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Shcharanskiy:
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 1, 1983

Dear Menachem:

I received your recent letter about Anatoliy Shcharanskiy. Like you I am deeply distressed by reports of his hunger strike and the refusal of Soviet authorities to permit him visitors. No words can properly express the tragedy of his long separation from his wife and family. We can only wonder at the courage exhibited by Anatoliy and his family in the face of continued Soviet persecution.

In October 1982, I sent a letter to President Brezhnev requesting that Mr. Shcharanskiy be permitted to communicate with his family and that he be released from prison and allowed to join his family in Israel.

As you know, Secretary Shultz also met with Mrs. Shcharanskiy last October, and the United States Government has continued to raise the Shcharanskiy case with the Soviet authorities repeatedly at every level. We have talked with the Soviets about this case since Mr. Andropov became General Secretary, but none of our appeals, whether on political or purely humanitarian grounds, has received a positive response. While I cannot at this time offer reason for optimism, let me assure you of my personal commitment to continue to use every possible means at our disposal which will help him. I join you, the Shcharanskiy family, and all of Anatoliy's supporters around the world in the hope that his oft-expressed prayer, "next year in Jerusalem," will soon become a reality.

Sincerely,

Ron

His Excellency
Menachem Begin
Prime Minister of Israel

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BY LOJ, NARA, DATE 12/13/07

REFERRAL

DATE: 02 FEB 83

MEMORANDUM FOR: STATE SECRETARIAT

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

TO: BEGIN, MENACHEM

SOURCE: PRESIDENT

DATE: 01 FEB 83

KEYWORDS: ISRAEL

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SHCHARANSKY, ANATOLY

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SHCHARANSKY, AVITAL

SUBJ: PRES 1 FEB LTR TO PM BEGIN RE SHCHARANSKIY

REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE:

COMMENTS:


FOR MICHAEL O WHEELER

STAFF SECRETARY

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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February 1, 1983

ACTION

SIGNED

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK *wpc*

SUBJECT: Begin Letter on Behalf
of Shcharanskiy

Issue

Whether to sign the letter at Tab A to Prime Minister Begin.

Facts

Prime Minister Begin has written to you at Tab B to ask that you "intercede most urgently with Chairman Andropov" to have Anatoliy Shcharanskiy released from prison or at least to permit visits by his family. Begin's request is at the behest of Anatoliy's wife, Avital Shcharanskiy.

Discussion

State does not believe, and I concur, that an appeal by you directly to Andropov would be a useful move at present. They prefer to hold off engaging you personally in these efforts until a later stage, when chances of movement may be greater than they appear now.

Therefore, your reply to Begin at Tab A contains assurances of our continuing efforts on Shcharanskiy's behalf, but does not commit you to make a personal appeal now. It leaves the door open to make such an appeal at a more propitious time.

The text of your letter has been cleared with the speechwriters.

Recommendation

OK No
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That you sign the letter to Prime Minister Begin at Tab A.

Attachments:

- Tab A Letter to Prime Minister Begin
- Tab B Begin's January 7 Letter

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BY RW MAR DATE 3/19/83

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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January 24, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: GEOFFREY KEMP *GK*

SUBJECT: Begin Letter to the President
on Behalf of Shcharanskiy

Prime Minister Begin has written to ask the President to "intercede most urgently with Chairman Andropov" to have Anatoliy Shcharanskiy released from prison or at least to permit visits by his family (Tab B). Begin's request is at the behest of Anatoliy's wife, Avital Shcharanskiy.

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State is now encouraging the Dutch to raise Shcharanskiy with the Soviets in dealing with Soviet requests for a new Consulate General at Rotterdam and considering new ways to keep the Soviets aware that releasing him would be received very positively here. They prefer to hold off engaging the President personally in these efforts until a later stage, when chances of movement may be greater than they appear now.

Therefore, the President's reply to Begin at Tab A contains assurances of our continuing efforts on Shcharanskiy's behalf, but does not commit the President to make a personal appeal now.

The text of the President's letter has been cleared with the speechwriters.

PD
Paula Dobriansky concurs.

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BY RW NARA DATE 3/19/13



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

SECRET January 18, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Begin Letter to the President on Behalf of Shcharanskiy

Prime Minister Begin has written to ask the President to "intercede most urgently with Chairman Andropov" to have Anatoliy Shcharanskiy released from prison or at least to permit visits by his family. Begin's request is at the behest of Anatoliy's wife, Avital Shcharanskiy.

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Therefore, we would recommend that the President's reply to Begin contain assurances of our continuing efforts on Shcharanskiy's behalf, but not commit the President to make a personal appeal now. We would also recommend that it leave the door open to make such an appeal at a more propitious time. A suggested reply is attached at Tab 1.

L. Paul Bremer, III
L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Department of State's suggested response.
2. Menachem Begin's January 7 letter to the President.
3. NSC-approved initiative.

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BY

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NADA DATE 12/12/77

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
SUGGESTED RESPONSE

Dear Menachem:

I received your recent letter about Anatoliy Shcharanskiy. Like you I am deeply distressed by reports of his hunger strike and the refusal of Soviet authorities to permit him visitors. No words can properly express the tragedy of his long separation from his wife and family. We can only wonder at the courage exhibited by Anatoliy and his family in the face of continued Soviet persecution.

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EMBASSY OF ISRAEL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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7 January 1983

Dear Mr. President:

I have been asked by Prime Minister Begin to transmit to you the following message:

"Dear Ron,

Permit me to turn to you with great urgency on a matter of a purely humanitarian nature.

This morning Avital Shcharansky, wife of Anatoly Shcharansky, came to see me after having spoken on the phone to Anatoly's family in Moscow. His life is now in real danger. For the last four months he has been on a hunger strike and even his eighty-year old mother is not allowed to see him.

It was with the deepest emotion a man can describe that I heard Avital's report, and hence do I presume to write to you. Her request and mine is that you intercede most urgently with Chairman Andropov and ask him either to order Anatoly Shcharansky's release or, at least, to enable his family to visit him in prison. This, now, is his demand for ending the hunger strike.

Please excuse me, dear Ron, for this unusual personal appeal, but it comes from the heart. It is, literally, a matter of life for the suffering man.

I thank you.

Yours respectfully and sincerely,

(sd.)
Menachem Begin"

Sincerely,

Moshe Arens
Ambassador

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

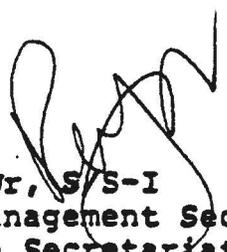
Washington, D.C. 20520

January 8, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR:Mr. Michael O. Wheeler
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL**SUBJECT:****Alerting NSC on Presidential
Correspondence**

**Enclosed is a copy of a letter to President
Reagan from Prime Minister Begin dated 1/7/83.**



**Director, S/S-I
Information Management Section
Executive Secretariat
ext. 23836**

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Moshe Arens
Ambassador

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506



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December 22, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER, III
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Shcharansky Case: Possible New Steps (U)

We have reviewed and concur with State's proposal that James Giffen, President of Armco International, be authorized on behalf of the Executive Branch to transmit a message to Arbatov about the Shcharansky case. The verbal message would state, "that the Executive Branch will do nothing to take propaganda advantage of any unilateral Soviet gesture to help Shcharansky's plight" and that "we will work with Congress and private groups to discourage commentary that the Soviets were forced to give in or that U.S. policies have triumphed." We also concur that Giffen indicate "if no White House meeting were made a condition of Shcharansky's release, this condition would be honored." However, as Giffen will be utilizing an "unofficial" channel, he should not make this or any other statement on behalf of the President -- only on behalf of the Executive Branch or the Administration. (C)

Michael O. Wheeler

Michael O. Wheeler
Staff Secretary

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Possible New Step to Help Anatoliy Shcharanskiy

Following on the President's letter to Brezhnev, there have been a number of official and unofficial U.S. attempts to raise with the Soviets the plight of imprisoned Soviet dissident Anatoliy Shcharanskiy. Unfortunately, these attempts have been almost uniformly rebuffed. In Madrid, Max Kampelman sent a letter on November 24 to Soviet delegation leader Kovalev requesting reconsideration of the Sakharov, Orlov and Shcharanskiy cases. The letter was returned. In Moscow, Senator Dole raised the Shcharanskiy case with USA/Canada Institute Director Arbatov, who rejected linking the case with other issues of interest to the Soviets. Also in Moscow, our Embassy attempted to pass a letter from Avital Shcharanskiy to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, asking that it be forwarded to Anatoliy Shcharanskiy. The letter was returned, with a note stating that our request to facilitate its delivery "was completely inappropriate."

