leave a very warm feeling in the minds of several who were there that your intentions were purely apolitical in attempting to form this group. I hope that we are wrong. One way to convince us is to work through the IAF, and not unilaterally with the Soviet cosmonauts, who clearly must act with the concurrence and guidance of their government.

Sincerely,



Harrison H. Schmitt

HHS:le

cc: Michael Collins
Walter Cunningham
Edgar Mitchell
Neil Armstrong
William Anders
Frank Borman
Thomas Stafford
David Scott

September 13, 1984

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Dear Dante:

I would like to take this opportunity to provide a detailed response to your July 25 and September 6 letters to President Reagan. In those letters you recommended that the issue of Andrei Sakharov be raised formally at the Stockholm CDE meeting in September and at the September meeting in Vienna on space weapons.

As you know, although film recently funneled to the Western press by the Soviets indicates that Sakharov was probably alive six weeks ago, we have no reliable independent information on his current health or whereabouts. During the last several weeks, reports have been circulating which state that Sakharov was force-fed and possibly treated with psychotropic drugs. There are also reports, as yet unconfirmed, that his wife, Yelena Bonner, has been tried and sentenced to five years of internal exile. These reports give us great cause for concern and I want to assure you that the Administration is doing everything possible to help the Sakharovs, through private as well as public diplomacy.

The President has expressed his concerns about this issue on several public occasions. Privately we have raised the Sakharovs' situation with the Soviets many times and we will continue to do so. We are also in close touch with friends and allies on this subject. The U.S. delegation raised the Sakharov case with our NATO allies at the CDE meeting last June and Ambassador Goodby circulated copies of House and Senate resolutions calling on all Helsinki signatories to protest Soviet treatment of the Sakharovs. He also raised the Sakharov issue with his Soviet counterpart. The strong Soviet reaction to these steps in Stockholm indicates that they had an impact on Moscow.

The Sakharov issue has also been a subject of extensive bilateral discussions. Last month Walter Stoessel travelled to France, Germany, Switzerland, and Denmark on a Presidential mission to discuss Soviet human rights abuses with European leaders and the situation of the Sakharovs figured prominently in these discussions. We will monitor closely the results of

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these discussions. We will continue to consider carefully your recommendation that the Sakharov issue be formally raised at the CDE, particularly if we conclude as a result of our ongoing review, that such an initiative would be helpful in eliciting information about their condition or in helping to secure permission for Mrs. Bonner to travel abroad for medical treatment. Prospects for a meeting in Vienna do not appear promising at this time; however, if that situation changes, we will take careful account of your recommendation. We are also currently exploring how we can effectively mobilize international support for the Sakharovs during the forthcoming session of the United Nations General Assembly.

As Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, you may be assured that we welcome your continued interest in the Sakharov issue. I can assure you that we will continue to work with our allies and through both public and private channels to press the Soviets to allow Mrs. Bonner to go abroad for medical treatment and to allow Dr. Sakharov to travel and work where he wishes, including outside the Soviet Union.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Dante B. Fascell
Chairman
Commission on Security and
Cooperation in Europe
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

October 19, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR KATHY JAFFKE

FROM:

Paul B. Thompson for
ROBERT M. KIMMITT

SUBJECT:

Letter to Senator Paula Hawkins

The NSC staff has reviewed and concurs with the suggested State reply to Senator Hawkins.

Attachment

Tab A - State-Drafted Reply

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SUGGESTED RESPONSE

Dear Senator Hawkins:

I am replying further to your September 28 letter on behalf of Rabbi Ralph Kingsley in which he recommends President Reagan raise the plight of Soviet Jews during his discussions with Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko.

President Reagan shares your deep concern about Soviet treatment of Jews wishing to emigrate from the Soviet Union. The issue of religious freedom in the Soviet Union, as well as the rights and welfare of those imprisoned for their religious activities, remain matters of fundamental concern to the U.S. Government. We have stressed repeatedly that these abuses constitute a major negative factor in U.S.-Soviet relations.

