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WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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☐ O - OUTGOING☐ H - INTERNAL☐ I - INCOMINGDate Correspondence
Received (YY/MM/DD) 1 1Name of Correspondent: Wardlaw W. Doane, M.D.☐ MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: Suggestion that P invite Garbachev to visit
family & Samon the 1 month with Mrs. Reagan

ROUTE TO:

ACTION

DISPOSITION

Office/Agency (Staff Name)	Action Code	Tracking Date YY/MM/DD	Type of Response	Completion Date YY/MM/DD
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ACTION CODES:

A - Appropriate Action
C - Comment/Recommendation
D - Draft Response
F - Furnish Fact Sheet
to be used as Enclosure

I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary
R - Direct Reply w/Copy
S - For Signature
X - Interim Reply

DISPOSITION CODES:

A - Answered
B - Non-Special Referral
C - Completed
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Type of Response = Initials of Signer
Code = "A"
Completion Date = Date of Outgoing

Comments: Slate

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8527509

Date October 1, 1985

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Dr. Woolson W. Doane

Date: August 27, 1985 Subject: Suggests President invite Gorbachev's
to meet family of Samantha Smith with Mrs. Reagan.

WH Referral Dated: September 18, 1985 NSC ID# 345381
(if any)

 The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State.

Action Taken:

- A draft reply is attached.
- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- X An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.
- The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.
- Other.

Remarks:

for *Tim Collins*
Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 27, 1985

Dr. Woolson W. Doane
1265 Ruffner Road
Niskayana, NY 12309

Dear Dr. Doane:

I have been asked to respond to your August 27 letter to President Reagan suggesting that the U.S. Government invite General Secretary Gorbachev and his wife to meet with Mrs. Reagan and the family of Samantha Smith.

Although we find your suggestion interesting and share your desire to enhance peaceful relations between our country and the Soviet Union, we believe it would be impractical to extend such an invitation at this time.

Both we and the Soviet Union are now involved in extensive preparations for the November meeting in Geneva between President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev. Arranging a meeting of the kind you suggest would seriously interfere with our preparations for the November meeting. We believe that the cause of peace would best be served by sitting down with Soviet officials to map an agenda for our future relations. This is what we hope to do in Geneva.

Thank you for taking the time to share your views with us. We do appreciate hearing them. If we can be of further assistance in this or any matter, do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Louis D. Sell
Deputy Director for Bilateral Relations
Office of Soviet Union Affairs

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T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

SEPTEMBER 18, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 345381

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED AUGUST 27, 1985

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: DR. WOOLSON W. DOANE
1265 RUFFNER ROAD
NISKAYANA NY 12309

SUBJECT: SUGGESTION THAT PRESIDENT INVITE GORBACHEVS
TO MEET FAMILY OF SAMANTHA SMITH WITH
MRS. REAGAN

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE

(OR DRAFT) TO:

AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Scheduling

President Ronald Reagan
White House
Washington, DC

27 August 1985

Dear Mr. President,

The people of the world and historians, would long remember if you were to grasp the sad moment created by the untimely tragic death of a little ambassador of the people from Maine, Samantha Smith, and invite personally Mr Gorbichev and his wife to share a visit to Samantha Smith's mother with Mrs Reagan. This gesture of mourning would show her bereaved mother and the world that Samantha's efforts were not in vain.

Samantha's wish was for our peoples, Russian and Americans to communicate and try and resolve our differences.

For you to invite Mr Gorbechev to come to Maine and share this moment with Samantha's mother would prove to the World that great men are humane and caring even though they are World leaders. It would provide an opportunity for you to meet face to face without the expectation of significant accomplishments other than meeting man to man to share a common emotion of grief at the death of a child.

Antagonist have momentarily forgotten their differences during life's great events. Perhaps the meeting of the Reagans and Gorbechevs can spark a new beginning between our peoples. a personal dialogue could ensue. Great breakthroughs can wait for Geneva.

In this setting everyone can save face.

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WOOLSON W. DOANE, M.D.
1285 RUFFNER ROAD • NISKAYANA, NEW YORK 12309

If your joint visit to Samantha's home and mother could just happen, suddenly the two couples appear, without media brow-ha-ha the world's imagination would be captured for centuries to come.

I know the preponderance of political wisdom makes the suggestion ludicrous, but great moments are not planned and men of courage have seized opportunities on intuition.

I offer the idea as a hope that it could provide a catalyst which might initiate political breakthroughs that lead our world in new peaceful directions.

Thank you for your indulgence and attention.

Sincerely and
respectfully yours,
Woolson W. Doane, M.D.