The least negative signal on Shcharanskiy was given by Arbatov in conversations with members of the U.S. Trade and Economic Council (USTEC), which met in Moscow during mid-November. On that occasion, Arbatov said that he did not think that taking action on Shcharanskiy at this time was necessarily a good move since people would then argue that present U.S. policies were working. He also noted that dissidents, when let out, tended to make a lot of noise, and that the first thing that would happen if the Soviets released Shcharanskiy would be that he would meet in the White House with President Reagan. Arbatov said that if he were to approach someone who could release Shcharanskiy, he would need answers for these questions.

USTEC personnel could not, on that occasion, speak for the U.S. government, and therefore had no answers for Arbatov. In view of past Soviet performance on this issue, we doubt that, even if the USG does answer Arbatov's questions to his satisfaction, it would make much difference in the Shcharanskiy case. However, there is still a good reason for trying to get back to Arbatov. Avital Shcharanskiy recently met with Deputy Assistant Secretary for European Affairs Mark Palmer to ask whether -- in the wake of the Soviet leadership changes -- it wouldn't be a good time to take another initiative with the Soviet authorities on behalf of her husband. Specifically, her idea was that we send a "special

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emissary" (someone like Henry Kissinger) to talk to the Soviets about her husband. Palmer was understandably pessimistic about the prospects for such an effort, but agreed that the USG would consider the proposal.

We now understand that USTEC member James Giffen (President of Armo International) may be returning to Moscow before Christmas for business reasons. The Soviets have suggested that they would like to use USTEC Co-chairman C. William Verity as a "special channel" of communication to build towards a Reagan-Andropov summit and expanding trade. We have naturally warned USTEC officials that this Soviet line is not new and is probably just a ploy to probe U.S. policy intentions without commitment from the Soviet side.

However, the fact that the Soviets have themselves opened up this "special channel" does mean that messages should be able to go both ways, and it has the advantage of being not quite official in the Shcharanskiy case, since Verity raised the issue with Arbatov with our encouragement but not in the name of the Administration. We think it should be used to satisfy Mrs. Shcharanskiy's desire for additional efforts on behalf of her husband, and can be used for this single purpose without committing us to a broader and more durable extra-official "channel" to the Soviets of a type inappropriate to relations at this point. Accordingly, we recommend that the USG give Giffen a message to take to Arbatov on Shcharanskiy. We recommend that the message be that the Executive Branch will do nothing to take propaganda advantage of any unilateral Soviet gesture to help Shcharanskiy's plight, and we will work with Congress and private groups as well to discourage any commentary suggesting that the Soviet side was "forced" to give in or that U.S. policies have "triumphed." We would also recommend that Giffen be authorized to say, on behalf of the President, that if no White House meeting were made a condition of Shcharanskiy's release, this condition would be honored (in our informal contacts with Mrs. Shcharanskiy and the Israelis about possible conditions the Soviets might impose for Shcharanskiy's release, both parties have supported this strategy).

As noted, we do not think that such assurances, if passed to Arbatov, stand much chance of moving the Soviets on the Shcharanskiy issue. But we should at least be on record as having made our best effort to help Shcharanskiy. In doing this, we will have gone most of the way toward satisfying Mrs. Shcharanskiy's request, and we will have deprived the Soviets of the ability to reiterate the Arbatov arguments in any credible manner in the future.

L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

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INCOMING
TELEGRAM

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- END OF HUNGER STRIKE
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2. SUMMARY: EMBOFFS MET WITH ANATOLIY SHCHARANSKIY'S MOTHER IDA MILGROM ON MONDAY, FEB. 7. SHE HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY CORRESPONDENCE FROM HIM AND THUS CANNOT CONFIRM THAT HE HAS ABANDONED HIS HUNGER STRIKE. SHE HAS SENT A TELEGRAM TO ANDROPOV TO REQUEST HIS ASSISTANCE IN HOSPITALIZING HER SON AND LEARNING ABOUT HIS CONDITION. END SUMMARY

3. IN EMBOFFS' MEETING WITH MRS. MILGROM, SHE STATED THAT SHE HAS NOT YET RECEIVED FROM ANATOLIY A LETTER WHICH HE STATED THAT HE INTENDED TO SEND ON JANUARY 25. MRS. MILGROM BELIEVES THAT PRISON AUTHORITIES ARE HOLDING THIS LETTER.

4. MRS. MILGROM EMPHASIZED THAT SHE IS UNABLE TO SAY WHETHER ANATOLIY HAS IN FACT ENDED HIS HUNGER STRIKE. IN THE NOTE SHE RECEIVED FROM HIM (REFTEL) HE PROMISED TO END HIS HUNGER STRIKE ONLY AFTER HE RECEIVED CONFIRMATION THAT SHE HAD RECEIVED THE MESSAGE. MRS. MILGROM HAS NO IDEA HOW HER SON WOULD KNOW THAT SHE READ THE NOTE (AND SHE IS CERTAIN THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW THAT THE PRISON COMMANDANT CROSSED OUT PART OF IT BEFORE GIVING IT TO HER.) HER CONFIRMATION THAT ANATOLIY HAD ENDED THE HUNGER STRIKE WAS TO BE THE LETTER HE SAID HE WOULD MAIL ON JANUARY 25TH (VICE 26 IN REFTEL). SINCE THIS LETTER HAS NOT ARRIVED, SHE HAS NO CONCRETE INFORMATION ON HIS CONDITION AND WHETHER HE HAS ENDED HIS STRIKE.

5. MRS. MILGROM TOLD EMBOFFS THAT SHE WAS AWARE OF FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY CHIEF GEORGES MARCHAIS' STATEMENT

THAT ANDROPOV HAD INFORMED HIM THAT SHCHARANSKIY HAD ENDED HIS HUNGER STRIKE AND THAT HIS HEALTH WAS SATISFACTORY. SHE NOTED THAT ANDROPOV MIGHT HAVE BEEN TOLD THIS BY CAMP OFFICIALS AND THUS PASSED IT ALONG TO MARCHAIS. HOWEVER, SHE HOTLY DISPUTED THAT SHCHARANSKIY'S HEALTH IS SATISFACTORY. SHE REITERATED HER OPINION THAT THE FACT THAT SHCHARANSKIY WROTE TO HER AT ALL ABOUT HIS HEALTH MEANS THAT HE IS IN A BAD WAY. SHE RELATED THAT HIS HANDWRITING WAS RECOGNIZABLE, BUT VERY BAD, THAT OF A MAN WHO CAN BARELY HOLD A PENCIL AND MUST LABORIOUSLY FORM EACH LETTER. SHE RECALLED THAT IN HIS NOTE HE COMPLAINED OF "TERRIBLE DIZZINESS, ABSOLUTE WEAKNESS," HARDLY SIGNS OF ROBUST HEALTH.

6. SHE HAS WRITTEN TO THE PRISON ADMINISTRATION ASKING THAT HER SON BE HOSPITALIZED. DOCTORS IN KAZAN HAVE REFUSED TO TAKE ANY ACTION ON HER REQUEST, AND SHE IS PURSUING IT WITH CENTRAL PRISON AUTHORITIES IN MOSCOW. SHE HAS ALSO SENT A TELEGRAM TO ANDROPOV WITHIN THE LAST FEW DAYS, IN WHICH SHE REQUESTS HIS ASSISTANCE IN HOSPITALIZING HER SON AND ARRANGING FOR HER TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON THE STATE OF HIS HEALTH.

7. SHE STATED THAT SHE PLANS TO GO TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 TO ATTEMPT TO FIND OUT TO WHICH STAFFER HER TELEGRAM TO ANDROPOV WAS ROUTED. SHE THEN HOPES TO FOLLOW UP THERE ON HER REQUESTS. SHE PROMISED TO PHONE EMBOFFS IMMEDIATELY WITH ANY NEW INFORMATION ON THE CASE.