The President raised our human rights concerns with Foreign Minister Gromyko. The Soviets can have no misunderstanding of the importance we attach to these matters.

Sincerely,

The Honorable
Paula Hawkins,
United States Senate.

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S/S # 8427607

DATE October 18, 1984

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

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

REFERENCE:

TO: Ms. Pamela J. Turner FROM: Senator Paula Hawkins

DATE: September 28, 1984 SUBJECT: Soviet Jewry

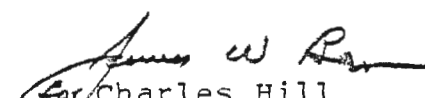
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TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION TAKEN:

- ☒ A draft reply is attached
- ☐ A draft reply will be forwarded
- ☐ A translation is attached
- ☐ An information copy of a direct reply is attached
- ☐ We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below
- ☐ Other

REMARKS:


For Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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OCTOBER 4, 1984

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED SEPTEMBER 28, 1984

TO: PAMELA TURNER

FROM: THE HONORABLE PAULA HAWKINS
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON DC 20510

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES LETTER FROM RALPH KINGSLEY
CONCERNING HIS RECENT VISIT TO RUSSIA - URGES
THE PRESIDENT TO USE THE OCCASION OF THE
GROMYKO VISIT TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF
YACOV LEVIN, ALEXANDER KholmEANSKY, YALI
EDELSTEIN AND OTHER RUSSIAN JEWS

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Name of Correspondent: ☒ Mr. ☒ Mrs. ☐ Miss

Paula Hawkins

☐ MI Mail Report

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Subject:

Encloses letter from Ralph Kingale concerning his recent visit to Russia. Urges the President to use the occasion of the Gromyko visit to intervene on behalf of Yacov Levin, Alexander Kholmensky, Yali Edelstein and other Russian Jews.

ROUTE TO:

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

8427607

September 28, 1984

Dear Senator Hawkins:

Thank you for your letter enclosing correspondence from Rabbi Ralph Kingsley to President Reagan.

In order to ensure expeditious review of Rabbi Kingsley's comments, I have forwarded his letter to the appropriate member of the President's staff. You may be assured it will receive prompt and careful consideration.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,



Pamela J. Turner
Deputy Assistant to the
President for Legislative
Affairs (Senate)

The Honorable Paula Hawkins
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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cc: Central Files
Anne Higgins ✓

PAULA HAWKINS
FLORIDA

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

September 28, 1984

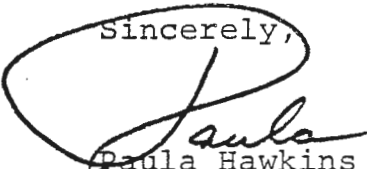
The Honorable
Pamela J. Turner
Special Assistant to the
President for Legislative
Affairs - Senate
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

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Dear Pam:

I have enclosed a letter from Rabbi Ralph Kingsley. As you can see, he would like for this letter to be given to President Reagan for his meeting today with Mr. Gromyko. Any assistance you can give me in this matter would be greatly appreciated. With my warmest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,


Paula Hawkins

United States Senator

PH/jlt

Enclosure

rec'd
9-28 at
4:00pm

Rabbi Ralph P. Kingsley

8427607

September 20, 1984

STUDY
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(305) 932-9010

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

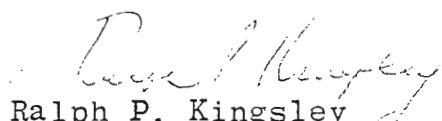
Dear President Reagan:

On the occasion of your imminent meeting with Foreign Minister Andre Gromyko, I would make this urgent request of you, namely that you put the issue of Soviet Jewry on the table, and specifically that you ask Mr. Gromyko to intervene on behalf of a young Russian Jew whose name is Yacov Levin, who awaits trial in Odessa following his arrest.

Several days ago I returned from Russia where I spent four days in Leningrad and four days in Moscow visiting with Refusenik families and learning first hand of their plight. While nothing that I heard was new to me, since I have been involved with the Soviet Jewry Movement for twenty years, the experience of meeting in person Refuseniks whose names and pictures had long been familiar to me was an experience that almost defies description.

