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MEMORANDUM

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 3, 1981

FOR: EDWIN MEESE, RICHARD ALLEN, MICHAEL DEEVER, &
JAMES A. BAKER

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *M-L*

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT OF H. J. RES. 220
THAT WOULD GRANT HONORARY CITIZENSHIP TO RAOUL
WALLENBERG, A SWEDISH DIPLOMAT

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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Further on the Wallenberg resolution of Lantos;

N Risque called Fairbanks, got Fairbanks to ask Haig if the PRESIDENT truly said he was behind this resolution. Haig told Fairbanks yes. HOWEVER, she also learned that State was preparing a letter to the committee for delivery today stating the Administration is fully behind this resolution. I asked NR if she could get them to hold up on this until we could canvas the Big Three. Mike Uhlmann at OPD had a hold on the resolution, because he could find not one member of the Senior Staff including the Big Three who was aware of the PRESIDENT's okay on this. Nancy is preparing a memo for your signature to the big three asking for their guidance, which we have to get ASAP, as the committee meets tomorrow.

NK

The bottom line is, the WH
has a hold on the resolution,
& State is ready to sign
Hill it's okay!!!

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Max:

a Jim Adams with AP, who says he called Friday and left word, is now calling to ask the following for a news story he is doing for the Tuesday pm newspapers.

Adams found out Friday that the WH made the decision not to withdraw LeFever, and that "Friedersdorf will review" wants to know what "review" entails. review the nomination? review the process? review the possibility of LeFever making it thru Congress?

Jim Adams - 224-0241

2) On the Wollenberg matter:

Nancy Risque was unfortunate enough to be the one at her desk when MC Lantos first called about Wollenberg. You'll recall her memoes on this. Wollenberg was a Swede who saved scores of Jews during WWII (Lantos was one of them). There is no proof, but Lantos and many others think Wollenberg is still alive in a soviet prison. Lanto has authored a resolution condemning the USSR and demanding his release. Haig, according to Lantos, told Lantos that the President is 100% behind him on his resolution. When Nancy R called Belden to check that out, Belden told her Haig was too busy to bother, to ask the President. Nancy hung up on Belden. We thought the resolution was in NSC, it isn't. We thought it was at OMB for clearance, however Nancy now learns that Ooffice of Policy Development has a hold on it.

For policy reasons.... Risque is going to make one more try and talk to Fairbanks about this remark Haig supposedly made, she is also checking OPD to find out what the policy hangup is....the bottom line now is that you have a phone call from Millicent Fenwick. She wants the President to see Wollenberg's sister who will be in town thru Friday. She is Nina Wollenberg Lagergren...her husband is Chief Justice of the World Court at the Hague. FYI - his brother is the President of SAS airlines in Sweden, and the airline accounts for 25 % of the GNP. ANYHOW, i wanted to alert you to this before you call Millicent. 225-7300.

NK

*Lofgren & Churchill
resolution
didn't know if alive*

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 23, 1981

FOR: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF
THRU: KENNETH M. DUBERSTEIN *Kor D*
FROM: NANCY J. RISQUE *Nancy*
SUBJECT: SIGNING CEREMONY FOR S.J. RES. 65 (H.J. Res. 220)
Proclaiming Raoul Wallenberg as Honorary Citizen
of the United States

I would like to recommend that we try to set up a signing ceremony for the above, which was adopted in the Senate and House. Specifically, Tuesday, September 29 would be ideal because it is the beginning of the Jewish New Year. (Any day shortly thereafter is still early in the New Year...)

This recommendation is based upon:

1. The timeliness of recognizing the Jewish community vis-a-vis AWACS.
2. The President's personal interest in the issue.
3. The overwhelming support this Resolution enjoyed. 43+ cosponsors in the Senate and more than 250 in the House.

We would recommend a brief ceremony, no pens (there or later), and would include all cosponsors, no staff.

Passed Senate Aug. 3

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97TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. J. RES. 65

Proclaiming Raoul Wallenberg to be an honorary citizen of the United States, and requesting the President to ascertain from the Soviet Union the whereabouts of Raoul Wallenberg and to secure his return to freedom.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 8 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 16), 1981

Mr. PELL (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. GOLDWATER, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. TSONGAS, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. RIEGLE, Mr. ZORINSKY, Mr. HAYAKAWA, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BRADLEY, Mr. METZENBAUM, Mr. EAGLETON, Mr. BOREN, Mr. HUDDLESTON, Mr. DANFORTH, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. DURENBERGER, Mr. DODD, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. HART, Mr. NUNN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. HEFLIN, Mr. MATHIAS, Mr. MATSUNAGA, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. CRANSTON, Mr. CANNON, Mr. DECONCINI, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. CHILES, Mr. EXON, Mr. COHEN, Mr. BOSCHWITZ, Mr. GLENN, Mr. ROTH, Mr. WALLOP, and Mr. LEAHY) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred jointly by unanimous consent to the Committees on Foreign Relations and the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proclaiming Raoul Wallenberg to be an honorary citizen of the United States, and requesting the President to ascertain from the Soviet Union the whereabouts of Raoul Wallenberg and to secure his return to freedom.

