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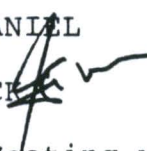
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

March 24, 1986

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR RODNEY B. MCDANIEL

FROM:

JACK F. MATLOCK 

SUBJECT:

Presidential Meeting with Suzanne Massie

Attached at Tab I is a schedule proposal recommending that the President receive Suzanne Massie for lunch at his convenience. The President wrote to Ms. Massie in February, and in her response (Tab II) she suggests an informal meeting to discuss the President's comments. The President has expressed interest in seeing her.

 Johnathan Miller concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the schedule proposal at Tab I.

Approve



Disapprove

Attachments:

Tab I Schedule proposal

Tab II Letter to the President from Suzanne Massie

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 25, 1986

Milker
President told JMF
he would like to do
this. BSL

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, Director
Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: RODNEY B. MCDANIEL *Bob for*

REQUEST: Meeting with Suzanne Massie, author and
historian

PURPOSE: To respond in person to the President's
letter to her of February 10.

BACKGROUND: The President wrote to Mrs. Massie in
February concerning recent developments in
the Soviet Union.

PREVIOUS
PARTICIPATION: The President has met with Mrs. Massie on
several occasions, most recently in
September. He has expressed interest
in seeing her again.

DATE & TIME: At the President's convenience for lunch. *Mar 20
9:45
15 min
00*

LOCATION: The President's study

PARTICIPANTS: John M. Poindexter

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Informal discussion of Mrs. Massie's recent
trip to the Soviet Union.

REMARKS REQUIRED: None

MEDIA COVERAGE: None

PROPOSED PHOTO: White House Photo

RECOMMENDED BY: ADM. Poindexter

OPPOSED BY: None

SUZANNE MASSIE
1 WEST 67TH STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10023

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March 12, 1986

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you so much for your letter of February 10 which I received with delay as I am now spending much of my time these days in Cambridge working on my book at the Harvard Russian Research Center where I am presently a Fellow.

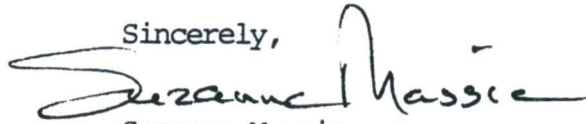
It has taken me a long time to answer because I wanted to take the time to think over very carefully what you said. The implications of the remarks of which you spoke are so potentially important that it is, as you suggest, vital to judge their worth accurately. I think I know the Russians as well as any American. You know my feeling for the people and their culture. When I read your letter my first reaction was: Wonderful! -- instantly followed by: but be careful! Yet now, after I have had a chance to reflect for some time, to review in my mind the many conversations, experiences and observations of my months in Leningrad this fall, plus the opportunity to carefully study the results and words of the 27th Party Congress and discuss these at Harvard, my reaction leans much more to the positive. I am more convinced than ever that this is an extraordinarily important historic crossroads in our relations. How subtly, how sensitively we react to this situation is the big question.

I have some thoughts about this that I would very much like to share with you informally. Is there anyway that we could do this alone, or best of all, with Mrs. Reagan, whom I have always wanted to meet? As I woman, I would very much like to have her reactions. I know that given the pressures on your time, this may be difficult, but I still hope that it might be possible. I may be presumptuous, but I think I can help you, and I want so much to do so.

In case you find that there might be such a possibility, I can be reached either in New York, at 212- 496 -1786 or at the Harvard Russian Research Center, 1737 Cambridge Street, Cambridge Mas. 02138. Phone : 617-495-4037.

And again, Mr. President, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me. It is an honor and a joy for me. With all best wishes to you and Mrs. Reagan,

Sincerely,



Suzanne Massie

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

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

5/16/86

MEMORANDUM

TO: JOHN POINDEXTER

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FRJ*

SUBJECT: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING: Meeting with Suzanne Massie

DATE: May 20, 1986

TIME: 9:45 am

DURATION: 30 minutes

LOCATION: Oval Office

REMARKS REQUIRED: To be covered in briefing paper

MEDIA COVERAGE: No

FIRST LADY
PARTICIPATION: Yes

NOTE: PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

4/7/86

MEMORANDUM

TO: JOHN POINDEXTER

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FR*

SUBJECT: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING: with Suzanne Massie

DATE: May 20, 1986

TIME: 9:45 am *extended to 30 min*

DURATION: 15 minutes

LOCATION: Oval Office

REMARKS REQUIRED: To be covered in briefing paper

MEDIA COVERAGE: If any, coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY PARTICIPATION: No

NOTE: PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Miller/Cartwright

May 16, 1986

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MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT

DATE: May 20, 1986
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

FROM: JOHN M. POINDEXTER *psm for*

I. PURPOSE

To respond in person to the President's letter to her of February 10.

II. BACKGROUND

The President wrote to Mrs. Massie in February concerning recent developments in the Soviet Union.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
The First Lady
John Poindexter
Suzanne Massie

IV. PRESS PLAN

None; staff photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Greet Massie, thank her for her letter, and initiate discussion.

Prepared by:
Jack F. Matlock

Attachment:

Tab A Talking points (CONFIDENTIAL)

cc: Vice President
Donald Regan

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MEETING WITH SUZANNE MASSIE

- APPRECIATE YOUR LETTER. EAGER TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCES IN RUSSIA.
- WHAT DO MOST RUSSIANS THINK OF GORBACHEV?
- HOW IMPORTANT IS RUSSIAN NATIONALISM AS OPPOSED TO COMMUNIST IDEOLOGY?
- I'VE HEARD THERE IS AN UPSURGE OF INTEREST IN RELIGION. HOW IMPORTANT IS THIS?
- ARE WE COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY WITH THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE? ARE THERE BETTER WAYS TO GET OUR POINT OF VIEW ACROSS?

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TALKING POINTS

- Appreciated your letter. Eager to hear about your experiences in Russia.
- What do most Russians think of Gorbachev?
- How important is Russian nationalism as opposed to Communist ideology?
- I've heard there is an upsurge of interest in religion. How important is this?
- Are we communicating effectively with the Russian people?
Are there better ways to get our point of view across?

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