During one of my evening visits I met the father of the girl to whom Yacov Levin was to have been wed - Mark Nepomnischy. Mr. Nepomnischy had come to Moscow to tell me first hand the story of his son. I enclose that story, word for word, with this letter. I ask you please to use your office and your influence to secure the release of Yacov Levin as well as the other Soviet Jews who have recently been arrested on charges that have been manufactured by the Soviet authorities. In particular I add the names of Alexander Kholmiansky and Yuli Edelshtein, both of whom are in serious difficulty. I am hopeful that you will be able to help, and would, needless to say, be extremely grateful to you if you could.

Very respectfully yours,


Ralph P. Kingsley
Rabbi, Temple Sinai of North Dade
Chairman, Soviet Jewry Committee for the
Central Conference of American Rabbis

RPK:sp

APPEAL FROM MARK NEPOMNISCHY, ODESSA, AS RECORDED ON
SEPTEMBER 6, 1984 AND BROUGHT BACK TO SOUTH FLORIDA BY
RABBI RALPH P. KINGSLEY, TEMPLE SINAI OF NORTH DADE, AND
RABBI JEFFREY BALLON, TEMPLE EMANU-EL, FT. LAUDERDALE,
FLORIDA

This is Mark Nepomnischy from Odessa appealing on behalf of Yakov Levin. I appeal to the government of Israel to help him because Yakov Levin considers himself to be a citizen of Israel and he is entitled to get help from the government of Israel. Help all Jews in Russia who want to get out of here. The ones who want to stay should be able to study their culture and their language.

I appeal to all Jews of the world to institute a day in defense of Soviet Jewry. Every Jew in the world will do something for Soviet Jews. Some will pray, some will demonstrate, but all will do whatever they can to help us. If I am arrested because I signed the same letter as did Yakov Levin, I also think I am entitled to the same help from the government of Israel.

I want the Russians to reconsider all of the old cases and there are a lot of them. You should understand here in the Soviet Union we cannot protest anything about our situation in newspapers, radio, or in demonstrations. It should be demanded from the Soviet government to get the answers to our letters about repatriation. We wrote this letter, but it is dangerous to us because we can be arrested at any time. This is why we are appealing to the Jews of the world to help us.

About Yacov Levin, he was under constant surveillance for three and a half years. Now they are incriminating him for anti-Soviet activity. This is absurd. His only activity is to be a Jew. I appeal to former prisoners of Zion who are fortunate enough to be in Israel and relatives of present prisoners of Zion to tell the world the real situation that people are serving prison terms just for their desire to be Jews. All of these trials have to be stopped.

My family has been refused for five years, during which we suffered a lot. There were three searches in my apartment. We were called to KGB several times and told to stop studying Hebrew, celebrating Jewish holidays and shabbat. Colonel Krasnov, the head of the Jewish Affairs Department of the KGB, threatened me to be introduced to Anatoly Shcharansky who is a known prisoner of Zion imprisoned for many years. He means he was going to send me to the same place, and many similar threats.

Yet what Yacov Levin was told was beyond what we were told before. When they learned that Yacov Levin wants to marry my daughter, he was told he would not marry her but he would be put in a cell with homosexuals and criminals and she would be raped in front of his eyes. It is a big risk for me, but nothing could be worse. My daughter is not allowed to emigrate, not allowed to get married. I could have kept quiet, but what will I achieve? Only the death of my family.

I beg you to help my daughter to leave, get married, and live a normal life.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

October 19, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM: TYRUS W. COBB *TC*
SUBJECT: Letter to Senator Paula Hawkins

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the self-explanatory memo to Kathy Jaffke in Congressional Correspondence.