Whereas during World War II the United States was at war with Hungary, and had no diplomatic relations with that country;

Whereas in 1944 the United States Government through Secretary of State Cordell Hull requested the cooperation of Sweden, as a neutral nation, in protecting the lives of Hungarian Jews facing extermination at the hands of the Nazis;

Whereas Raoul Wallenberg agreed to act at the behest of the United States in Hungary, and went to Hungary in the summer of 1944 as Secretary of the Swedish Legation;

Whereas Raoul Wallenberg, with extraordinary courage and with total disregard for the constant danger to himself, saved the lives of almost one hundred thousand innocent men, women, and children;

Whereas Raoul Wallenberg, with funds and directives supplied by the United States, provided food, shelter, and medical care to those whom he had rescued;

Whereas the Soviet Union, in violation of Wallenberg's Swedish diplomatic immunity and of international law, seized him on January 17, 1945, with no explanation ever given for his detention and subsequent imprisonment;

Whereas Raoul Wallenberg has been a prisoner in the Soviet Union since 1945;

Whereas reports from former prisoners in the Soviet Union, as recent as January 1981, suggest that Raoul Wallenberg is alive;

Whereas history has revealed that heroic acts of salvation were tragically rare during the massacre of millions of innocent human beings during World War II; and

Whereas the significance of this symbol of man's concern for his fellow man has been tainted by the wall of silence that surrounds the fate of Wallenberg: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1. Raoul Wallenberg is proclaimed to be an
4 honorary citizen of the United States of America.

5 SEC. 2. The President is requested to take all possible
6 steps to ascertain from the Soviet Union the whereabouts of
7 Raoul Wallenberg and to secure his return to freedom.

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TOM LANTOS
11TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

16 FEB 1981

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*4/16/81 - Comments don't fully explain
Eric's concerns -
- Suggest Lee be more specific
and address letter to Weinberg
& D. Allen -*

February 12, 1981

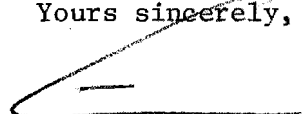
Ms. Nancy Risque
Room 112
East Wing
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Nancy:

Enclosed is a copy of Congressman Lantos' statement on the
proposed sale of bomb racks and fuel tanks to the Saudis.

Thanks for your help on the other matter.

Yours sincerely,


Eric Schnapper

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Enclosure



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Vol. 127

WASHINGTON, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1981

No. 20

House of Representatives

AMERICA HELD HOSTAGE

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, the American hostages are free, and all Americans are thankful. But now we find an attempt to hold America itself hostage.

Last week, the Oil Minister of Saudi Arabia implied that his country would cut its oil production unless the United States changed its Middle East policy. Saudi officials and their American spokesmen are now warning that unless Saudi Arabia receives every sophisticated, offensive weapon it seeks, America will have failed this latest test of friendship, and Saudi Arabia will retaliate.

Well, Mr. Speaker, like most Americans, I am tired of America being tested by countries that rely on the United States for their very existence. We should be putting those countries

like Saudi Arabia to the friendship test.

Has Saudi Arabia supported American peace efforts in the Middle East? Has Saudi Arabia renounced PLO terrorism? Has Saudi Arabia assisted the United States in building up our vital strategic petroleum reserve?

The answer to all these questions, of course, is a resounding "no." Oil supply, oil price, and American interests are all being held hostage by Saudi Arabia.

I fully understand the need for defending Saudi security, but I question the need to appease Saudi threats.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, as the administration moves toward a decision on the sale of offensive equipment to the Saudi kingdom, I call on it to reject the sale. We must remember that friendship—and the test of friendship—must work in both directions.

May 15, 1978

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE,
Washington, D.C., May 9, 1978.

HON. JOHN J. SPARKMAN,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: During recent conversations with you and other members of your Committee, a number of questions have been raised regarding the characteristics of the F-15 aircraft we propose to sell to Saudi Arabia and reassurances as to the purposes for which Saudi Arabia will use the aircraft. I would like to respond to these questions and attempt to resolve any uncertainties that members may have felt regarding the proposed sale.

I. THE F-15 AIRCRAFT

The F-15 we plan to sell to Saudi Arabia will have the same configurations as the interceptor model approved for the United States Air Force. During the developmental phase of the F-15, initial plans called for giving the aircraft a ground attack capability. However, the availability of other aircraft with superior strike capabilities led the Air Force to alter its plans and to limit the role of the F-15 to that of an air superiority fighter. Consequently, the development of new ground attack systems for the F-15 was discontinued in 1976.

Saudi Arabia chose the F-15 because of its extended patrol capability and superior air defense characteristics (including an advanced all-weather air-to-air radar system). The F-15 best meets Saudi Arabian requirements for the air defense of a vast territory. In choosing the F-15, Saudi Arabia rejected aircraft with powerful ground attack capabilities such as the F-16.

