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MINISTER FANFANI'S RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT SUBJECT: PRIME

REAGAN'S LETTER ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SOVIET

UNION

ROME 15906 REF.:

( - ENTIRE TEXT).

I HAVE RECEIVED TODAY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR YOU FROM PRIME MINISTER FANFANI REGARDING THE LETTER YOU SENT HIM WITH AMBASSADOR STOESSEL.

BEGIN TEXT. DEAR RON,

THANK YOU FOR THE MESSAGE THAT YOU SENT TO ME THROUGH AMBASSADOR STOESSEL ON THE PROBLEM OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SOVIET UNION.

I DECIDED TO RECEIVE THE AMBASSADOR PERSONALLY GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE THAT I ATTRIBUTE TO THE PROBLEM. I HEARD HIS INTERESTING EXPOSITION AND I WAS ABLE, IN TURN, TO ILLUSTRATE MY THINKING FOR HIM, BASED ON PAST EXPERI-ENCES.

I BELIEVE THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL AMONG WESTERN COUNTRIES TO ACHIEVE A COORDINATION OF IDEAS AND INITIATIVES TO BE PROMOTED IN THIS AREA IN WHICH -- AS YOU JUSTLY EMPHASIZE -- EVENTS ARE MULTIPLYING AND THE SITUATION IS WORSENING, NOTWITHSTANDING THE ACCORDS SIGNED AT HELSINKI. ITALY, AS YOU KNOW, HAS GIVEN A VALID CONTRIBUTION IN RECENT YEARS, EITHER DIRECTLY THROUGH MESSAGES AND DIPLOMATIC DEMARCHES IN MOSCOW, OR IN THE FRAMEWORK OF INITATIVES TAKEN BY THE TEN MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, OR EVEN ON THE MULTILATERIAL LEVEL PARTICIPATING ACTIVELY IN THE WORKS OF CSCE IN BELGRADE AND MADRID.

SINCE IT NOW SEEMS FEASIBLE AT MADRID TO SEE THE POSSI-BILITY OF HOLDING A CONFERENCE IN SWITZERLAND ON "HUMAN CONTACTS", DESIGNED TO DEEPEN SO MANY OF THE IMPORTANT

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ASPECTS OF THE UNDERTAKINGS DECIDED AT HELSINKI, I BELIEVE THAT IT IS OPPORTUNE THAT AT THIS CONFERENCE OUR GOVERN-MENTS PRESENT A UNITARY POSITION, WHICH SHOULD BE DE-FINED BEFOREHAND IN THE FORUM THAT IS JUDGED MOST SUIT-I HOPE THAT THIS BASIC IDEA -- ON WHICH I FOUND AGREE-MENT WITH AMBASSADOR STOESSEL -- CAN BE MADE CONCRETE AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, WHICH WILL PERMIT US TO UNDER-

TAKE A COMMON APPROACH. ONCE AGAIN I THANK YOU FOR YOUR USEFUL INITIATIVE AND ASK YOU TO ACCEPT MY WARMEST GOOD WISHES.

/SIGNED/

AMINTORE FANFANI END TEXT.

COMMENT: EVEN THOUGH FANFANI IS IN HIS LAST DAYS AS CARETAKER PRIME MINISTER, HIS PROPOSAL IS FULLY CONSONANT WITH POSITIONS THAT AMBASSADOR STOESSEL HEARD EXPRESSED BY ALL ITALIAN LEADERS HE CONTACTED DURING HIS VISIT. RABB BT

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### CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE

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### STOESSEL TRIP TO EUROPE

- Q: What can you tell us about Ambassador Walter Stoessel's trip to Europe?
- A: Ambassador Stoessel, former Deputy Secretary of State, traveled to a number of European capitals, July 4 14, to discuss with Western European governments the present human rights performance of the Soviet Union. For some time, this Administration has been seriously concerned about the deteriorating human rights situation in the Soviet Union. This has been a topic of repeated discussion at Madrid, and other multilateral forums. Ambassador Stoessel was continuing U.S. consultations on this subject.
- Q: What was the objective of Stoessel's trip?
- A: The main objective was to explore thoroughly with Western European governments the present Soviet human rights situation.
- Q: What did Ambassador Stoessel ask the Europeans to do?
- A: It would not be appropriate for me to go into the details of these discussions.

Q: Who else was on the Stoessel delegation?

A: Elliott Abrams, Assistant Secretary for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, and an officer from the Soviet Desk accompanied Ambassador Stoessel.

Q: What was the itinerary?

