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April 30, 1987

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRANK C. CARLUCCI 

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with Suzanne Massie -- Friday,
May 1, 2:00 - 2:30 p.m., Oval Office

In her letter to you of April 13 (Tab A), Ms. Massie expressed a desire to visit you and report on her recent trip to the USSR, and you agreed. The following are reminders of pertinent background.

Ms. Massie was in the USSR to organize and host an exhibition of paintings by Andrew Wyeth sponsored by AT&T. This activity put her in touch with a wide range of artistic figures and Soviet bureaucracies. As a result, she should be able to tell whether the new style of Gorbachev regime is loosening up the Soviet system in tangible ways.

When Ms. Massie visited you last on February 28, she argued that you should offer to hold a 1987 summit in Moscow rather than Washington, to appease Soviet national pride and for Gorbachev's alleged safety. She reported having been told, by a Soviet functionary known to be a KGB affiliate, that Gorbachev faced a threat of assassination in the US. (Rumors of such threats abound. While they may have some validity, we know they are being circulated by Soviet figures to gain sympathy for Gorbachev.) You responded by repeating your desire for a Washington summit and, at her request, authorized a short message for her to convey to Gorbachev stating your wish to welcome the General Secretary to the United States to continue your face-to-face dialogue. She visited with a personal aide to Gorbachev and delivered your personal message. This was appreciatively received, she tells us; and she may report to you some message in response.

Apart from her artistic projects, Ms. Massie is an enthusiastic student of what she calls the "revival of the Russian spirit," a rebirth of interest among Russians in their history, culture, folkways, and religion. This revival has, from our point of

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view, many positive aspects, e.g., the search for a moral compass that communist ideology has failed to provide. It also displays negative features, however, such as extreme chauvinism toward non-Russians (nearly 50% of the Soviet population), anti-Semitism, and hostility to all Western influences, including democracy and freedom of thought. Ms. Massie may have some fresh insights into how this tug-of-war for the Russian national spirit is going.

Attachment

Tab A Letter from Ms. Massie

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I did want to let you know a few details:

As I was in Moscow during the visit of Mrs. Thatcher and Mr. Gorbachev was completely tied up with that, I was received at the Central Committee by Mr. Vitaly Gusenkov, who is one of Mr. Gorbachev's two close personal advisors. We met, I delivered the message to him and he called me back promptly the next day with the personal response of General Secretary Gorbachev. I will add that both expressed feelings of gratitude for your message.

During our meetings, the opportunity presented itself to mention the question of the refusal of a visa to your son, Ron. Mr. Gusenkov seemed genuinely startled to learn of this, and indicated that Mr. Gorbachev did not know of this either. Evidently what had occurred is that ABC had been refused as an expression of official disapproval of their series Amerika, but not Ron individually. About ABC, he asked me "What would you have done?" I answered, "I would have let them come." He said, "This was not possible." and went on to explain that they had received a great deal of mail from offended Soviet citizens demanding some kind of governmental reaction to what was seen as an affront to their country. I drew the conclusion that now that everyone in the Soviet Union feels free-- and is being encouraged to air gripes, the government is finding out that listening to public opinion can be tricky.

In any case, he assured me emphatically at this meeting and our subsequent one the following day, that your son would be "welcome to come to the Soviet Union whenever he would like to come."

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If your schedule should permit, I would welcome the opportunity to be able to give you a few details about my meetings and the general atmosphere first hand. I will be in Washington to give a speech on May 1. Is there a chance that you might have a few minutes to see me then?

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ACTION

April 27, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR GRANT S. GREEN, JR.

FROM: FRITZ W. ERMARTH *FE*

SUBJECT: President's Meeting with Suzanne Massie,
May 1, Oval Office

Attached for your signature is a Schedule Proposal for the President's meeting with Suzanne Massie.

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Thompson concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Schedule Proposal at Tab I.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachment

TAB I Schedule Proposal

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

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

FROM: GRANT S. GREEN, JR.

REQUEST: Meeting with the President for Ms. Suzanne Massie, Harvard University

PURPOSE: The President has agreed to meet with Ms. Massie to hear her impressions of a recent trip to the USSR where she met with significant cultural and political figures.

BACKGROUND: Ms. Massie has visited privately with the President and the First Lady on several occasions for similar post-travel reports.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: February 25, 1987.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, May 1; 2:00 p.m. (10 minutes).

LOCATION: Oval Office.

PARTICIPANTS: The President, Howard Baker, Frank Carlucci.

REMARKS REQUIRED: None.

MEDIA COVERAGE: None.

RECOMMENDED BY: The President.

OPPOSED BY: None.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM

TO: FRANK CARLUCCI
FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FJR*
SUBJECT: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING: Meeting with Suzanne Massie

DATE: May 1, 1987

TIME: 2:00 pm

DURATION: 15 minutes

LOCATION: Oval Office

BACKUP LOCATION:

REMARKS REQUIRED: No

MEDIA COVERAGE: No

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PARTICIPATION: Optional

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May 1, 1987, Friday 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.

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