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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

August 11, 1983

To: Jonathan

From: Linas -

RE: Macedonian Convention

I have checked this group with my contacts, and they say it is a very good group whose membership is generally supportive of the President on most major issues.

As regards the international issues such as Macedonian nationalism or Yugoslavian state integrity, I am not an expert. NSC should take a look on this question.

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

Date: 3/3
TO: LINUS
FROM: Jonathan Vipond, III
Recommended Action
Review & Comment
☐ Information
☐ Other

W:LINUS

THE WHITE HOUSE

August 4, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JONATHON VIPOND

FROM:

DODIE LIVINGSTON

SUBJECT:

MACEDONIAN CONVENTION

Since this is the initial request from the Central Committee of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization of the United States and Canada, we would appreciate your recommendations that message be sent over the President's signature.

Thank you.



CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE

Macedonian Patriotic Organization

of the United States and Canada

July 20, 1983

Dear President Reagan:

We are pleased to inform you that the 62nd Annual Convention of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization of the United States and Canada will be held on the weekend of September 2 - 5, 1983 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn, Michigan.

Our organization is composed of Bulgarians from Macedonia, located in the heart of the Balkans. Currently divided between and controlled by the governments of Greece, Bulgaria, and Yugoslavia, the homeland of our fathers and mothers suffers from the purposeful absence of the very basic and fundemental human rights and freedoms that we hold involiate in our democracies of the United States and Canada. We are dedicated as an ethnic, patriotic group to a free and independent Macedonia, self-governing and selfdeterminant. The Macedonian Patriotic Organization, representing over 50 thousand Macedonians in our respective two countries, expresses its loyalty to the United States and Canada by actively supporting the political, civil, and economic rights and institutions inherent in the American and Canadian constitutions and traditions, and by unreservedly objecting to any form of totalitarianism, either in Macedonia or elsewhere in the world.

Each year, our Convention brings together over 2,000 Macedonians who will participate in the fellowship and bond of a common ethnic heritage and desire for a free land for our brothers and sisters. We are particularly honored that the late President Lyndon B. Johnson was our esteemed guest during the 1964 Convention.

Accordingly, we now extend a most cordial welcome

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to you and your spouse to attend as our honored guests the Gala Banquet to be held on Sunday, September 4, 1983 at 6:00 p.m. in the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

We ask you to please respond to the undersigned no later than August 15, 1983 should your schedule allow your presence. In the event you are unable to attend, we would most welcome an appropriate greeting to the Convention.

Please accept our sincere thanks for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Nicolas G. Nicoloff, J.D.

Convention Chairman

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