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SUBJECT: SAKHAROV'S WIFE SAYS HE IS PREPARED TO GO
- TO THE UNITED STATES
REFS: (A) MOSCOW 00854 (NOTAL), (B) STATE 032145 (NOTAL)
- (C) EXDIS STATE 035646

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. SUMMARY. SAKHAROV'S WIFE ELENA BONNER INFORMED US DURING A FEBRUARY 7 MEETING THAT HE IS READY TO GO TO THE UNITED STATES IF HIS EXIT FROM THE USSR CAN BE ARRANGED, CONFIRMED THAT SHE FORMALLY HAS APPLIED TO GO TO ITALY FOR TREATMENT OF HER EYES, AND SAID THAT SAKHAROV RECENTLY HAD SUSTAINED AN INJURY TO HIS BACK AND SHOULDER FROM A FALL ON AN ICY SIDEWALK IN GOR'KIY. WE BRIEFED BONNER ON THE BACKGROUND OF THE LEO SZILARD PRIZE TO BE AWARDED TO SAKHAROV THIS APRIL. END SUMMARY.

3. SAKHAROV'S PLANS. DURING A MEETING WITH ELENA BONNER ON FEBRUARY 7 IN HER APARTMENT, SHE INFORMED US THAT SAKHAROV IS READY TO COME TO THE U.S. IF HIS EXIT FROM THE USSR CAN BE ARRANGED. SHE SPOKE AS THOUGH THIS WERE A RESPONSE TO A QUESTION WHICH HAS BEEN PUT TO SAKHAROV, AND THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS EXIT CAN GO FORWARD, NOW THAT HE HAS GIVEN HIS CONSENT. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY EXISTING PLANS, AND BONNER WAS RELUCTANT TO ELABORATE. BONNER'S COMMENTS IN THIS REGARD ARE THE FIRST DIRECT INDICATION FROM SAKHAROV TO US SINCE HIS EXILE TO GOR'KIY THAT HE IS PREPARED TO LEAVE THE USSR EITHER TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY.

4. BONNER'S MEDICAL TREATMENT. BONNER SAID THAT THE CONDITION OF HER EYES HAD WORSENERED DURING HER MOST RECENT STAY IN GOR'KIY AND THAT, THEREFORE, SHE HAS DECIDED TO GO AHEAD AND SEEK TREATMENT IN ITALY. SINCE, AT OUR LAST MEETING WITH HER ON JANUARY 20, SHE HAD NOTED THAT SHE HAD AN APPLICATION TO TRAVEL THERE PENDING AT OVIR (REF A), HER COMMENT PRESUMABLY INDICATED THAT SHE HAS DECIDED TO BEGIN EXERTING THE SORT OF PRESSURE SHE PERCEIVES NECESSARY TO SECURE PERMISSION TO LEAVE.

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5. SAKHAROV'S HEALTH. BONNER MENTIONED THAT SAKHAROV RECENTLY HAD INJURED HIS SHOULDER AND BACK WHEN HE SLIPPED AND FELL WHILE WALKING ON AN ICY SIDEWALK IN GOR'KIY AND EVIDENTLY IS IN SOME PAIN. THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED WHILE SAKHAROV WAS GOING TO BUY A NEW LOCK FOR THEIR FRONT DOOR TO REPLACE THE ONE WHICH THE KGB RECENTLY HAD SMASHED. ALTHOUGH WE INTERPRET BONNER'S COMMENT TO MEAN THAT HE DID NOT SERIOUSLY INJURE HIMSELF, THIS INJURY PROBABLY HAS INCREASED HIS DEPRESSION.

6. LEO SZILARD PRIZE. WE BRIEFED BONNER ON THE BACKGROUND OF THE LEO SZILARD PRIZE IN PHYSICS AS OUTLINED IN REF B. BONNER DID NOT REQUEST ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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7. GENSCHER-GROMYKO DEMARCHE ON SAKHAROV. WE RECEIVED REF C ONLY AFTER MEETING WITH BONNER. THE FRG EMBASSY HAS NOT YET CONTACTED US ON THIS MATTER. SHOULD IT DO SO, WE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY LATER THIS WEEK TO INFORM BONNER ABOUT THE DEMARCHE.

8. BONNER'S TRAVEL PLANS. BONNER PLANS TO RETURN TO GOR'KIY ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO CELEBRATE HER BIRTHDAY (FEBRUARY 15) WITH SAKHAROV. SHE SAID THAT SHE WILL RETURN TO MOSCOW ON FEBRUARY 28 AND WILL SPEND MOST OF MARCH HERE, ADDING THAT SHE ALREADY HAD MADE A DENTAL APPOINTMENT FOR FEBRUARY 29 (SIC).
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TAGS: CSCE, HUM, UR
SUBJECT: MADRID CSCE: KGB REASSURES ANATOLIY
SHCHARANSKIY'S MOTHER
REF: A) MOSCOW 1534, B) MOSCOW 1572

1. ~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~ - ENTIRE TEXT
2. AVITAL SCHARANSKY TELEPHONED ME FROM JERUSALEM TUESDAY MORNING, FEB. 8, SAYING THAT SHE HAD JUST HEARD FROM IDA MILGROM IN MOSCOW, WHO SAID THAT A SENIOR KGB OFFICIAL HAD JUST SPOKEN TO HER IN CALM, POLITE AND THOUGHTFUL TONES. KGM MAN REPORTEDLY ASSURED HER THAT HER SON WAS IN GOOD HEALTH AND ASKED HER TO CALL AVITAL WITH THOSE ASSURANCES. HE APPARENTLY SUGGESTED THAT AVITAL REMAIN CALM AND QUIET.
3. AVITAL IS LEAVING IMMEDIATELY FOR PARIS AND HAS ASKED TO SEE ME EITHER HERE IN MADRID ON THURSDAY OR ON SUNDAY MORNING IN MUNICH, WHILE I AM AT THE WEHRKUNDE CONFERENCE. IF YOU HAVE ANY ADVICE FOR ME OR FOR HER, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. KAMPLEMAN
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SUBJECT: GENSCHER-GROMYKO DEMARCHE ON SAKHAROV

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1. ~~1.~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. FRG EMBASSY COUNSELOR JUERGEN WEISS CALLED ON EUR/SOV DEPUTY DIRECTOR COMBS ON FEBRUARY 4, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM BONN, TO INFORM THE USG "IN CONFIDENCE" THAT ON FEBRUARY 4 FRG FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER SENT A DEMARCHE TO SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO ON ANDREY SAKHAROV. WEISS SAID THAT THE DEMARCHE WAS IN RESPONSE TO INCREASING WEST GERMAN INTEREST IN THE SAKHAROV CASE, AND IN PARTICULAR BECAUSE THE ACTIVITIES OF WRITERS HEINRICH BOLL AND LEV KOPELEV ON BEHALF OF SAKHAROV. WEISS PROVIDED COMBS WITH THE TEXT OF THE DEMARCHE (SEE BELOW) AND NOTED THE FRG'S INTEREST IN ANY NEW INFORMATION THE USG MIGHT HAVE ON THE SAKHAROV CASE. COMBS REMARKED THAT EMBASSY OFFICERS WOULD PROBABLY BE MEETING WITH MRS. BONNER DURING THE FOLLOWING WEEK, AND THAT WE MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE THEN. WEISS SAID HE DID NOT KNOW IF

HIS GOVERNMENT WANTED US TO TELL BONNER ABOUT THE GENSCHER DEMARCHE, BUT IF SO THE FRG EMBASSY IN MOSCOW WOULD CONTACT THE US EMBASSY EARLY IN THE WEEK.

3. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE GENSCHER DEMARCHE:

QUOTE: MR. MINISTER,

I TURN TO YOU TODAY IN ORDER TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO REPORTS WHICH DEEPLY DISTURB ME, ON THE HEALTH OF ANDREJ SACHAROW, A MEMBER OF THE SOVIET ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. THE FATE OF THIS SOVIET SCIENTIST WHO IS RESPECTED WORLD-WIDE, STIRS GERMAN PUBLIC OPINION TO A HIGH EXTENT. FOLLOWING THE APPEAL FEDERAL CHANCELLOR KOHL RECENTLY MADE TO YOU, I SINCERELY AND URGENTLY ASK YOU TO USE YOUR INFLUENCE TOWARDS PERMITTING ACADEMY MEMBER SACHAROW TO MOVE TO A PLACE OF RESIDENCE OF HIS OWN CHOICE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE MEDICAL TREATMENT AND BE ABLE TO LIVE AND WORK IN PEACE. SUCH A HUMANITARIAN

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SEPTEMBER HE BEGAN A HUNGER STRIKE AND THERE IS WIDESPREAD CONCERN FOR HIS HEALTH.

