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Received (YY/MM/DD)83, 05, 26

Name of Correspondent:

Donald K. Telts☐ MI Mail Report

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Subject:

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June 1, 1983

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The United States and its allies have made it absolutely clear to the U.S.S.R. that we desire cooperative and stable relations. We have communicated our views to the Soviet government at all levels, and we are engaged in a variety of negotiations with the Soviets on arms control, economic issues, and a wide variety of other topics -- so each side is aware of the other's concerns. A meeting between the President and General Secretary Andropov could be useful if it were well prepared and promised to achieve concrete objectives. What is truly needed at this point are concrete actions, not just rhetoric and publicity ploys, if there is to be a positive change in our relations. We have made that clear to the Soviet leadership.

Viewed realistically, the issues on which the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. disagree are complex ones that are not subject to resolution with a few bold diplomatic strokes. We have no illusions on that point. But we are determined to pursue our dialogue with the Soviet government and reach mutually satisfactory understandings on the problems that face us.

I hope that this information contributes to your understanding of the issues, and I thank you again for sharing your views with us.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins
Special Assistant to the President
and Director of Correspondence

Mr. and Mrs. Donald K. Jelks
1005 Mojave Trail
Maitland, FL 32751

✓ cc: Donovan, Room 94

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

May 24, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM: ROBERT M. KIMMITT *RMK*
SUBJECT: Response to Mr. and Mrs. Donald K. Jelks

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8314335

Date May 23, 1983

For: Mr. William P. Clark
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: The President From: Mr. and Mrs. Donald K. Jelks

Date: 4/26/83 Subject: Suggests that Samantha Smith
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WH Referral Dated: 5/10/83 NSC ID# 142046
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Department of State.

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 We believe no response is necessary for the reason
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proposed travel.
 Other.

Remarks:

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MAY 10, 1983

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF ANNE HIGGINS

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MEDIA: MAILGRAM, DATED APRIL 26, 1983

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

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*Samantha Smith - invitation
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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500

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FROM HILL, C

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JELKS, DONALD K

26 APR 83

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