As Saudi Arabia has selected the F-15 to defend its national territory, it would be folly, as the Chairman designate of the JCS, General David Jones, USAF, observed in testimony, to use the F-15 offensively against neighboring countries. This is particularly so vis-a-vis Israel, whose air strength is, and will be, so much greater. Not only would the F-15 be relatively ineffective in an offensive mode, and the risk of loss of the aircraft high, but its use away from Saudi Arabia would leave vital oil facilities, urban centers and military installations without necessary air defense cover. From the standpoint of military planning, it would make no sense whatsoever for Saudi Arabia to acquire an aircraft with the characteristics of the F-15 with an idea of using it as a ground attack aircraft. I am confident the Saudis have no such intention.

Like the USAF model, the F-15 for Saudi Arabia will be equipped with air defense armament, namely four AIM-9 Sidewinder air-to-air missiles, four AIM-7 Sparrow air-to-air missiles and a 30 mm gun.

The aircraft can carry three external fuel tanks, but the plane requested by Saudi Arabia will not be equipped with special features that could give it additional range. Specifically, the planes will not have conformal fuel tanks ("fast packs"), i.e., auxiliary fuel tanks that conform to the body of

the plane, and Saudi Arabian KC-130 tankers do not have equipment for air refueling of the F-15.

Saudi Arabia has not requested that the plane be outfitted with Multiple Ejection racks (MER 200) which would allow the plane to carry a substantial bomb load. The U.S. will not furnish such MERs, and testing and certification of a MER system for the F-15 would not be feasible by another country without U.S. authorization. While aircraft could conceivably carry three standard MK 84 bombs, they would each replace an external fuel tank; this would greatly shorten the aircraft's range and increase its vulnerability. Moreover, in contrast to the F-16, the F-15 does not have a radar system designed for bombing.

Saudi Arabia has not requested nor do we intend to sell any other systems or armaments that would increase the range or enhance the ground attack capability of the F-15.

Pursuant to our national security disclosure policy, certain highly sensitive sub-components of the U.S. Air Force version of the F-15 (e.g., cryptologic equipment and some special electronic capabilities) will not be sold to Saudi Arabia.

In sum, it is clear that the F-15 will help Saudi Arabia deter and defend against those nations that are hostile to its role as a leading moderate Arab state.

II. ASSURANCES

The Government of Saudi Arabia has assured us that it has no aggressive intentions against any state, that it will use the F-15 aircraft only in furtherance of its legitimate self-defense, and that it will not employ the aircraft offensively. The Saudi Arabian Government has similarly assured us that it will not transfer the F-15 aircraft to any third country or permit the nationals of such country to train on the F-15 aircraft, serve as pilot, or otherwise to have access to the aircraft without the authorization of the United States.

We have specifically discussed these restrictions on use and prohibitions on transfer with the Government of Saudi Arabia. They have assured us that they intend scrupulously to comply with these prohibitions and restrictions. The record of Saudi Arabia in this respect is excellent. However, should the assurances be violated, the United States can take appropriate action, including suspension of services and of delivery of spare parts and other military equipment. Without such services the usability of the F-15 would degrade rapidly.

It is also important to note that the sales agreement reserves to the United States the right to suspend or cancel deliveries at any time "when the national interest of the United States so requires." Further, under Section 21(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, no U.S. person employed under Foreign Military Sales contracts in Saudi Arabia or any other country would be permitted to perform services in support of combat operations.

Questions have been raised concerning the possible basing of the F-15 aircraft at Tabuk Air Base. I would like to repeat to you the assurance given to me and other United States officials by the Saudi Arabian Government that Saudi Arabia will base the F-15 aircraft, not at Tabuk, but at Dhahran, Taif and possibly at Riyadh or Khams Mushail. Basing the F-15 at the vulnerable Tabuk base could place in needless jeopardy these vital aircraft which will form the heart of the Saudi Arabian air defense system. In addition, Tabuk is not equipped to serve as an operating base for the F-15s, and could not be so equipped without extensive U.S. assistance which would not be provided. These practical considerations, of which Saudi

Arabia is well aware, strengthen the assurances that the F-15s will not be based at Tabuk.

The question has also been raised whether the Government of Saudi Arabia intends to acquire additional combat aircraft from other countries. The Saudi Arabian Government has assured us that it does not intend to add to its inventory any combat aircraft from other countries while it is preparing for and receiving the sixty F-15s. The shortage of trained personnel in Saudi Arabia would severely constrain Saudi Arabia's ability to utilize any additional new aircraft beyond the F-15 during this period.

With respect to the security of the aircraft, the Government of Saudi Arabia has expressed its determination to provide carefully for the physical protection of the aircraft, manuals and other material related to it. Prior to the delivery of the aircraft, we will work with the Government of Saudi Arabia to ensure that adequate safeguards are in place to prevent unauthorized persons from obtaining access to the aircraft or information about it.

The proposal with respect to Saudi Arabia, like all such proposals, stands on its own merits, and I hope the foregoing information will be helpful to you and that you and the members of your Committee will join in support of the Administration's proposals to sell aircraft to Israel, Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

Sincerely,

HAROLD BROWN.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

no need to
send
Place in Lantos
file.

