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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

PA002

DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 07, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE WILLIAM S. COHEN

SUBJECT: WRITES ON BEHALF OF MR. RAYMOND BANVARD
REGARDING THE LACK OF ADMINISTRATION
REPRESENTATION AT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR
SAMANTHA SMITH

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MANAGEMENT.

October 2, 1985

Dear Senator Cohen:

This is to acknowledge your letter on behalf of Mr. Raymond Banvard, who would like to know why the Administration was not officially represented at Samantha Smith's funeral.

The issue of sending a delegate was never raised or discussed, as Ms. Smith was a private citizen and not a representative of the U.S. Government. However, the President and Mrs. Reagan sent personal expressions of sympathy to the family.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

M. B. Oglesby, Jr.
Assistant to the President

The Honorable William S. Cohen
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

MLF:KRJ:MDB

cc: Patty Presock (VP's office) - FYI

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 4, 1985

Mr. M.B. Oglesby
Assistant to the President for
Legislative Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear "B":

A constituent of mine, Mr. Raymond Banvard, contacted my office recently to express anger over the lack of Administration representation at the memorial service for Samantha Smith. Mr. Banvard took note of Soviet representation and participation in the service.

Because of my desire to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, I would appreciate your consideration of, and response to, Mr. Banvard's expression of view.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

William S. Cohen
United States Senator

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Mike Guest

State Soviet Desk

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State expressed sympathy
to family & noted
tragedy of situation

Private citizen was not representative of U.S.
Government therefore

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