MR. PYM CALLED FOR HIS RELEASE ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS AND THE MEETING WITH THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR LASTED 20 MINUTES.

IT IS UNUSUAL FOR THE FOREIGN OFFICE TO TAKE SUCH FIRM ACTION OVER THE FATE OF A FOREIGN CITIZEN, ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN OCCASIONS WHEN APPEALS FOR CLEMENCY HAVE BEEN MADE. HOWEVER, MRS. THATCHER HAS TAKEN A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE PLIGHT OF MR. SHCHARANSKY.

END QUOTE. LOUIS

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TAGS: SHUM, UR, UK
SUBJECT: FOREIGN OFFICE SUMMONS SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN
- PLEA FOR SHCHARANSKY
REF: MOSCOW 1572

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1. (C) ACCORDING TO FCO, FOREIGN SECRETARY PYM SUMMONED SOVIET AMBASSADOR VICTOR POPOV FOR A 20-MINUTE MEETING FEBRUARY 7 OUT OF HEIGHTENED CONCERN FOR SHCHARANSKY'S STATE OF HEALTH. PYM HAD PREVIOUSLY RAISED THE SHCHARANSKY CASE IN SEPTEMBER 1982, WITH POPOV IN LONDON AND WITH GROHYKO IN NEW YORK. THEIR DISCUSSIONS WERE NOT PUBLICIZED. FCO DECIDED TO PUBLICIZE THIS ONE TO DEMONSTRATE TO SHCHARANSKY'S SUPPORTERS, INCLUDING AVITAL SHCHARANSKY, THAT HIGH-LEVEL CONCERN CONTINUES.

2. (C) ON FEBRUARY 7, FCO LEARNED FROM THE WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN FOR SOVIET JEWRY, WHICH IS IN CONTACT WITH IDA MILGROM VIA AVITAL SHCHARANSKY, THAT SHCHARANSKY'S HUNGER STRIKE IS CONTINUING, EVEN THOUGH HIS MOTHER WISHES HE WOULD GIVE IT UP.

3. (C) ACTION REQUESTED: FCO HAS ASKED US FOR A COMPLETE UPDATE ON USG EFFORTS ON SHCHARANSKY'S BEHALF OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS.

4. (U) ON FEBRUARY 8 THE LONDON TIMES PUBLISHED THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE ON THE PYM-POPOV MEETING:

BEGIN QUOTE

BRITISH PLEA FOR SOVIET DISSIDENT
BY MICHAEL KNIPE

MR. VICTOR POPOV, THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR, WAS CALLED TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE YESTERDAY WHERE MR. FRANCIS PYM, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, ASKED HIM TO CONVEY TO HIS GOVERNMENT A REQUEST FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF MR. ANATOLY SHCHARANSKY, THE DISSIDENT COMPUTER SPECIALIST.

MR. SHCHARANSKY HAS SERVED FIVE YEARS OF A 13-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR ANTI-SOVIET AGITATION AND ESPIONAGE. IN

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REF: MOSCOW 1534

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3. ON 3 FEBRUARY IDA MILGROM, MOTHER OF ANATOLIY SHCHARANSKIY, WAS CALLED TO A MEETING AT CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE OFFICES. HER INTERLOCUTORS WERE "ALL KGB", WHO REPEATED TO HER THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ANDROPOV-MARCHAI'S MESSAGE ABOUT HER SON. SHCHARANSKIY, SHE WAS TOLD, WAS OFF HIS HUNGER STRIKE AND THERE WAS THEREFORE "NO ROOM FOR WORRY" ABOUT HIM.

4. THE SOVIET OFFICIALS STRESSED THAT THIS INFORMATION WAS RELIABLE AND THAT SHE SHOULD PASS THIS MESSAGE "ABROAD." THEY SAID THAT SHE MUST STOP THE "OUTSIDE NOISE" ABOUT ANATOLIY. MRS. MILGROM REPLIED THAT IT WAS NOT WITHIN HER POWER TO STOP THIS NOISE. SHE

REITERATED TO THE OFFICIALS HER REQUESTS THAT SHCHARANSKIY BE HOSPITALIZED AND THAT SHE BE PERMITTED TO VISIT HIM. DAM
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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR KAMPELMAN'S MEETING WITH AVITAL
SHCHARANSKIY

REF: MADRID 1423

CAP: FOR KAMPELMAN FROM PALMER

1. ~~(CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.)~~

2. AS I TOLD AVITAL PREVIOUSLY, WE ARE SOMEWHAT ENCOURAGED BY MOVEMENT WE HAVE SEEN -- BOTH ANDROPOV'S LETTER AND THE SOVIETS' PERMITTING THE EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES BETWEEN ANATOLIY AND MRS. MILGROM.

3. HOWEVER, WE REMAIN CAUTIOUS AND REALISTIC. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE SOVIETS ARE JUST TRYING TO STOP THE INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION BEING PAID TO ANATOLIY BY MAKING IT APPEAR THAT THEY ARE BEING MORE REASONABLE.

4. IF AVITAL ASKS WHETHER SHE SHOULD CONTINUE TO BRING PUBLIC ATTENTION TO ANATOLIY'S CASE, TELL HER THAT IT REMAINS OUR VIEW THAT SHE SHOULD PURSUE THESE EFFORTS AND THAT MOST USEFUL CURRENT FOCUS WOULD BE ON

OBTAINING LETTER FROM ANATOLIY TO HIS MOTHER THAT WOULD CONFIRM OR DENY THAT HE HAS ENDED HIS HUNGER STRIKE. WE ARE CONTINUING TO PRESS THROUGH VARIOUS CHANNNELS TO SEE WHETHER THE SOVIETS ARE REALLY SERIOUS. IF THEY ARE, AS SHE AND I HAVE DISCUSSED BEFORE, THEN WE WILL WISH TO REVIEW THE QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION.
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 16, 1983

Dear Mrs. Shcharansky:

I am writing to you to reaffirm my continuing concern and support for your husband Anatoly. Your recent message, and numerous reports emanating from the Soviet Union, have indicated that his situation remains grave. We are worried about his health and the conditions of his confinement.

We have been closely following recent events concerning Anatoly. As you know, some recent reports have suggested that there have been changes in his situation. I would like to hope that this means that favorable developments are underway. If so, they can only be welcome.

In my meeting with Jewish leaders on February 2, I reiterated my deep admiration for your husband. I want to assure you that my commitment to Anatoly's cause is unwavering, and that I remain willing to pursue every possible avenue to improve his situation and secure his freedom.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mrs. Avital Shcharansky
Sderot Herzl 34
Kiryat Moshe
Jerusalem, Israel

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DATE: 16 FEB 83

MEMORANDUM FOR: STATE SECRETARIAT

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION: TO: SHCHARANSKY, AVITAL

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FOR MICHAEL O WHEELER

STAFF SECRETARY

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 16, 1983

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Letter to Mrs. Shcharansky Regarding Her Husband

SIGNED

Avital Shcharansky, wife of imprisoned Anatoly Shcharansky (founder of the Moscow Helsinki Watch Group; martyr for the cause of Judaism and human rights in the USSR), sent you a cable (Tab B) stating that her husband's life is in grave danger and he is being force-fed every three days. Since receipt of her cable, the following developments have ensued:

- Mr. Shcharansky's mother, Mrs. Milgrom, received a note from her son stating that once he is certain she has obtained his message his hunger strike would be discontinued. As a confirmation that his strike has ended, Mrs. Milgrom was to receive a letter from Anatoly on January 25. Thus far, no such letter has arrived.
- In early February, French Communist Party Chief George Marchais mentioned that Andropov had informed him that Shcharansky had ended his hunger strike and his health was satisfactory.

However, to date, no concrete information has been obtained concerning Shcharansky's condition and whether he has ended the strike.

At Tab A is a proposed reply to Mrs. Shcharansky which expresses deep concern for her husband's plight and acknowledges recent developments. Speechwriters have cleared the text; State concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

OK No

That you sign the letter to Mrs. Shcharansky at Tab A.