February 19, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

THRU: KENNETH M. DUBERSTEIN
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

FROM: NANCY J. RISQUE *njr*
SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Offer of assistance from
Congressman Tom Lantos (D-CA.)

This is to make you aware that Eric Schnapper, Congressman Tom Lantos' administrative assistant, called to offer to sponsor legislation to formally terminate COWPS and thereby to save the Treasury several million of dollars.

I thanked him, told him I'd pass this on to you, and that I would get back to him on it.

Attached is the status of COWPS. I will suggest that the Congressman support the rescission as soon as I track it down.

ATTACHMENT

*Rescission
bill*

*Paige -
Call House
Legislative Bill Clerk
and get the
bill, date introduced,
and who
introduced it.*

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

FEBRUARY 19, 1981

STATUS OF COUNCIL ON WAGE AND PRICE STABILITY
Telephone call with DAN DUFF, General Counsel at CWPS

The President (Reagan) sent to Congress a rescision bill to cut by 1.5 million the funds appropriated for CWPS and to cut the staff down to the 35 regulatory staff members. There is a time limit of 60 consecutive days in session for Congress to act on this. It was sent January 29, 1981 ✓ and if no action is taken, CWPS is appropriated (funded) until June 5th and has legislation until September 30th.

Over 200 CWPS employees (all that remained other than the regulatory people) were sent RIF notices which means they must leave by March 7. However, it is possible that they must be kept if no action is taken on the rescision bill, or that the funds be spent on CWPS anyway. Even if only the 35 regulatory staff remain after March 7, legislation is probably necessary to keep them as part of OMB which has been suggested by the transition team.

Paige de Picciotto

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 22, 1981

FOR: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF
THRU: KENNETH M. DUBERSTEIN *Ken D.*
FROM: NANCY J. RISQUE *Nancy*
SUBJECT: ~~CONGRESSMAN TOM LANTOS~~ (D-CALIF.)

Eric Schnapper, Tom's administrative assistant, called to "counsel" us on the Warren Richardson issue. He says that in 3 or 4 days Lantos will send a letter to the President enclosing some "front page stuff" that should make it totally inadvisable to proceed with the nomination. He hinted that the letter and materials would go to the press also.

He called because he heard that a decision to go or not to go would be made by Friday.

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File
Lantos

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Tom Lantos
California

5/2/81

Dear Mr. President —

Just a note of deep-
felt thanks for your
moving words at the
Holocaust memorial
service —

Cordially,

Tom.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 3, 1981

FOR: EDWIN MEESE
JAMES A. BAKER
Richard Dyer
FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF
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KEN-FYI?

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[Handwritten initials]

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 8, 1981

Dear Congressman Latta:

I received today your request for an audio-taped message from the President to be played on July 4, 1981, on WBNO in Bryan, Ohio.

I wanted you to know that I am submitting this request to the appointments and scheduling office on the recommendation of the Communications Office for approval. As soon as a decision has been made, I will be in contact with you.

Sincerely,

Jann Mahan

Jann Mahan
Media Coordinator

Congressman Delbert L. Latta
2309 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

June 4, 1981

Mrs. Jan Mahan
Office of Communications
The White House
Room 164, OEB
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Mahan:

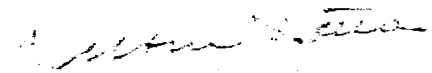
Pursuant to the telephone conversation with a member of my staff I am requesting a 3 to 5 minute radio tape for station WBNO in Bryan, Ohio.

President Reagan did a tape for them last year and they would be most appreciative for one this year to be played several times on July 4, 1981. The theme this year is AMERICA, LET FREEDOM RING (what most represents why America is free, or why freedom is great -- mainly a fourth of July theme).

They use reel to reel tape and of course would take any time length but would prefer 3 to 5 minutes. I will also be doing a tape for them.

I would appreciate a timely reply to my request.

Sincerely,


DELBERT L. LATTA
Representative to Congress

DLL:jms



Eric Schnapper
Administrative Assistant,

Congressman Tom Lantos
California

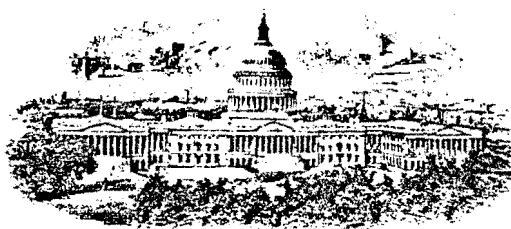
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TOM LANTOS
CALIFORNIA

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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CONSUMER INTERESTS

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Then File in: LANTOS

June 15, 1981

Honorable John Lehman
Secretary of the Navy
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Last month Congress authorized the necessary \$326 million for the reactivation and modernization of the battleship New Jersey. Among the alternatives available to the Navy, objective criteria clearly indicate that this work be done by private contractors in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Both the necessary facilities and sufficient skilled manpower exist in the Bay Area to begin this work at once and to complete it on time. Three dry docks, each capable of berthing the New Jersey, are available for the entire period involved. Ample machine shops and other physical facilities are located at several shipyards, and other contractors in the area are capable of handling the design and installation of complex electronic and weapons systems. The ship's crew could be housed at the Hunters Point Shipyard. All of the needed work could be completed without displacing scheduled military or civilian ship repair or construction. Of an experienced shipyard workforce of over 9,000, of whom as many as 2500 were employed in the industry as recently as last fall, only 600 are now at work on an average day. Thus, sufficient manpower is clearly available. Provisioning of the New Jersey would be facilitated by the proximity of the Naval Supply Center at Oakland.