Approve *TC*

Disapprove _____

Attachment

Tab I

Memo to Jaffke

Tab A - State-drafted Letter

Tab B - Incoming Correspondence

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COBB TO MCFARLANE RE: PROPOSAL BY
ROBERT ANDERSON REGARDING THE BERING
STRAIT

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227795 MEMO

3 10/18/1984 B1

HILL TO MCFARLANE RE: PROPOSAL BY
ANDERSON REGARDING BERING STRAIT

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

October 25, 1984

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USSR

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM:

Paul B. Thompson for
ROBERT M. KIMMITT

SUBJECT:

Letter to John Obermeier on Gromyko Meeting

The NSC Staff has reviewed and concurs with the State-drafted reply to Mr. Obermeier, as amended. Please send a copy of your reply to Congressman Charles Hatcher.

Attachments

- Tab A - State's Draft Reply
- Tab B - Incoming Correspondence

cc: M. B. Oglesby, Jr.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8427506

Date October 17, 1984

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

Reference:

To: Dennis Thomas From: Charles Hatcher

Date: September 26, 1984 Subject: Forwards Letter from John
Obmermeier who addresses subject of Gromyko Meetings

WH Referral Dated: -October 3, 1984 NSC ID# 263973
(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.
- _____ 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:

Direct reply to constituent, as implied in Thomas-Higgins
memo of September 28 (attached). Copy of final reply
should be sent to Congressman Hatcher.

James W. Hill
Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DRAFT REPLY

Dear Mr. Obermeier:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for your September 13 letter to the President regarding his meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko. We share in your hope that this meeting will prove to be a step forward in the relations between our two countries.

The President's three-and-a-half hour session with Mr. Gromyko was a frank and useful encounter. This meeting, and Secretary Shultz's two meetings with Mr. Gromyko, constituted a rigorous give-and-take on the full range of U.S.-Soviet issues. While no concrete agreements were reached, we now have ~~we hope~~ a better understanding of each other's concerns.

We have no illusions about the likelihood of early breakthroughs in U.S.-Soviet relations. But we will continue to be patient, and hope the Soviet leadership will recognize the need to join in more productive dialogue. The meetings we

Mr. John C. Obermeier,

516 10th Avenue,

Albany, Georgia.

conducted were concrete examples of our commitment to dialogue as a means of solving the problems in our relations. We and the Soviets agreed to keep in touch, and we will continue to press for progress toward the goals set forth by the President in his recent statements on U.S.-Soviet relations: real arms reductions, peaceful resolution of international disputes, and more constructive cooperation between our two countries.

Thank you again for your letter of support. ~~We look forward to any suggestions you might have in the future.~~

cc: Congressman Hatch

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

October 24, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM:

PETER R. SOMMER

Peter

SUBJECT:

Letter to John Obermeier on Gromyko Meeting

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the self-explanatory memo to Sally Kelley, approving the State-drafted letter to John Obermeier, as amended.

Approve

AS

Disapprove

AS
Jack Matlock concurs

Attachments

Tab I

Memo to Sally Kelley

Tab A - State's Draft Reply

Tab B - Incoming Correspondence

Cobb *BA*

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

November 12, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM: TY COBB *TC* SIGNED

SUBJECT: Message to Supreme Soviet

File

Bud has approved the dispatch of the message from President Reagan to the Presidium of the USSR at Tab A.

Recommendation

That you sign the memorandum to Hill at Tab I forwarding the President's message for dispatch to Moscow.

Approve K Disapprove _____

Ty: Let Bob Sims know about this. Done

Attachment

Tab I Memorandum for Charles Hill
Tab A Message for the USSR

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

VIA LDX

November 12, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES HILL
Executive Secretary
Department of StateSUBJECT: Message to the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of
the USSR

The President has approved the message at Tab A to the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet. We would appreciate expediting the delivery of this message to Embassy Moscow so that it may be delivered to the Soviet authorities tomorrow. There will be no signed original.

Robert M. Kimmitt
Robert M. Kimmitt
Executive Secretary

Attachment

Tab A Message for the USSR

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A

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

8292

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: The Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet

Thank you for your message on the occasion of my reelection as President of the United States. I share your hope that the coming years will be marked by improved relations between our countries.

