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Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 85/11/14

Name of Correspondent: George J. Mitchell

☐ MI Mail Report

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8534780

Date December 9, 1985

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

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: The Honorable George J. Mitchell
Date: November 12, 1985 Subject: Requests the proposal of a Joint
Youth Exchange program as a memorial to Samantha Smith.

WH Referral Dated: November 25, 1985 NSC ID# 360588
(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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DEC 9 1955

Dear Senator Mitchell:

I have been asked to respond to your November 12 letter to the President proposing a youth exchange program as a memorial to Samantha Smith. I regret that your letter did not reach the Department in sufficient time to be able to bring it to the attention of the President's delegation prior to its departure for Geneva.

As you know, the President has proposed broadening the people-to-people contacts between Soviet and American citizens. The Geneva meeting dealt directly and positively with the President's proposals, many of which we hope to see come to fruition during the next several months.

Though we have not yet seen your proposed bill to establish the Samantha Smith Memorial Exchange Program, we look forward to receiving it and working with you and your staff on this issue which is of vital importance to the President and all Americans.

If I can be of further assistance to you in this or in any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes,

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

NOVEMBER 25, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ATTN: WILL BALL

ACTION REQUESTED:
APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 360588
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED NOVEMBER 12, 1985
TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN
FROM: THE HONORABLE GEORGE J. MITCHELL
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON DC 20510

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT YOU PROPOSE A JOINT YOUTH
EXCHANGE PROGRAM AS A MEMORIAL TO SAMANTHA
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"A COMMITMENT TO SUCH A PROGRAM WOULD SEND
AT LEAST ONE SMALL SIGNAL OF HOPE TO THE
WORLD."

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

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OKS*

November 19, 1985

Dear Senator Mitchell:

Thank you for your November 12 letter, cosigned by Senator Cohen, urging that the President propose a joint youth exchange program during his meetings with General Secretary Gorbachev in Geneva.

It was thoughtful of you to write and the President appreciated receiving your recommendation. You may be assured that your letter was brought to the attention of the President's foreign policy advisers and carefully noted during the final preparations for his departure to Geneva.

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We believe it important that the world see the Summit at least symbolically as a reaffirmation by our two nations of a commitment to peace. There is one proposal which we also believe could be readily agreed upon and provide such a symbolic achievement.

Over the last three months, Maine residents and other Americans have written us to suggest ideas for a suitable memorial for Samantha Smith---the young Maine girl who visited the Soviet Union in 1983 on a quest for peace, and whose life was tragically cut short this past summer. One such idea was to establish a memorial youth exchange program with the Soviet Union.

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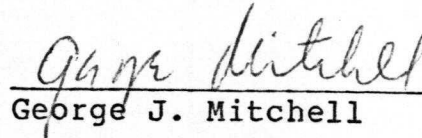
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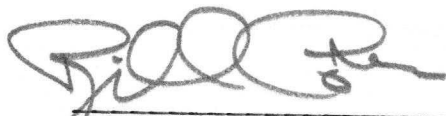
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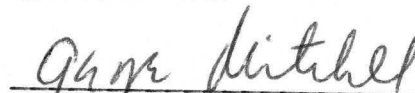
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