The past failure of the Navy to utilize to a substantial degree the civilian facilities and manpower in the Bay Area poses a serious long-term problem for our national security. In the absence of sufficient military projects to sustain them, both shipyards and related firms are closing down, and skilled workers are leaving the industry for other careers. At the present rate of decline, the needed resources soon will not exist in Northern California if a national emergency required a sudden increase in ship construction, repair, or reactivation. The overconcentration of activities at other yards threatens to delay needed work if additional projects, such as the New Jersey, are sent there.

Honorable John Lehman
Page 2
June 15, 1981

Several major experienced Bay Area firms have indicated to the Navy a serious desire to participate in the reactivation and modernization of the New Jersey. We urge that their proposals be given full consideration, and that they be afforded an opportunity to offer more detailed proposals in light of the specifications which the Navy is now developing.

Cordially,

Tom Lantos
Tom Lantos

Phil Bricker

Robert J. D'Amico

Don Edwards

Pete Stark

Ronald S. Dellums

Al Coelho

John Burton

Don Hansen

Charles H. K. ...

Lee ...

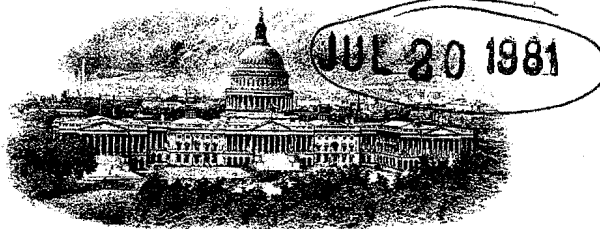
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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AND TRANSPORTATION

**SELECT COMMITTEE
ON AGING**

SUBCOMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT INCOME
AND EMPLOYMENT
SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND
CONSUMER INTERESTS

June 23, 1981

Mr. Kenneth Duberstein
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Duberstein: *Ken -*

One of my constituents, Norma Richeter, has contacted me regarding the upcoming 80th birthday of her father, Mr. Carl H. Kothe. He would appreciate very much receiving a card from President Reagan. His birthday is July 20, 1981 and his address is 1059 S. Country Club Blvd., Stockton, California 95204.

Thank you for your kind attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Tom
Tom Lantos
Member of Congress

TL/bs

Sent 7/20/81

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 16, 1981

FOR: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF

THRU: KENNETH M. DUBERSTEIN *KMD*

FROM: NANCY J. RISQUE *Nancy*

FYI -

~~Congressman Tom Lantos~~ called this afternoon to convey his support for Governor Jerry Brown's request that the state of California be declared a disaster area because of Mediterranean fruit fly infestation.

addendum —

*We have a joint letter,
lead by Lantos, requesting
Fed assistance. NK*

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 5, 1981

FOR: Richard Williamson
Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs

FROM: John H. Dressendorfer *John H. Dressendorfer/bw*
Special Assistant for Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT: Request from the City Council of the City of Pacifica,
California

The Office of Congressman Tom Lantos (D-California) contacted our office and requested that we accept the attached material from one of their constituents, Ginny Silva Jaquith, a councilwoman from Pacifica, California.

The attached material is self-explanatory. We are forwarding this material to you for your consideration and appropriate action. For additional information, please contact:

Ms. Ginny Silva Jaquith
Mayor Pro-Tem
City Hall
170 Santa Maria Avenue
Pacifica, California 94044

Telephone: 415/877-8600 or 415/355-5167

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Attachments

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 6, 1981

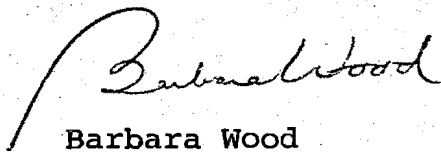
Dear Mr. Lantos:

On Monday, August 3, I was contacted by your office and asked if I would accept from Ms. Ginny Silva Jaquith, a councilwoman from the City of Pacifica, a resolution inviting the President to attend the City's Silver Jubilee Celebration.

This is to inform you that I have accepted the resolution from Ms. Jaquith, and have forwarded the material to the appropriate office here at the White House for their consideration and appropriate action.

If we can be of assistance in the future, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Barbara Wood
Staff Assistant
Office of Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Tom Lantos
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

September 4, 1981

Dear Mr. Lantos:

This is to thank you for your August 10 letter regarding H.R. 4398, the Anti-Crime Anti-Drug Act of 1981, which you introduced in the House.

The Administration shares your concern over the problems of crime and illegal drugs, and appreciates your interest in bringing this bill to our attention. Please know that I have shared your correspondence with the appropriate staff members so that they may have the benefit of your comments.

Again, thank you for the interest which prompted you to write.