Attachments:

Tab A Proposed letter to Mrs. Shcharansky
 Tab B Incoming cable, dated January 13, 1983

Prepared by:
 Paula Dobriansky

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

February 14, 1983

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: PAULA DOBRIANSKY ^{AD}SUBJECT: Request for President to Intercede on Behalf of
Anatoly Shcharansky

Mrs. Avital Shcharansky sent a cable to the President (Tab B) informing him that her husband's life is in grave danger and that he is being force-fed every three days. At Tab I is a memorandum from you to the President which forwards the cable and an amended State draft response (Tab A). The text has been cleared by speechwriters. State concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments:

Tab I Memorandum to the President
Tab A Proposed letter to Mrs. Shcharansky
Tab B Incoming cable, January 13, 1983



Washington, D.C. 20520

February 9, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter to the President on Behalf of
Anatoly Shcharansky

Enclosed is the suggested text of a reply from the President to Mrs. Avital Shcharansky on behalf of her husband, Anatoly, who is imprisoned in the Soviet Union. The proposed reply reiterates the President's firm commitment to do everything possible to help Anatoly Shcharansky.


L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Suggested Response.

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TAGS: SHUM, UR, US (SHCHARANSKIY, ANATOLIY)
SUBJECT: SHCHARANSKIY: POSSIBLE REQUEST FOR PARDON

REF: A) MADRID 1598; B) MOSCOW 1857

1. (~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.)
2. IT APPEARS TO US THAT WHAT KONDRASHEV HAS IN MIND IS AN APPEAL FOR CLEMENCY TO THE SUPREME SOVIET, THE STANDARD PROCEDURE THAT SOVIET PRISONERS USE TO SEEK RELEASE AFTER HAVING SERVED HALF OF THEIR SENTENCES. WE AGREE WITH THE EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT THAT SHCHARANSKIY FAMILY SHOULD FURTHER EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF A FORMAL REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY. WE EXPECT THAT SOVIET GOVERNMENT WILL ULTIMATELY REQUIRE THAT APPEAL BE SUBMITTED BY ANATOLIY, BUT WE CONSIDER DECISION ON HOW TO SUBMIT APPEAL RESTS SOLELY WITH FAMILY.
3. MEANWHILE WE WANT TO KEEP UP PRIVATE PRESSURE ON THE SOVIETS TO MOVE PROMPTLY AND WITH SOME FLEXIBILITY ON PARDON/CLEMENCY PROCEDURES. IN OUR VIEW USG STATEMENTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF SHCHARANSKIY. AT A TIME WHEN THERE MAY BE SOME MOVEMENT ON THE CASE ON THE SOVIET SIDE, WE WILL WANT TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT OUR STATEMENTS SO THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE A COUNTERPRODUCTIVE EFFECT.
4. SINCE SOVIET INTENTIONS REMAIN UNCLEAR, WE DO NOT THINK THAT WE SHOULD ADVISE SHCHARANSKIY'S FAMILY AND SUPPORTERS TO ESCHEW PUBLIC PRESSURE. AT THE SAME TIME, A PUBLIC CAMPAIGN THAT FOCUSED SPECIFICALLY ON A SUPREME SOVIET GRANT OF CLEMENCY MIGHT VERY WELL BACKFIRE, AND WE THINK THAT THIS CONCERN SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO THE FAMILY.
5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING EMBASSY MOSCOW'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE MORE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF A POSSIBLE REQUEST FOR PARDON OR CLEMENCY. SHCHARANSKIY'S ORIGINAL THIRTEEN-YEAR SENTENCE WOULD BE HALF-COMPLETED THIS COMING SEPTEMBER. HAS ANY

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ADDITIONAL SENTENCE BEEN IMPOSED SINCE HIS
INCARCERATION (E. G., WHEN HE WAS MOVED TO CHISTOPOL' IN
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PRISON, INSTEAD OF LABOR CAMP, BE COUNTED TOWARD HIS
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E. O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: SHUM, UR
SUBJECT: EMBOFF MEETS WITH LEONID SHCHARANSKIY

1. ~~(~~ - ENTIRE TEXT)
2. EMBOFF MET WITH LEONID SHCHARANSKIY EVENING OF JUNE 1. SHCHARANSKIY CLEARED UP CONFUSION ABOUT SEQUENCE OF COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT A POSSIBLE MEETING OF THE FAMILY WITH ANATOLIY:
-- IN EARLY TO MID-MAY IDA MILGROM RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE COMMANDANT OF CHISTOPOL' PRISON, WHERE ANATOLIY IS INCARCERATED, IN WHICH HE STATED THAT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING WITH ANATOLIY MIGHT TAKE PLACE AFTER JUNE 4. THE EXACT DATE OF SUCH A MEETING, WERE IT TO TAKE PLACE, WOULD BE CONFIRMED IN DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE WITH HER SON, ANATOLIY.
-- ON MAY 20 THE COMMANDANT SENT MRS. MILGROM A TELEGRAM WHICH STATED THAT, ACCORDING TO THE ESTABLISHED SCHEDULE, THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WITH HER SON WAS POSSIBLE AFTER JULY 4.
-- AS OF JUNE 1, NEITHER MILGROM NOR LEONID SHCHARANSKIY HAS RECEIVED ANY COMMUNICATIONS FROM ANATOLIY SINCE THE LETTER DATED APRIL 24 AND RECEIVED MAY 10.
3. EMBOFF ASSURED SHCHARANSKIY OF CONTINUING INTENSE U. S. INTEREST IN HIS BROTHER'S WELFARE AND RESOLUTION OF HIS SITUATION. LEONID PROMISED TO GET IN TOUCH AS SOON AS ANY NEW WORD WAS RECEIVED FROM ANATOLIY OR SOVIET AUTHORITIES.
4. COMMENT: BOTH LEONID SHCHARANSKIY AND FRIENDS WITH HIM AT THE MEETING BELIEVE THAT THE DATE JUNE 4 IN THE LETTER WAS A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR, AND THAT THE TELEGRAM WAS SENT TO CORRECT THE MISTAKE. SHCHARANSKIY'S FAMILY STILL INTENDS TO URGE HIM TO WRITE A LETTER REQUESTING COMMUTATION OF HIS SENTENCE, PROVIDING A MEETING CAN BE ARRANGED. WHILE THE JULY 4 DATE FOR A MEETING WITH ANATOLIY IS ONE THAT THE FAMILY HAS BEEN HEARING FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, THEY ARE STILL NOT ENTIRELY CONVINCED OF THE GOOD

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FAITH OF SOVIET AUTHORITIES. EMBOFFS WILL CONTINUE TO BE
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E. O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: SHUM, UR
SUBJECT: SOVIETS REFUSE CLEMENCY FOR SHCHARANSKIY
REF: STATE 183692 (NOTAL)

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2. SUMMARY: THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS TURNED DO
IDA MILGROM'S REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY FOR HER SON,
SHCHARANSKIY, ON THE GROUNDS OF THE SEVERITY OF HIS CRI
SHCHARANSKIY'S FAMILY WILL BE IN CHISTOPOL AND HOPE TO
MEET WITH ANATOLIY NEXT WEEK. HOWEVER, THEY WILL NOT BE
ABLE TO URGE ANATOLIY TO WRITE ANY LETTER REQUESTING
CLEMENCY ON HEALTH OR ANY OTHER GROUNDS, BECAUSE OF
WHAT THEY PERCEIVE AS SOVIET DOUBLE-DEALING IN THE CASE.
THE SOVIET ACTION CASTS SERIOUS DOUBT ON THE PROSPECT OF
ANY SOVIET GESTURE ON SHCHARANSKIY AS PART OF A CONCLUSION
OF THE MADRID MEETING. END SUMMARY.

3. EMBOFFS MET WITH LEONID SHCHARANSKIY THE AFTERNOON
OF THURSDAY, JUNE 30. HE SHOWED THEM A LETTER TO IDA
MILGROM WHICH HAD BEEN MAILED ON JUNE 9, AND ONLY
RECEIVED ON JUNE 29. THE ENVELOPE AND LETTER WERE
LABELLED "OFFICIAL BUSINESS" AND THE LETTER WAS SIGNED
BY THE CHIEF OF THE SECTION ON CLEMENCY OF THE PRESIDUM
OF THE SUPREME SOVIET OF THE RSFSR. THE LETTER STATED THAT
IN THE CASE OF ANATOLIY SHCHARANSKIY MRS. MILGROM'S
REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY COULD NOT BE GRANTED BECAUSE OF THE
SEVERITY OF THE CRIME.