A: Ambassador Stoessel's itinerary included Paris (July 5), Rome (July 6), Vienna (July 7), The Hague (July 8), Madrid (July 9-10), Bonn (July 11), London (July 12) and Brussels (July 13).

No comment to additional questions.

Drafted by Jim Schumaker

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MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR WALTER STOESSEL AND PRESIDENTIAL MISSION TEAM

DATE:

Monday, July 18, 1983

LOCATION: TIME:

Oval Office 9:15 a.m.

FROM:

WILLIAM P. CLARK PAGE

- PURPOSE: To discuss the results of the recent Presidential I. mission to Europe for consultations on Soviet human rights performance; will serve as a follow-up to your recent meeting with Ambassador Kampelman.
- BACKGROUND: Ambassador Stoessel and Assistant Secretary Elliott Abrams have just completed a Presidential Mission to discuss Soviet human rights performance with government leaders in eight European countries: France, Italy, Austria, the Netherlands, Spain, West Germany, Britain and Belgium. They also briefed Vatican officials and Western CSCE delegations in Madrid. The mission was stimulated by the worsening Soviet human rights performance. It served as a mechanism to consult on steps Western and neutral countries might take collectively to combat increased Soviet human rights violations between CSCE Madrid and the next CSCE follow-up meeting in 1986. In the discussions, the Ambassador presented a letter from you to the heads of governments which expressed your concern over human rights in the USSR because of the importance we attach to the Helsinki Final Act.

III. PARTICIPANTS:

The President William P. Clark Paula Dobriansky

Ambassador Walter Stoessel Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs Richard R. Burt

Assistant Secretary of State for Human

Rights Elliott Abrams James Schumaker (State/EUR)

IV. PRESS PLAN:

White House Photographer

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS: White House photo and discussion.

Attachments:

Tab A

Talking Points/cards

Tab B

State Department Memorandum, July 14, 1983

Prepared by: Paula Dobriansky

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### MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT:

The President's Meeting with Ambassador Walter J.

Stoessel, July 18, 9:15-9:30 A.M.

Attached for the President's July 18 meeting with Ambassador Stoessel are a briefing memorandum on the Ambassador's mission to Europe, a suggested list of participants and proposed talking points for the President's use.

Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

### Attachments:

- 1. Briefing Memorandum
- 2. Talking Points
- 3. Suggested List of Participants

# MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR WALTER STOESSEL Monday, July 18, 1983 - 9:15 a.m.

- -- Commend Ambassador Stoessel and the Mission Team for undertaking this effort. Mention that Soviet behavior in human rights is abysmal despite sporadic progress we are able to make on cases like the Pentecostalists.
- -- Indicate that you understand the Mission was well received and that our concerns are shared.
- -- State that human rights play a significant role in U.S.-Soviet relations and that securing European support for a coordinated human rights approach is important.
- -- Ask the Ambassador for his impressions of the trip.

  Specifically, do the Allies think that coordinated approaches to the Soviets on human rights issues will be effective?
- -- Query the Ambassador on his thoughts and suggestions on how we should proceed.

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UNDERTAKING EFFORT; MENTION THAT SOVIET
HUMAN RIGHTS BEHAVIOR IS ABYSMAL.

-- INDICATE MISSION WAS WELL RECEIVED AND
OUR CONCERNS ARE SHARED.

-- HUMAN RIGHTS PLAY SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN
U.S.-SOV RELATIONS & EUROPEAN SUPPORT
IMPORTANT FOR COORDINATED APPROACH.

-- ASK FOR IMPRESSIONS OF TRIP; DO ALLIES
THINK COORDINATED APPROACH WILL BE EFFECTIVE

-- INTERESTED IN HEARING THOUGHTS AND
SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO PROCEED.



### BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

### AMBASSADOR STOESSEL'S PRESIDENTIAL MISSION TO EUROPE

Ambassador Walter Stoessel has just completed a Presidential mission to discuss Soviet human rights performance with government leaders in eight European countries: France, Italy, Austria, the Netherlands, Spain, West Germany, Britain and Belgium. He also briefed Vatican officials and Western CSCE delegations in Madrid. This was an exploratory mission stimulated by the worsening Soviet human rights performance to consult on steps Western and neutral countries might take to keep the focus on Soviet human rights performance during the period between CSCE Madrid and the next CSCE follow-up meeting in 1986. The Ambassador also met with Canadian Embassy officials in Washington before embarking for Europe.