With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Tom Lantos
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

cc w/cy of inc: Dr. Carlton Turner - for approp. action
MLF:cmp:kir:emb-7a



*Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515*

*Tom Lantos
California*

August 10, 1981

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President Ronald W. Reagan
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

The flood of illegal drugs from abroad and the resultant wave of violent crime sweeping our beloved country are destroying the fabric of American life.

I respectfully urge you to put the fight against the flood of illegal drugs from abroad at the top of our national agenda. If cooperatively we succeed in this effort, we shall have reduced violent crime dramatically in our communities. Your support of my Anti-Crime Anti-Drug Act of 1981, H.R. 4398, is earnestly requested.

Most cordially,


Tom

So what's new?
File

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

September 15, 1981

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

Dear Mr. President:

We respectfully inform you that the twenty-two member California Democratic delegation--the largest in the Congress--is unanimously opposed to the sale of AWACS and the F-15 enhancement package to Saudi Arabia. The overriding consideration on which our opposition is based is our considered judgment that this sale would be profoundly contrary to the interests of the United States.

We fully share your stated desire to further advance the Camp David process and to strengthen relations both with Israel and with friendly Arab nations, but we believe that the proposed Saudi arms package would increase tensions and instability in the Middle East and would threaten the integrity of some of our most sophisticated weapons systems.

Sincerely,

Tom Lantos
Tom Lantos

Don Edwards
Don Edwards

Mervyn M. Dymally
Mervyn M. Dymally

Glenn M. Anderson

Glenn M. Anderson

Augustus F. Hawkins

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Pete Stark

Pete Stark

Julian Dixon

Julian Dixon

Henry A. Waxman

Henry A. Waxman

Vic Fazio

Vic Fazio

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 29, 1981

TO: NANCY KENNEDY

FROM: DAVID WRIGHT

SUBJECT: Request of Representatives Bob Dornan (R-California)
and Tom Lantos (D-California) for a Presidential
meeting with a group of veterans

Bob Dornan gave me the attached copy of the request which was sent to Greg Newell on October 23rd. You should be aware that Menlo Park (where the veterans are being treated) is in Pete McCloskey's District; yet Pete is not a co-signer of the letter.

I have alerted Mike Castine to the potential sensitivities involved and have asked that you be consulted before a decision is made.

cc: Kenneth M. Duberstein

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

October 23, 1981

Mr. Gregory Newell
Director of Presidential Appointments
and Scheduling
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Newell:

On Veterans Day, November 11, 1981, a remarkable chorus of Vietnam Veterans, the Young Vets, will visit Washington under the auspices of the Veterans Administration. They will perform at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Exhibit at the Octagon Museum, which President Reagan will open the night before, at the Capitol, and at other locations through the day. The group is composed of Vietnam veterans, including one former POW, who are being treated for service-related injuries at the Veterans Administration Medical Facility in Menlo Park, California. The Young Vets have in the past given widely acclaimed concerts throughout California.

We respectfully request that President Reagan meet briefly with the Young Vets on November 11. We believe that this meeting would demonstrate in a uniquely effective manner the Administration's gratitude to those who served in our armed forces, and to the veterans who bear the scars of their sacrifices for our country. The President has spoken eloquently of our national debt to men and women such as these, and of the particular importance of remembering those who served in Vietnam. A meeting with the Young Vets would dramatize his deep personal concern, and his special appreciation of those who have worked so hard to overcome the wounds of war and rebuild their shattered lives.

We would be most grateful if such a meeting could be arranged, and for any other action the White House could take to show these young men that their patriotism and courage have not been forgotten. When a determination on the availability of President Reagan is made, please contact Mr. Denis Tomsco at 225-6451.

Sincerely,



Robert K. Dornan
Member of Congress

Tom Lantos
Member of Congress

RKD:dts
Enclosures

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→ Mike Uhlman - OPD
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- NCS cleaned off (w/ reservations)
State Dept.

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forward?

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- Gribbin - signed off?
- Tim Towell -
- proper negative

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Beld Case Mike Dolan at Justice WCB

WCB 632-4204 Beld on Pell
2-9-91

- status of their
~~last~~ dept's review
of

Lantos' Waldenberg

Resolution -

H. J. Res 220

- Per Beld on Pell:

- draft let. moving forward -
to Chairman of Committee
- dept. position letter
- will send copy to OIR

- Per Mike Dolan

• Bob McConnell has copy of report - will
have him call.

• Bob McConnell called - wants to talk to Nancy

- State Dept letter 4 pages
finished on Fri.

Towell, Tim.

632-1246

requires OMB clearance

OMB should circulate

- to Maurice White OMB - has State letter 395-385

6/1

Call Nancy - re.
Boskwiner

Memorandum For MCF

Thru: KMD

From: WJR

Re: Congressman Tom Lantos' (D-Calif)
Request for Administration
Support of Resolution affecting
Raoul Wallenberg -- H.J. Res 220

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Most recently, Tom called just before the budget vote to request a letter of support from the President.