4. LEONID STATED THAT HE BELIEVED THAT EVERYTHING THE
SOVIETS HAD BEEN SAYING SINCE LAST JANUARY ABOUT THE
POSSIBILITY OF ANATOLIY'S SENTENCE BEING REDUCED OR HIS
BEING RELEASED HAD ALL BEEN FOR SHOW. HE CITED THE
ANDROPOV LETTER TO MARCHAIS AND AMBASSADOR KAMPELMAN'S
CONVERSATIONS WITH KONDRASHEV AS EXAMPLES OF THIS POLICY
OF DECEIT. COMMENT: WE HAVE NEVER MENTIONED THE
KAMPELMAN-KONDRASHEV CONVERSATIONS WITH HIM, AND THIS
IS THE FIRST WE HAVE HEARD HIM SPEAK OF THEM. THE LAST
TIME WE MET LEONID HE ASKED US IF VIKTOR LOUIS WAS OUR

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5. LEONID STATED THAT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES HE AND HIS MOTHER WILL NOT RECOMMEND TO ANATOLIY THAT HE WRITE ANY LETTER ASKING FOR COMMUTATION OF HIS SENTENCE ON GROUNDS OF HEALTH. EMBOFF GAVE NO ADVICE FOR OR AGAINST THIS POSITION. LEONID PLANS TO GO TO KAZAN ON FRIDAY, JULY 1, TO JOIN HIS MOTHER, WHO HAS BEEN VACATIONING ON THE VOLGA NEAR CHISTOPOL. THEY HOPE NEXT WEEK THAT THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO HAVE THEIR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING WITH ANATOLIY.

6. LEONID NOTED THAT HE HAD RECENTLY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM ANATOLIY DATED JUNE 16. HIS BROTHER STATED THAT HIS HEALTH WAS A LITTLE BETTER, BUT THAT NOTHING SO FAR HAD BEEN DECIDED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OR DATES OF A MEETING. LEONID STATED THAT HE PLANS TO RETURN TO MOSCOW IN ANY CASE BY JULY 11, AND HE PROMISED AT THAT TIME TO GET IN TOUCH WITH EMBOFFS.

7. COMMENT: IT IS DIFFICULT NOT TO SEE THIS ACTION IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MADRID MEETING, AND IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT SHCHARANSKIY'S FREEDOM WILL BE ACHIEVED, IF AT ALL, THROUGH MEANS OTHER THAN AN APPEAL FOR SOVIET CLEMENCY. HOWEVER, IT IS REMOTELY POSSIBLE THAT THE PROBLEM HERE WAS THE FORM OF THE REQUEST, NAMELY THAT IT CAME FROM HIS MOTHER, MRS. MILGROM, AND NOT FROM SHCHARANSKIY HIMSELF. IF THAT IS THE CASE, WE ASSUME THAT SOVIET AUTHORITIES WILL FIND A WAY TO ADVISE LEONID AND MRS. MILGROM OF THE REQUIRED PROCEDURES, IF THEY ARE INDEED PERMITTED TO MEET WITH ANATOLIY. NONETHELESS, WE DO NOT FIND THIS LATEST NEWS A HOPEFUL SIGN, AND

WE THUS DID NOT OFFER ANY COMMENT OR ADVICE IN OUR CONVERSATION WITH LEONID. END COMMENT.
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E. O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: SHUM, UR
SUBJECT: SHCHARANSKIY MEETS WITH MOTHER AND BROTHER
REF: MOSCOW 8345

1. ~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AS EMBOFFS AND MEMBERS OF VISITING CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION WERE MEETING WITH MOSCOW REFUSENIKS AT THE APARTMENT OF ONE OF THEM IN THE EVENING OF JULY 5, THE WIFE OF ANATOLIY SHCHARANSKIY'S BROTHER LEONID TELEPHONED A FRIEND AT THE GATHERING TO SAY THAT LEONID AND HIS MOTHER IDA MILGROM HAD MET WITH ANATOLIY AT CHISTOPOL PRISON ON JULY 5. THE MEETING, ORIGINALLY EXPECTED TO OCCUR JULY 4, REPRESENTS THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL FAMILY VISIT IN OVER A YEAR. LEONID IS DUE TO RETURN TO MOSCOW IN A FEW DAYS, AT WHICH TIME WE WILL SEEK FURTHER DETAILS.
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SUBJECT: SHCHARANSKIY REFUSES TO REQUEST CLEMENCY
REF: (A) MOSCOW 8492, (B) MOSCOW 8345

1. (A) - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. SUMMARY. IN A JULY 5 MEETING WITH HIS MOTHER AND BROTHER, THE FIRST IN 18 MONTHS, ANATOLIY SHCHARANSKIY SAID HE CATEGORICALLY REFUSES TO REQUEST CLEMENCY ON ANY GROUNDS WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING HEALTH. HE SAID HE WAS BRUTALLY FORCE-FED AFTER BEING ON A HUNGER STRIKE FOR 110 DAYS, AND WAS TOO WEAK TO MEET HIS FAMILY AS SCHEDULED IN JANUARY 1983. HE VOWED TO RESUME HIS STRIKE IF EVER DENIED THE RIGHT TO CORRESPOND WITH HIS MOTHER. END SUMMARY.

3. EMBOFF MET JULY 7 WITH ANATOLIY SHCHARANSKIY'S MOTHER IDA MILGROM (PROTECT), WHO HAD JUST RETURNED TO MOSCOW FROM A JULY 5 MEETING WITH HER SON AT CHIS-
TOPOL' PRISON CAMP (REF A). MILGROM, ACCOMPANIED BY ANATOLIY'S BROTHER LEONID, MET WITH ANATOLIY FOR TWO HOURS IN THE PRESENCE OF A CAMP GUARD. THEY BRIEFED ANATOLIY ON INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS BEING MADE ON HIS BEHALF AND OF GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS IN HIS CASE SINCE THEIR LAST MEETING IN JANUARY 1982 (E. G., ANDROPOV'S LETTER TO FRENCH COMMUNIST LEADER GEORGE MARCHAIS). THEY URGED HIM, DESPITE THE RECENT CLEMENCY REFUSAL FROM THE RSFSR (REF B), TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER APPLYING FOR CLEMENCY ON THE BASIS OF POOR HEALTH. SHCHARANSKIY CATEGORICALLY REFUSED, SAYING THAT REGARDLESS OF THE RSFSR DENIAL, HE IS GUILTY OF NOTHING AND WILL NOT SEEK CLEMENCY ON ANY GROUNDS. IF THE AUTHORITIES DECIDE TO RELEASE HIM, HE NOTED, IT WILL BE A POLITICAL DECISION REQUIRING NO SUPPORT FROM HIM TO IMPLEMENT. WHILE HE WOULD WELCOME RELEASE, HE WILL NOT ACTIVELY PURSUE IT. HE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WISHES TO THANK ALL CONCERNED, GOVERNMENTS AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS, WHO HAVE TAKEN ACTIVE INTEREST IN HIS CASE. MRS. MILGROM TOLD EMBOFF SHE URGED HIM TO RECONSIDER, BUT DOUBTS HE WILL.

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4. SHCHARANSKIY TALKED IN DETAIL OF HIS HUNGER STRIKE, WHICH HE SAID LASTED A TOTAL OF 110 DAYS. HE SAID HE WAS BRUTALLY FORCE-FED AT ITS CONCLUSION, BEING BOUND HAND AND FOOT. A TUBE WAS FORCED INTO HIS THROAT, AND WHEN HE RESISTED EVEN THIS, ATTENDANTS CHOKED HIM UNTIL HE SWALLOWED THE TUBE. WHEN HIS FAMILY CAME TO VISIT HIM IN JANUARY 1983, THE VISIT WAS DENIED BECAUSE HE STILL WEIGHED ONLY 35 KILOGRAMS AND WAS TOO ILL TO MEET THEM. SINCE THEN, CAMP AUTHORITIES HAVE ALLOWED HIM ACCESS TO ADDITIONAL FOOD NORMALLY RESERVED ONLY FOR INMATES WHO FULFILL THEIR WORK NORMS. (BECAUSE OF HIS WEAKENED CONDITION, ANATOLIY SAID HE COMES NOWHERE NEAR HIS NORM.) HE NOW FEELS MUCH STRONGER AND WEIGHS 55 KILOGRAMS, BUT CONTINUES TO HAVE HEART PAINS.

