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# WITHDRAWAL SHEET

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9290	MEMO	PIPES TO ALLEN RE CONVERSATION WITH AVITAL SHCHARANSKIY [ 5 - 5 ] <b>R 12/13/2007 F06-114/6</b>	1	9/10/1981	B1
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9293	MEMO	MRS. SHCHARANSKIY PHONE CALL TO PIPES ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 1981 [ 8 - 8 ] <b>R 12/13/2007 F06-114/6</b>	1	9/10/1981	B1
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9297	MEMO	SAME TEXT AS DOC #9294 [ 13 - 13 ] <b>R 12/13/2007 F06-114/6</b>	1	9/14/1981	B1
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AM-SHCHARANSKY " " " "

BY ARTHUR SPIEGELMAN

NEW YORK, SEPT 4, REUTER -- THE MOTHER OF IMPRISONED SOVIET JEWISH ACTIVIST ANATOLY SHCHARANSKY FEARS HE MAY BE DEAD, A RELATIVE SAID TODAY.

STAN SOLOMON, A COUSIN OF MR SHCHARANSKY, SAID THE FEARS HAD ARISEN BECAUSE THE FAMILY HAD NOT HEARD FROM HIM SINCE MAY.

MR SOLOMON, WHO HEADS THE CANADIAN COMMITTEE TO SAVE THE LIFE OF ANATOLY SHCHARANSKY, TOLD REUTERS THE DISSIDENT'S MOTHER, IDA MILGROM, DID NOT RECEIVE AN EXPECTED LETTER IN JULY AND HAD BEEN REBUFFED IN ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT HER SON.

"BASED ON THIS, SHE FEARS THAT HER SON MAY BE DEAD," MR SOLOMON SAID. HE SAID HE SPOKE TO MRS MILGROM, WHO LIVES IN MOSCOW, LAST NIGHT BY TELEPHONE FROM TORONTO.

SHE TOLD HIM SOVIET OFFICIALS CLAIMED THE JULY LETTER WAS LOST IN THE MAIL AND THEY REFUNDED HER THE COST OF POSTAGE. THEY ALSO REFUSED NUMEROUS REQUESTS BY HER TO SEE HER SON, EVEN IF ONLY AT A DISTANCE TO ASSURE HER HE WAS ALIVE.

SHCHARANSKY, 33, WHO IS SERVING A 13-YEAR PRISON TERM FOR TREASON, IS ALLOWED TO WRITE TO RELATIVES ONCE EVERY TWO MONTHS. RELATIVES SAY HE IS HELD IN A PUNISHMENT CELL IN THE PERM LABOR CAMP IN EASTERN RUSSIA AND IS IN FAILING HEALTH.

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DOCDATE 03 SEP 81

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KEYWORDS: USSR

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SHCHARANSKY, AVITAL

EMIGRATION

SCHARANSKY, ANATOLY

SUBJECT: CONVERSATION W/ SHCHARANSKY IN ISRAEL

ACTION: FOR RECORD PURPOSES

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 3, 1981

TO: Richard Allen

cc Ed Meese

FROM: Helene von Damm

SUBJECT: Avital Shcharansky

During our visit to Israel we had occasion to visit with Avital Shcharansky again. In a conversation with Ursula she inquired if the President or the Administration had any word on her husband. Evidently, when she met with the President he promised her to personally check into the situation.

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Helene —  
The matter is being looked into,  
and we will be in touch  
with Avital if there is  
anything to report. I'm  
sorry I can't go into  
details just now.  
EH  
09/09/81

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Comments: 9/9/81 NOTE FOR FILE:Original of Ms. von Damm's memo returned to her w/Mr.  
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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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September 10, 1981

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: RICHARD PIPES *N*

SUBJECT: Conversation with Avital Shcharansky

In response to your query (Tab I), I called Avital Shcharansky in Jerusalem this morning to learn if she had any news of her husband. She said she was just about to talk to Anatolii's mother in Moscow and would call me back. She telephoned at 2:00 p.m. to say that there was no news. The requests from Anatolii's mother to see officials who could give her information have been repeatedly turned down. He was supposed to have ended his term in solitary confinement on July 13. He has not been heard from for four and a half months and the worst is feared. (C)

Could one not seek information on this matter from Dobrynin or Bessmertnykh?

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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Dick Cignus

See RVA note.

Johnson

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Mrs. Shcharansky's call to Mr. Pipes on Thursday, September 10, 1981, 2:00 p.m. from Jerusalem, Israel.

She talked to her mother-in-law in Moscow...just a little while ago. The mother-in-law has had no news and thinks that something very bad has happened to her son in prison. Anatol's mother hasn't seen him for a year, has had no letters for four and a half months.

This week she tried very hard to be received by some Soviet authorities responsible for that and they would not see her -- and no answers on questions about her son.

Next week, Monday, she will try to go to the authorities again. She wants very much to see her son and writes many letters to the authorities asking to be given permission to see her son to be sure he is alive. She thinks it is important now to find out if he is alive and where he is since on July 13 he should have finished his solitary confinement sentence.

Nothing has been heard and this is what she said (the mother-in-law said).

Mrs. Shcharansky said, if there is anything you, Mr. Allen or the President can do, it would be very helpful.