In view of the NSC position and the ~~State~~ President's reported interest in this, I ~~do~~ recommend that a letter of support be sent to

At this point I would
recommend a letter to Pat Michael <sup>(Larkin's
accompanying)</sup>
from the President ~~to~~ ^{that}
speaks to his interest and support
in the resolution and when
it has passed the Senate and House,
I believe we should consider
a signing ceremony. ~~is~~ Mr. Larkin
is the prime mover in this and we
could ~~have~~ request a letter to him but
he is ~~probably~~ a very liberal ~~type of person~~
~~The~~ Burton Brothers-type who has been

rudely
~~they before~~ tough on
Administration witnesses on
the Hill & his manner ^{at the committee table} is somewhat
like ~~George~~ Albert Gore's. ~~and~~ ^{otherwise he is} perfectly
~~notice~~ ^{charming} This paper is used ~~the~~
~~resolution is before the~~
President appears to be
very moved by the
aims of the resolution ~~and~~ believe
he ~~can~~ ^{could} support it without
~~giving too much attention to~~
~~the~~ by raise the level
of consciousness about the
issue and support it vigorously
without making much ado
about Santos.

→ Vic Schryver: (Judge from Richmond -
former counsel for NAACP)

✓ Home Judiciary Cmte.

✓ H.J. Res. 220

about a wk. ago -

- only one precedent -
Churchill

- policy matters
language

→ Justice Report to OMB to W. H. to Hill

Bob McConnell

— Mike Dolan —

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of it and call me -

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- Judiciary

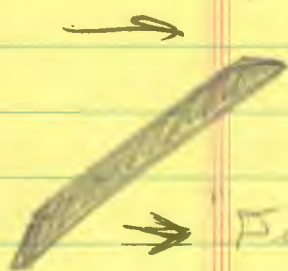
- Harrison Miller
- Mazzilli

— Miller is Mazzilli's
Staff guy —

— STATE —→ report —→

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→ Schapper - ^{State} description this is
what it would be -



→ "Deep in the house"

- Jim Jones →

ARK Bureau -

- Wallenberg: 60 minutes
- Senate Staff - LA Times

→ Favor of Wallenberg; in favor of legislation

~~Legal reading~~ Legal reading: Senate Foreign Relations - full

- Rostkind & W.K.

- House Foreign Relations

*File
Lantos*

To Ken Duberstein

R071

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BC-POLAND-CONGRESSMEN 3 BRUSSELS

"SOMEBODY HAD TO TAKE THE LEAD," MR LANTOS SAID, ADDING THAT HE WOULD LIKE FURTHER MEASURES TO BE TAKEN IN COORDINATION WITH WESTERN EUROPE. "I DON'T THINK HE SHOULD BE SELECTIVE ABOUT MEASURES. WE SHOULD USE THE FULL SPECTRUM OF MEASURES AVAILABLE TO US."

AMONG OTHER POSSIBILITIES, MR LANTOS REFERRED TO A POSSIBLE EMBARGO ON GRAIN SALES TO THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH HE CLAIMED COULD EASILY BE ORGANIZED WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF WESTERN EUROPE, CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND ARGENTINA.

HOWEVER, HE ADMITTED THAT THERE WERE DIFFERING VIEWS ON THE EFFICACY OF SUCH A MOVE WITHIN HIS OWN DELEGATION.

MR LANTOS EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THE WESTERN ALLIANCE WOULD EMERGE STRONGER RATHER THAN WEAKER OUT OF THE PRESENT DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE POLISH CRISIS.

BUT THE UNITED STATES WOULD HAVE TO TAKE A FIRM LEAD IN THIS AREA, HE ADDED. "THE UNITED STATES IS NOT ABOUT TO GIVE MR PAPANDREOU (GREEK PRIME MINISTER ANDREAS PAPANDREOU) A VETO OVER ITS FOREIGN POLICY, AND I THINK THAT IS A VERY IMPORTANT LESSON OF THE PAST 48 HOURS."

REUTER 1006 SS

*Ken - Some
strong
support for
RR
here from*

*Tom
Lantos
on a
Brussels
trip -
FYI -
Not
Allen*

R072

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EC-POLAND-CONGRESSMEN 2 BRUSSELS

(OUT OF SEQUENCE)

BUT THE EEC STATES DID NOT FOLLOW THE UNITED STATES IN ANY IMMEDIATE ACTION AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION; STATING SIMPLY THAT THEY WOULD NOT DO ANYTHING TO UNDERMINE U.S. MOVES SUCH AS A BAN ON HIGH TECHNOLOGY SALES.

MR LANTOS ADMITTED THAT TRADE SANCTIONS AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION COULD HURT WEST EUROPEAN ECONOMIES MORE THAN THE UNITED STATES.

BUT HE STRESSED THAT AMERICA WAS PAYING A HIGH PRICE FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO WESTERN DEFENSE CAPABILITIES.

"THERE ARE NO CHEAP SOLUTIONS. IF ANYONE HAS ILLUSIONS THAT DEALING WITH THE SOVIET UNION CAN BE DONE ON THE CHEAP, THOSE ILLUSIONS NEED TO BE DISSIPATED," THE CONGRESSMAN SAID.