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5. ANATOLIY SAID HE CONDUCTED A SECOND, BRIEF HUNGER STRIKE IN FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR. IT WAS "NOT FOR HIMSELF" BUT IN SOLIDARITY WITH ANOTHER CAUSE. CAMP OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, HAD STRICTLY FORBIDDEN HIM FROM DISCUSSING THAT OTHER MATTER WITH HIS FAMILY. HE SAID HE WILL CONDUCT YET ANOTHER STRIKE IF DENIED THE RIGHT TO CORRESPOND WITH HIS MOTHER. IF THREE MONTHS ELAPSES WITHOUT HER RECEIVING A LETTER, SHE SHOULD CONCLUDE THAT HE HAS BEEN DENIED PERMISSION TO WRITE AND HAS RESUMED HIS STRIKE.

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6. ANATOLIY NOTED THAT A KGB REPRESENTATIVE HAD COME TO HIM CLAIMING TO HAVE A MESSAGE FROM HIS MOTHER TO IMPROVE HIS BEHAVIOR IN CAMP TO HELP FACILITATE A FAMILY MEETING. ANATOLIY IMMEDIATELY DISMISSED THE MESSAGE AS A FRAUD. HIS MOTHER CONFIRMED THAT THE KGB HAD OFTEN TRIED TO GET HER TO SEND SUCH A MESSAGE

THROUGH THEM, BUT SHE HAD ALWAYS REFUSED TO EMPLOY SUCH INTERMEDIARIES.

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7. THE MEETING LASTED EXACTLY TWO HOURS, AND THE FAMILY WAS DIVIDED THROUGHOUT BY A PANE OF GLASS. MRS. MILGROM ASKED PERMISSION TO HUG HER SON AS SHE WAS LEAVING, BUT THE PRISON ATTENDANT REFUSED.

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2. SUMMARY: ANATOLIY SHCHARANSKIY'S MOTHER, IDA MILGROM, TOLD EMBOFF SATURDAY, JULY 9, THAT HE CATEGORICALLY REFUSES TO ASK SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO SHORTEN HIS SENTENCE FOR REASONS OF HEALTH ON THE GROUNDS THAT THIS WOULD CONSTITUTE AN ADMISSION OF GUILT, EVEN IF ONLY INDIRECT. MRS. MILGROM PLANS TO SUBMIT A NEW REQUEST ON MONDAY, JULY 11, TO THE USSR SUPREME SOVIET TO REDUCE ANATOLIY'S SENTENCE AND RELEASE HIM EARLY BECAUSE OF THE POOR STATE OF HIS HEALTH. END SUMMARY.

3. MRS. MILGROM ASKED TO MEET WITH POLOFF WHO IS SHORTLY DEPARTING FOR U. S. BECAUSE SHE STATED THAT SHE HAD A MESSAGE TO BE TAKEN BACK TO WASHINGTON. SHE SAID THAT SHE HAD TALKED BY TELEPHONE WITH AVITAL ON THURSDAY, JULY 7, AND HAD LEARNED THAT "PEOPLE IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT MISUNDERSTAND WHY ANATOLIY WILL NOT WRITE AN APPEAL TO THE SOVIETS TO SHORTEN HIS SENTENCE." MRS. MILGROM EXPLAINED THAT ANATOLIY IS NOT AFRAID OF BEING DECEIVED, BUT REFUSES TO WRITE SUCH AN APPEAL BECAUSE IT WOULD CONSTITUTE AN ADMISSION THAT HE IS GUILTY OF SOMETHING. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET OUT OF HIM SINCE HE WAS ARRESTED, AND HE REFUSES TO PROVIDE SOVIET AUTHORITIES WITH ANYTHING WHICH MIGHT BE USED AS PROOF THAT HE ACKNOWLEDGES HIS GUILT.

4. MRS. MILGROM AND ANATOLIY MAINTAINED THAT IF THE SOVIETS INDEED PLAN TO FREE HIM, THIS IS A POLITICAL DECISION WHICH CAN BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT A LETTER FROM HIM. MRS. MILGROM STATED THAT, IF A WRITTEN REQUEST WERE REALLY NECESSARY, SHE PLANNED IN ANY CASE TO SUBMIT A NEW APPEAL FOR ANATOLIY'S RELEASE TO THE SUPREME SOVIET ON MONDAY, JULY 11, AND THIS WOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO ACT UPON, IF THEY ARE REALLY DISPOSED TO DO SO. SHE NOTED THAT THE RSFSR SUPREME SOVIET HAD ALREADY OFFICIALLY CONSIDERED HER EARLIER APPEAL, DEMONSTRATING THAT SUCH AN APPEAL COULD SERVE AS A BASIS FOR SOVIET GOVERNMENTAL ACTION.

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5. MRS. MILGROM EXPRESSED ANEW FEARS ABOUT ANATOLIY' S HEALTH. SHE RECOUNTED THAT DURING THE COURSE OF THEIR TWO HOUR MEETING HE CONSTANTLY CLUTCHED AT HIS CHEST BECAUSE HIS HEART PAINS WERE SO BAD. SHE COMMENTED THAT HE ENTERED JAIL A NORMAL, HEALTHY YOUTH, BUT SIX YEARS OF CONTINUED PRESSURE HAD TURNED HIM INTO A TRULY SICK MAN.

6. MRS. MILGROM GAVE POLOFF A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF HER AND ANATOLIY' S POSITION, WHICH IS TRANSMITTED BELOW. POLOFF COMMENTED THAT THE U. S. HAD NOT LOST ALL HOPE THAT THE SOVIETS MIGHT MAKE A POSITIVE STEP IN ANATOLIY' S CASE, AND THAT SOVIET AUTHORITIES MIGHT DESIRE A LETTER FROM HIM IN ORDER TO PRESERVE AN OUTER APPEARANCE OF LEGALITY AND NORMALITY IN THE CASE, IN ORDER TO SAVE FACE. HE PROMISED TO COMMUNICATE MRS. MILGROM' S VIEWS TO WASHINGTON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

7. MRS. MILGROM' S STATEMENT (INFORMAL TRANSLATION) BEGIN TEXT:
THE STATE DEPARTMENT APPARENTLY CONSIDERS THAT ANATOLIY' S REFUSAL IS CONNECTED WITH THE FEAR THAT THEY (SOVIET AUTHORITIES) WILL DECEIVE HIM. I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND HIS POSITION AND EXPLAIN IT IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT. IN THE COURSE OF ALL THESE SIX-ODD YEARS--DURING THE INVESTIGATION, IN THE TRIAL, THE CAMP AND PRISON THEY HAVE PUT AND CONTINUE TO PUT PRESSURE ON TOLYA, TRYING TO OBTAIN FROM HIM IN ONE OR ANOTHER FORM AN ADMISSION OF HIS GUILT. (THIS WOULD MEAN) CONSEQUENTLY ALSO RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE USA LIED WHEN HE ANNOUNCED THAT SHCHARANSKIY NEVER WORKED FOR THE CIA. ANY STATEMENT BY MY SON ON EARLY RELEASE, NO MATTER WHAT IT WAS MOTIVATED

BY, WOULD END UP IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CLEMENCY AND WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY. AND THIS WOULD BE AN INDIRECT ADMISSION OF GUILT. AND FOR ANATOLIY THIS IS EXCLUDED. AT OUR MEETING HE STATED: EACH DAY OF MY STAY IN PRISON IS ILLEGAL. IN THE TRIAL HE STATED THAT HE HAD NOTHING TO SAY TO THE COURT SINCE IT WAS ONLY SIGNING A SENTENCE DRAWN UP EARLIER BY THE AUTHORITIES.

IF THE AUTHORITIES REALLY NEED A FORMAL PRETEXT FOR EARLY RELEASE, MY APPEAL FOR EARLY RELEASE OF MY SON ON THE
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SUBJECT: SHCHARANSKIY'S MOTHER WILL APPEAL FOR
GROUNDS OF HIS HEALTH IS COMPLETELY SUFFICIENT. THIS IS
CONFIRMED BY THE FACT THAT MY APPEAL WAS CONSIDERED BY
THE HIGHEST ORGAN--THE PRESIDUM OF THE SUPREME SOVIET
OF THE RSFSR AND A DECISION WAS TAKEN ON IT.

AS IT BECAME KNOWN TO ME IN THE MEETING WITH MY SON,
HE WAS VISITED BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE CENTRAL
KGB APPARATUS, WHO DID NOT UTTER A WORD ABOUT THE POS-
SIBILITY OF EARLY RELEASE BUT WANTED ONLY ONE THING--AN
ADMISSION OF MY SON'S GUILT. MOREOVER, HE USED THE FACT
OF HIS DISCUSSION WITH ME AS A RECOMMENDATION FROM ME.

