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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 10, 1983

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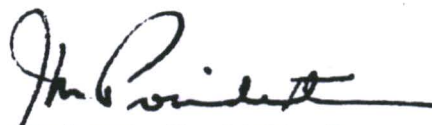
MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Official Travel to the USSR

I refer to Judge Clark's memorandum of September 15 on this topic. With the end of the Western airline boycott on service to the USSR, the need for U.S. official travelers to avoid air travel to the USSR no longer exists. That restriction and the requirement to clear or reclear official travel to the USSR with the Executive Secretary of the NSC are hereby rescinded. Standard travel clearance procedures remain in effect.

This directive does not affect policy forbidding use of the Soviet airline Aeroflot. U.S. officials remain responsible for avoiding use of Aeroflot on international routes, including flights to and from the USSR. This includes ensuring that unaccompanied baggage is routed so as to avoid transportation on Aeroflot.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:


Robert C. McFarlane

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

October 26, 1983

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

SIGNEDFROM: ROBERT H. LILAC *RLH*

SUBJECT: Official U.S. Government Travel to the USSR

On September 15, Judge Clark signed a memo (Tab III) requiring all departments and agencies to clear or reclear official visits to the USSR through the NSC Executive Secretary. The attached memo from Charlie Hill (Tab II) recommends a return to the standard travel clearance procedures in effect before September 15. The policy forbidding official use of the Soviet airline Aeroflot remains in effect.

State's suggestion is appropriate. In our review of travel requests, there have been none which violate our policy.

CLM *JC* *DF*
Matlock, Lenczowski, Fortier and Kimmitt concur.

Recommendation

That you sign the attached directive (Tab I) for the President rescinding the requirement for all official U.S. government travel to the USSR be approved by the NSC.

Approve *J* Disapprove

Attachments

Tab I - Directive
Tab II - Memo from Charlie Hill
Tab III - Memo Signed by Judge Clark

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 19, 1983

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Official Travel to the USSR

We are informed that as of October 8 all Western airlines serving the USSR had restored service to Moscow, following the expiration of the boycott applied in response to the KAL incident. It appears timely to modify the NSC instruction of September 15 to all agencies to clear or re-clear official visits to the USSR with the NSC Executive Secretary and to ensure that US officials not travel to the USSR by air. The rationale for the ban on air travel has now ended. It should be amended to forbid only the use of the Soviet airline Aeroflot for travel to and from the USSR. With that restriction made clear, it would also be appropriate to return to the standard travel clearance procedures in effect before September 15. A suggested instruction is attached.

Official use of Aeroflot on international routes should not be authorized while the ban on Aeroflot service to Canada remains in effect and the decision of the international pilots' unions on what action they will take awaits issuance of the ICAO report on the KAL incident. A decision on allowing resumption of official travel on Aeroflot international routes should be based on our evaluation of Soviet response to the recommendations in the ICAO final report, which may be issued in December.

*Charles Hill*Charles Hill
Executive SecretaryAttachment:
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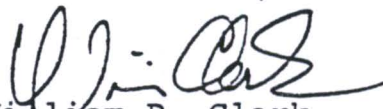
September 15, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Official U.S. Government Travel to the USSR

Effective immediately, all official travel by United States Government personnel to the Soviet Union is to be cleared (or recleared) by the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council. The NSC will submit the proposed travel request to the Department of State for review prior to clearance, and requests should be submitted in sufficient time to permit both State and NSC review. This clearance procedure applies both to intended travel and to travel already scheduled. While this procedure is in effect, personnel of the United States Government shall not fly into or out of the Soviet Union.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:


William P. Clark

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