MR LANTOS ALSO COMMENTED CRITICALLY ON GREECE'S DECISION TO WITHDRAW ITS SUPPORT OF THE EEC DECLARATION ON POLAND; A MOVE WHICH BELGIAN DIPLOMATS SAY COULD RAISE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR NEXT WEEK'S NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION (NATO) MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS ON POLAND.

JUSTIFYING PRESIDENT REAGAN'S DECISION LAST WEEK TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION, MR LANTOS SAID THESE HAD SYMBOLIC VALUE EVEN IF THEY WERE OF LIMITED ECONOMIC IMPACT.
MORE 1008 SS

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-SOVIET (5 TAKES) (

BALNFORTH

OFFICE OF
THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL AND
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

1-7-82

Nancy -
the enclosed is
per our previous
conversations on this
subject. These letters are
being hand carried this
afternoon.

Dave

CIRCULATE IN

MBO

[Signature]

Then File: LANTOS

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United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

January 5, 1982

Honorable Tom Lantos
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Tom:

The other day you called me expressing your interest in having the National Park Service purchase the Sweeney Ridge properties. At that time, as I expressed to you on the phone, I had not been briefed on the Sweeney Ridge property. After your phone call, I received a phone call from Congressman Pete McCloskey on the same matter and proceeded to check the matter out.

I found that indeed Sweeney Ridge was not the subject of a line item appropriation by the Congress of the United States, but was one of the properties listed in the Legislative Report for which monies were to be appropriated. Roughly 10% of the amount was designated in the Legislative Report for Sweeney Ridge. I also found a letter dated December 7, 1981, addressed to the Chairman of our Appropriations Committee, Sid Yates, and signed by the director of the National Park Service, which explained that the National Park Service intended not to exercise its option to acquire Sweeney Ridge because of the need to satisfy deficiencies in condemnation proceedings. The letter stated the following:

"This will respond to a telephone request from Fred Mohrman for the National Park Service's priority concern for the acquisition of Sweeney Ridge at Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

The Sweeney Ridge addition to Golden Gate National Recreation Area has important open space values. In addition, the social value to the immediate communities of Pacifica and environs are recognized. Further, the historic Portola Discovery site has been identified and set aside as a small country park. However, as a disjointed tract in relation to the national recreation area it is not critical to its resource protection. Therefore, the National Park Service in a period of economic readjustment would not place this acquisition high where there are critical resource protection considerations, hardship circumstances affecting property owners inside authorized areas, or areas where there are intensive recreation use opportunities. Such areas would be Mineral King in Sequoia

National Park (resource protection), War in the Pacific National Historical Park (hardship), and priority projects in Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (recreation opportunities).

Overriding those priorities, however, is a more urgent need to pay off pending and anticipated court awards at other units of the National Park System such as Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Cape Cod National Seashore, and Big Cypress and Big Thicket National Preserves."

During the last two weeks of December, I received many phone calls. The issue became clear to me: Would I, as Secretary of the Interior, allow the management of the National Park Service to be subject to political pressures, or would I allow professional park managers to make decisions with regard to the allocation of resources?

To date, I have not overruled one of our professional park or resource managers. Certainly, that is a prerogative that a Presidential Appointee has and I may want to exercise in the future. However, to date, I have not done it. I did not feel that the purchase of Sweeney Ridge was an issue that should cause me to override the recommendation of the National Park Service professionals. If Congress wants to give specific direction contrary to that which is recommended by the professional park managers, Congress is free to do so, and we of course will honor that direction.

Traditionally, the Congress of the United States has not done that, but rather has listed as they did in the 1982 Legislative Report, properties that they thought desirable. As in the past, the dollar value of the properties listed for acquisitions and the requirements for satisfying deficiencies is greater than the money actually appropriated. Therefore, reprogramming will be required in 1982 as it has been in many other similar situations.

It is likely that some members of Congress will want to hold hearings on the way we conducted ourselves with regard to the Sweeney Ridge matter. We would look forward to such hearings. The issue would be very clear: Will the Secretary of the Interior follow the advice and recommendations of the professional park managers, or will he yield to political pressures?

We are willing to stand on our record and are confident that you will understand the position we have taken.

Sincerely,



James G. Watt
Secretary

January 6, 1982

**Honorable Phillip Burton
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515**

Dear Phil:

**Attached you will find a two-page letter which
I am mailing to Congressman Lantos, summarizing
the Sweeney Ridge matter.**

I thought that it would be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jim

**James G. Watt
Secretary**

Enclosure

**Identical letters to:
Hon. Paul N. McCloskey, Jr.
Hon. S. I. Hayakawa
Hon. Alan Cranston**

JGW:jce

**bcc: A/S Arnett
Russ Dickenson - NPS
✓ Stan Hulett - CL
Ex Secy**

Copies of the attached to the following:

Morris K. Udall
John F. Seiberling

All Republicans on the House Interior Committee

All Republicans on the Appropriations Committee

James A. McClure

Ted Stevens

Malcolm Wallop

Mark O. Hatfield

Steven D. Symms