I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT ANATOLIY'S REFUSAL TO
APPEAL FOR EARLY RELEASE IS NOT FROM FEAR OF BEING DE-
CEIVED, BUT IS A POSITION OF PRINCIPLE. HIS HONOR, THE
CONSCIENCE AND DIGNITY OF A TOTALLY INNOCENT MAN WILL NOT
PERMIT HIM TO CALL HIMSELF GUILTY, EVEN FOR THE SAKE OF
LIBERATION, EVEN TO SAVE HIS OWN LIFE. END TEXT.

8. COMMENT: SHCHARANSKIY'S DECISION ON THE ISSUE OF
A LETTER REQUESTING RELEASE SEEMS FIRM. ANY NEAR-TERM
APPROACH TO THE SOVIETS ON HIS BEHALF MIGHT BEST BE
BASED ON MRS. MILGROM'S APPEAL AS THE FORMAL BASIS FOR
HIS RELEASE.

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SUBJECT: ANATOLIY SHCHARANSKIY AND SOVIET INTEREST IN
A PERMANENT PRESENCE IN ROTTERDAM

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2. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS BECOME AWARE OF AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MEETING BETWEEN AVITAL SHCHARANSKIY AND- PRIME MINISTER LUBBERS ON JANUARY 13, AND IN POSSIBILITY THAT THE DUTCH DECISION ON SOVIET COMMERCIAL/CONSULAR PRESENCE IN ROTTERDAM MIGHT POSSIBLY BE USED TO ADVANCE OUR EFFORTS TO GAIN RELEASE OF IMPRISONED SOVIET DISSIDENT ANATOLIY SHCHARANSKIY. -
3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE MFA OFFICIAL AND MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS: -
 --AS YOU KNOW, WE AND OTHER ALLIES HAVE EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN IN NATO ABOUT THE SOVIET REQUEST TO ESTABLISH - COMMERCIAL/CONSULAR PRESENCE IN ROTTERDAM. --
 --WE WERE PLEASED TO LEARN OF YOUR DECISION NOT TO GRANT PERMISSION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONSULATE GENERAL, AND TO INITIATE INSTEAD A DISCUSSION WITH THE SOVIETS CONCERNING THE ADMISSION OF SOME SOVIET DIRECTORS TO WORK AT MIXED COMPANIES IN ROTTERDAM.
 --CONTINUING ALLIANCE SECURITY CONCERNS ABOUT A PERMANENT SOVIET PRESENCE IN ROTTERDAM REMAIN, HOWEVER, AND WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE ADMISSION OF SOME SOVIET DIRECTORS WILL TAKE THOSE CONCERNS FULLY INTO ACCOUNT.
 --SUCH "ADMISSIONS" ARE A SIGNIFICANT ADVANCE TOWARD A

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LONG-TERM SOVIET OBJECTIVE AND WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE NETHERLANDS MIGHT EXACT A SIMILARLY SIGNIFICANT CONCESSION FROM THE SOVIET UNION.

--IN THIS CONNECTION, WE UNDERSTAND THAT AVITAL SHCHARANSKIY MET WITH PRIME MINISTER LUBBERS ON THURSDAY. AS YOU ARE PROBABLY AWARE, SECRETARY SHULTZ MET WITH MRS. SHCHARANSKIY ON OCTOBER 16, SHORTLY AFTER HER HUSBAND ANATOLIY DECLARED AN INDEFINITE HUNGER STRIKE TO PROTEST HIS SOVIET JAILERS' REFUSAL TO ALLOW HIM CONTACT WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

--SINCE THEN, WE HAVE BEEN PURSUING A NUMBER OF AVENUES IN AN ATTEMPT TO HELP MR. SHCHARANSKIY--AND TO PERSUADE THE SOVIETS TO RELEASE HIM AND ALLOW HIM TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL.

--THEREFORE, WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE GON WOULD USE THE OPPORTUNITY OF DISCUSSIONS ABOUT A SOVIET ROTTERDAM PRESENCE TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF SHCHARANSKIY'S RELEASE AS A QUID PRO QUO, AND AS AN EXPRESSION OF SOVIET AWARENESS OF THE STRONG CONCERN AMONG THE DUTCH PEOPLE ABOUT THE FATE OF SHCHARANSKIY.

--SUCH AN APPROACH WOULD HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF DEMONSTRATING TO THE WORLD CONTINUING DUTCH AND WESTERN CONCERN FOR SOVIET HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AND COULD PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT IMPETUS FOR SOVIET MOVEMENT ON THE SHCHARANSKIY CASE. SHULTZ
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MOSCOW (AP) -- THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, RESPONDING TO NEW FOREIGN PRESSURE FOR THE RELEASE OF JEWISH DISSIDENT ANATOLY SHCHARANSKY, SAID MONDAY THAT HIS CONDUCT AND NOT FOREIGN OPINION WILL DETERMINE WHETHER HE IS FREED FROM PRISON.

THE STATEMENT, BY THE OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY TASS, ALSO CLAIMED THE UNITED STATES AND ITS CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY WERE BEHIND THE PLEAS FOR THE RELEASE OF THE 35-YEAR-OLD COMPUTER PROGRAMMER.

SHCHARANSKY BEGAN SERVING A 13-YEAR PRISON TERM IN 1978 AFTER BEING CONVICTED OF ESPIONAGE FOR THE UNITED STATES. ON SEPT. 27, HE BEGAN A HUNGER STRIKE BECAUSE HE WAS NOT ALLOWED TO EXCHANGE LETTERS WITH RELATIVES. HIS MOTHER REPORTED LAST WEEK THAT SHE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM HIM SAYING HE ENDED THE FAST JAN. 14 AFTER HE WAS ALLOWED TO RECEIVE A NOTE FROM HER.

'THE SO-CALLED SHCHARANSKY CASE HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS THE PRETEXT FOR THE LATEST SLANDER CAMPAIGN,' TASS SAID. 'WASHINGTON HAS COME UP WITH THIS SUBJECT, AND THE CIA IS EMBROIDERING ON IT. SO AT PRESENT BOTH PROFESSIONAL MISINFORMERS AND CERTAIN OFFICIALS ARE MAKING STATEMENTS NOW IN ONE NATO CAPITAL, NOW IN ANOTHER.

'SOVIET LEGISLATION, LIKE THE LAWS OF MANY OTHER COUNTRIES, DOES NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT PRISON TERMS MAY BE COMMUTED IN RESPONSE TO PLEAS FOR PARDON, BUT THE ONLY GROUNDS FOR PARDON MAY BE THE CONDUCT OF THE PRISONER, NOT VOCIFEROUS PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGNS AND ATTEMPTS OF PRESSURE FROM WITHOUT.'

THE STATEMENT SAID BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY FRANCIS PYM'S RECENT PLEA FOR SHCHARANSKY'S RELEASE ON HUMANE GROUNDS WAS HYPOCRITICAL.

'ONE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR WHAT 'HUMANE CONSIDERATIONS' MOTIVATED BRITAIN'S PRESENT-DAY CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT WHEN THEY CONDEMNED WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELID TO PAINFUL DEATH IN A HUNGER STRIKE 10 IRISH PRISONERS,' SAID TASS, REFERRING TO THE 10 IRISH NATIONALISTS WHO STARVED THEMSELVES TO DEATH IN BELFAST'S MAZE PRISON BECAUSE PRIME MINISTER MARGARET THATCHER'S GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT GRANT THEM THE PRIVILEGES OF POLITICAL-PRISONER STATUS.

TASS SAID LEADERS OF OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES CALLING FOR SHCHARANSKY'S RELEASE WERE PLAYING 'NAKED POLITICS' TO SCORE POINTS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

SHCHARANSKY APPLIED TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL IN 1973 BUT WAS TURNED DOWN ON THE GROUND THAT HIS COMPUTER TRAINING MADE HIM PRIVY TO SECRET INFORMATION. HIS WIFE, RUVITAL, WHO WAS ALLOWED TO EMIGRATE AND HAS BEEN CAMPAIGNING FOR HER HUSBAND'S RELEASE EVER SINCE, ASKED THE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET MONDAY TO APPEAL TO SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY CHIEF YURI ANDROPOV ON HIS BEHALF.

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