The Ambassador presented a letter from the President to the heads of governments in which the President expressed his concern over human rights in the Soviet Union because of the importance he attaches to the Helsinki Final Act, because of the terrible costs that are being paid by individual human beings, and because our overall relationship with the Soviets is seriously affected by human rights violations. The President's message was well received and the Ambassador's interlocutors offered a variety of ideas about how to coordinate activities to obtain some improvement in Soviet behavior in this area. We will be working with the various governments and parties involved to maintain the momentum the Stoessel mission created.

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### SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS

- -- I am pleased that you were able to undertake this mission. Soviet behavior in the area of human rights is abysmal, despite the occasional progress we are able to make on cases like the Pentecostals.
- -- I understand that you were well received and that our concerns are shared.
- -- I'd like to hear your impressions of the trip and your thoughts about how we should proceed from here. Do the allies think that coordinated approaches to the Soviets on human rights issues will be effective?

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### PROPOSED LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Ambassador Walter J. Stoessel

Richard Burt, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs

Elliott Abrams, Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, member of Stoessel mission

James Schumaker, Office of Soviet Union Affairs, member of Stoessel mission

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

THROUGH:

CHARLES P. TYSON

FROM:

PAULA DOBRIANSKY

SUBJECT:

Presidential Meeting with Ambassador Stoessel:

Soviet Human Rights Performance

Attached at Tab I is a Briefing Memorandum for the President's meeting at 9:15 a.m., Monday, July 18, 1983, with Ambassador Stoessel on the recent Presidential Mission on Soviet Human Rights Performance. Talking points are at Tab A and State's memorandum of July 14 is at Tab B.

concurs. Jack Matlock

### RECOMMENDATION

That you forward the memorandum at Tab I.

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Attachments:

Tab I Briefing Memorandum

Talking points/cards Tab A

Tab B State's memorandum, July 14

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

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Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

### Attachments:

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### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

July 14, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES HILL

Executive Secretary
The Department of State

SUBJECT:

Presidential Meeting with Ambassador Walter Stoessel

The President is scheduled to meet with Ambassador Walter Stoessel and his mission team on Monday, July 18, at 9:15 a.m., for fifteen minutes.

Briefing papers, suggested talking points, and a list of recommended participants would be appreciated by opening of business on Friday, July 15.

Robert M. Kimmitt Executive Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 2, 1983

Your Holiness:

I have asked Ambassador Walter Stoessel to make a special trip to several countries in Europe to let you know of my concern about the human rights situation in the Soviet Union. The situation concerns me because of the importance I attach to the Helsinki Final Act commitments, because of the terrible costs that are being paid by individual human beings, and because our overall relationship with the Soviets is seriously affected by human rights violations. Our Western countries have been working hard to find ways of dealing with the Soviet Union that enhance the chances for peace. Arms reduction negotiations are naturally a major focus of this effort. But I am convinced that human rights must be another, and for that reason we give it a central role in our discussions with the Soviets.

In some cases our talks with the Soviets have made us hopeful that progress is possible. Yet, at the same time, Soviet performance on human rights has deteriorated badly in several specific areas; one manifestation of this is the drastic cutback in the number of Jews and other Soviet minority groups permitted to emigrate. There is also evidence that a renewed anti-Semitic campaign is underway. The current repression of human rights points to a decision to eliminate ties between the Soviet people and the outside world that are not under the complete control of the authorities. This includes jamming of Western broadcasts, cutbacks in international telephone service, harassment of Western tourists who seek contact with Soviet citizens and the continued campaign of arrest and imprisonment of Soviets who express

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NLRRF06-004#23065 BY RW NARADA B 9/19/11 ideas not in keeping with official policy. Andrei Sakharov's exile to Gorkiy, the elimination of his direct contact with the outside world, and the difficulties his wife has experienced in Moscow symbolize this intensified atmosphere of repression.

I have, therefore, asked Ambassador Stoessel to give you our thoughts and to hear yours on how we might most effectively deal with the Soviets on this vital issue. He has an especially distinguished record of professional involvement in Soviet affairs, and no one is better qualified as an interlocutor. Ambassador Stoessel has my full confidence, and I know he will be worthy of yours.

Sincerely,

Rould Reagan

His Holiness Pope John Paul II Vatican City

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

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FROM:

PAULA DOBRIANSKY

SUBJECT:

Stoessel Mission on Soviet Human Rights Performance: Meeting at the Vatican

The Department of State has informed us that Ambassador Stoessel has been scheduled for a meeting at the Vatican with Cardinal Casaroli to discuss Soviet human rights performance and has requested that a Presidential letter be prepared for His Holiness Pope John Paul II.

A letter for signature is attached at Tab I.

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Presidential Letter at Tab I be signed.

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Attachment:

Tab I Presidential Letter

cc Jack Matlock Peter Sommer

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