Despite our different political beliefs and perspectives on international problems, I am confident we can make progress on strengthening peace and resolving our differences through discussions and negotiations. We hope you will join us in the critical work needed to reduce international tensions and to create a safer world.

Ronald Reagan

The Presidium,
Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet
Socialist Republics
MOSCOW

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

November 8, 1984

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: JACK MATLOCK *GW*SUBJECT: Congratulatory Message to President from Presidium
of Supreme Soviet

The text of a message of congratulations to the President from the USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium is at TAB B. You will note that the message is relatively upbeat, and also that it comes, not from Chernenko personally, from the the Supreme Soviet Presidium collectively. This is presumably intended to make clear that the message has broad backing in the Soviet leadership.

TASS released the message even before it was delivered here, and it was published in the Soviet media along with the President's message in connection with the November 7 national day.

I recommend that the President acknowledge the congratulatory message, and attach a draft at TAB A.

Recommendation:

That you sign the attached Memorandum to the President.

Approve ____ Disapprove ____

Attachments:

- Tab I - Memorandum to the President
- Tab A - Draft Message from the President to the Supreme Soviet Presidium
- Tab B - Message from the Supreme Soviet Presidium to the President

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White House Guidelines, August 23, 1997

JN ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Date 212517019

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

SUBJECT: Congratulatory Message from the USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium

Issue

Whether to acknowledge a message from the USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium congratulating you on your reelection.

Facts

The USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium (the collective Soviet "Chief of State," of which Chernenko is Chairman) has sent you a message congratulating you on your reelection and expressing the hope that "the coming years will be marked by a turn for the better in relations between our countries." The Soviet news agency has released the text of the message, which is at Tab B.

Discussion

An acknowledgement of this message, in which you express your hope for improved relations, would be appropriate. A suggested text is at Tab A.

Recommendation

That you authorize transmittal of the message at Tab A.

OK No

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White House Guidelines, August 23, 1997
JN NARA Date 2/25/2019

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Attachments:

- Tab A - Draft Message to USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium
- Tab B - Congratulatory Message from USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium

Prepared by:
Jack F. Matlock

cc: Vice President

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: The Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet

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Ronald Reagan

The Presidium,
Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet
Socialist Republics
Moscow

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Translation from Russian

November 7, 1984

Esteemed Mr. President,

Please, accept congratulations on your reelection as President of the United States of America.

It is to be hoped that the coming years will be marked by a turn for the better in relations between our countries. This would be in the interests of both our peoples and the cause of world peace.

On its part, the Soviet Union is prepared for joint work to rectify Soviet-American relations on the basis of equality and respect for the legitimate interests of each other, remove the threat of war and radically improve the international situation.

PRESIDIUM OF THE SUPREME
SOVIET OF THE USSR

His Excellency Ronald W. Reagan
President of the United States of America
The White House, Washington

7 ноября 1984 года

Уважаемый господин президент,

Примите поздравления по случаю переизбрания Вас на пост президента Соединенных Штатов Америки.

Хотелось бы надеяться, что предстоящие годы ознаменуются поворотом к лучшему в отношениях между нашими странами и это было бы в интересах как наших народов, так и дела мира во всем мире.

Со своей стороны Советский Союз готов совместно работать для выправления советско-американских отношений на основе равенства и уважения законных интересов друг друга, для устранения угрозы войны и радикального оздоровления международной обстановки.

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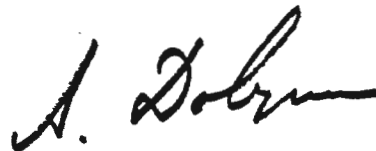
November 7, 1984

My dear Mr. President:

It gives me great pleasure to transmit to you the congratulations of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet on your reelection as President of the United States of America (the text is enclosed).

As the Soviet Ambassador may I add my personal congratulations on this occasion.

With best wishes,



Anatoly F. DOBRYNIN

The Honorable
Ronald W. Reagan
President of the United States of America