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CY TO BRADY

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*update attached - also*

Comments:

## MEMORANDUM

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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September 14, 1981

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: RICHARD PIPES *RP*

SUBJECT: Anatolii Shcharanskii

I had a call today at 3:30 p.m. from Avital Shcharanskii. She talked to her mother-in-law who had received, at long last, a letter from her son. It is dated August 30 and written from the prison hospital. He had been confined there on August 26, suffering from blackouts, high blood pressure, and heart malfunction. Avital says that he had never suffered such symptoms before; it is the effect of nine months (!) of solitary confinement, which is due to terminate in early November. (According to Soviet law, six months solitary is the maximum term.) Avital thinks that the release of this letter may be a Soviet response to Anatolii's mother's announcement that she feared he was no longer alive. (C)

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*BT Mandelkern*  
*Alm*  
*9/17/81*

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## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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September 14, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: RICHARD PIPES *RP*  
SUBJECT: Shcharanskii

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1. Insisting on a visit by some neutral person to see Shcharanskii and determine the actual state of his health; and
2. Exchanging Shcharanskii for a Soviet spy in U.S. or South African custody; he implied that he had information that this was thought of but not implemented. (C)

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## MEMORANDUM

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## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

INFORMATION

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## MEMORANDUM

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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September 14, 1981

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## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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September 16, 1981

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: RICHARD PIPES *RP*

SUBJECT: Status Report on Anatolii Shcharanskii

As requested in your note (Tab II), at Tab I is a memorandum to the President apprising him of the latest information available regarding Anatolii Shcharanskii.

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward the memorandum at Tab I to the President.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachments:

Tab I Memorandum to the President  
Tab II Pipes to Allen memorandum of September 10.

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*GS 7/14/02*

## MEMORANDUM

## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Status Report on Anatolii Shcharanskii

Avital Shcharanskii, whom you met last May 28, had not heard from her imprisoned husband for four and half months. Her mother-in-law had no news either, her letters being returned. There was serious fear that Anatolii Shcharanskii was no longer alive. (C)

Fortunately, a few days ago Anatolii's mother received a long letter from her son, dated August 30, from which it transpires that he was hospitalized a few days before as a result of recurrent blackouts, high-blood pressure, and some heart problems. His wife tells us that he had never had such problems before and they are probably the result of his having spent nine months in solitary confinement (three months longer than Soviet law provides as the maximum incarceration in solitary). (C)

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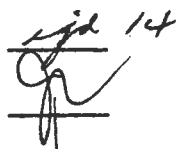


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Comments:

The letter has not yet gone. Please prepare a memo for President with this news. I'll take it up promptly.

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

September 10, 1981

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: RICHARD PIPES *N*

SUBJECT: Conversation with Avital Shcharansky

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Could one not seek information on this matter from Dobrynin or Bessmertnykh?

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Also prepare a memo  
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news. I'll  
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9/15/81*

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## MEMORANDUM

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

September 18, 1981

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM:

RICHARD PIPES *RP*

SUBJECT:

Cable from Avital Shcharanskii

The attached cable arrived from Avital Shcharanskii today. Apparently she was uncertain that the information she passed on to me on Monday, September 14, actually reached you.

Attachment

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JERUSALEM ISRAEL 1848 SEPT 16 1981

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

URGENTLY APPEALING TO YOU AT CRITICAL TIME.

AFTER FIVE MONTHS OF SILENCE LETTER FINALLY ARRIVED FROM MY  
HUSBAND ANATOLY SCHRANSKY REVEALING HOSPITALIZATION FOR  
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, HEART CONDITION EYESIGHT DETERIORATION  
LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION WITH SOVIET  
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AVITAL SCHRANSKY

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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September 21, 1981

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INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *Allen*

SUBJECT: Status Report on Anatolii Shcharanskii

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In light of the present state of your correspondence with Brezhnev (your handwritten letter on Shcharanskii was not sent), do you wish to raise the matter now? (C)

*- We should talk about this after the Haig - Gromyko meeting, RR*

- We should talk about this after the Haig-Gromyko meeting.

RR

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Review September 21, 1987

cc: Ed Meese  
Jim Baker  
Mike Deaver

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BY LOT NARA, DATE 12/3/07

## MEMORANDUM

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

September 18, 1981

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: RICHARD PIPES

SUBJECT: Cable from Avital Shcharanskii

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OK  
open memo to P  
is almost ready  
I edited it on  
Saturday, 9/19  
9/19/81



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## MEMORANDUM

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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September 16, 1981

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RECOMMENDATION

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Approve *As amended*Disapprove                     *Retyped*

## Attachments:

Tab I      Memorandum to the President  
Tab II     Pipes to Allen memorandum of September 10.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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INFORMATION

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Review September 16, 1987.

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## MEMORANDUM

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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you find out what  
the process is.

Thanks

J.

and ask President to  
approve at this time.

There are literally hundreds  
of these requests. Recommend  
Paula find out right procedure  
and have memo for RVA to  
send to proper place with  
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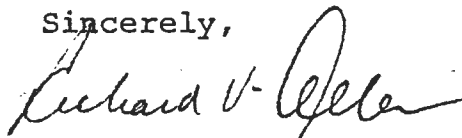
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sent to Charles Wick needs a  
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However do what you think  
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