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May 20, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ The Secretary of State

SUBJECT:

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This favorable result came about largely as a result of the cooperative efforts of the U.S. and Jamaican Governments, and particularly the result of the cooperation and creativity of the Department of State. I am writing to express my appreciation for the extremely effective assistance of your Department.

Please let those responsible know how much we appreciate their efforts, and that we very much value their advice and assistance as we move to follow-up in the months ahead.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE M. PETER McPHERSON
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Robert C. McFarland

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

ROBERT C. McFARLANE

SUBJECT:

First Ladies Conference on Drug Abuse

<u>Issue</u>

Reaction to the First Ladies Conference.

Facts

The First Ladies Conference has been widely acclaimed as a major triumph. The Conference has had several positive results including increased activities of the First Ladies in the area of drug prevention; a heightened awareness of the narcotics issue and the dangers of drugs in producer and consumer nations; and a recognition that producing and consumer nations must share the responsibility of the drug epidemic which now threatens all nations.

Attached are two summary documents prepared by State Department on public and private reactions to the conference. The first document (Tab A) is an overview of public and private reaction. The second (Tab B) summarizes material in the public domain which the First Lady could use publicly.

Recommendation

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That you review the attached summary documents on reactions to the First Ladies Conference.

Attachments

Tab A Overview of Public and Private Reaction

B Summary of material First Lady could use publicly

Prepared by: William F. Martin

> cc Vice President Don Regan Pat Buchanan James Rosebush

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SUMMARY REPORT OF REACTIONS TO FIRST LADIES CONFERENCE ON DRUG ABUSE

The Bureau of International Narcotics Matters in the Department of State cabled posts in the seventeen nations represented at the First Ladies Conference for private and press reaction to the Conference. The reaction has been overwhelmingly positive, with all seventeen First Ladies expressing enthusiasm and gratitude for their participation in the Conference. The Conference has been universally viewed as a catalyst for further intensifying drug prevention efforts in the participating nations, a development which is welcomed by opinion leaders and the press in those nations.

The unity displayed at the Summit by the seven world leaders when they discussed the issue of international narcotics trafficking and control has been attributed in large part to the climate created by the First Ladies Conference.

Positive European reaction to the Conference was evidenced in the public statements of Mrs. Craxi during the First Lady's visit to Italy, and in Mrs. Eanes's participation in the parents meeting during Mrs. Reagan's trip to Portugal. FRG First Lady Frau Von Weizsaecker has also expressed appreciation for Mrs. Reagan's invitation to participate in the Conference. The Norwegian press published eleven articles on Mrs. Willoch's Conference participation, and the independent conservative publication "Aftenposten" devoted a full page to the Conference. This article praised Mrs. Reagan's "strong and sincere involvement" in the drug issue, and chronicled the events of the two days in detail. Mrs. Fitzgerald of Ireland has taken several initiatives since her recent return to Ireland including requests for meetings with Ministry of Health offices to discuss the Conference. She has also promised to make drug abuse her number one theme during her remaining time as the wife of the Prime Minister.

In Pakistan, President Zia called the Conference "a constructive initiative", and Begum Zia's address to the Conference received a great deal of attention in the Pakistani press. The publication "Paktimes" stated that the heroin addiction problem in Pakistan is growing and called the production of heroin in that nation "a damning fact."

Dr. Siti Hasmah of Malaysia has redoubled her efforts to involve the private sector in drug prevention. Press coverage of the Conference in Malaysia was tremendous, and television and newspapers featured Dr. Hasmah's participation in the Conference prominently. Immediately upon her return to Malaysia, Dr. Hasmah spoke on several occasions about the need for parents and children to work together to stop drug abuse in Malaysia.

Latin American reaction to the Conference was also very encouraging. In addition to the favorable press coverage that the event received, the Conference seems to have provided the First Ladies with an impetus for increased drug prevention activities in their own nations. Upon Mrs. Siles's return to Bolivia, she spoke to Bolivian religious, civic and government figures at a meeting in the Presidential Palace and annonced her intention to organize a "National Crusade to Fight Drug Addiction." She was firm in her commitment to convince Bolivians about the dangers of cocaine, and in her desire to keep the new crusade as a non-govermental initiative. The Colombian press praised the Conference, with the daily paper "El Tiempo" calling the Conference "historic" and another newspaper, the "Occidente" stating that the Conference was "a positive step towards confronting drug addiction." Much of the press coverage in Colombia coincided with the first anniversary of the assasination of the Minister of Justice, Lara Bonilla, and anti-drug sentiment was running high. Mrs. Febres Cordero told the Ecuadoran press that her presence at the Conference reflected her nation's commitment to controlling narcotics, and she urged consumer and producer nations to work together towards the development of systematic and coordinated controls on narcotics.

Press coverage of the Conference in Panama was extensive and many photos of Mrs. Barletta and Mrs. Reagan appeared in both Spanish and English newspapers. Argentine coverage of the Conference was moderate to heavy, and it is believed that Mrs. Alfonsin will play an active role in mobilizing private and community groups in the anti-drug effort. Mrs. de la Madrid's statements and participation in the First Ladies Conference were widely covered in Mexico, and her statement that the use of drugs "endagers the destiny of mankind" was especially carried by the press.

Jamaican reaction to the Conference was encouraging since the Jamaican press coverage of Mrs. Seaga's participation is considered critical in raising the awareness of the Jamaican population to the dangers of drugs. Mrs. Seaga has announced a new public awareness campaign which will commence in July, and is quoted as calling for an "international pool of experts" to "boost public education and public awareness programmes in those countries in need of technical assistance."

Mrs. Mulroney of Canada reacted strongly to the presentation made by Robin Page, and during an interview, called drugs a "common enemy." Because she is expecting a baby in September, Mrs. Mulroney is precluded from making further commitments, but it is expected that she will be quite active in the drug education area in the future.

Mrs. Nakasone of Japan expressed her appreciation to Mrs. Reagan for the opportunity to help raise the consciousness of the Japanese about the evils of drug abuse. The First Lady from Mauritius, Mrs. Jugnauth, will be asked to become the Honorary President of a newly-formed umbrella organization of volunteer groups working in the drug field in Mauritius. The organization called ALARM, includes UNICEF, the Lions Club, Joint Child Health Project and other drug rehabilition projects. Mrs. Jugnauth was very enthusiastic about the Conference and during her stay in the United States she met with State Department representatives and conducted several interviews.

In general, the Conference has had several positive results including increased activities of the First Ladies in the area of drug prevention; a heightened awareness of the narcotics issue and the dangers of drugs in producer and consumer nations; and a recognition that producing and consumer nations must share the responsibility the drug epidemic which now threatens all nations.

The following are unclassified reactions to the First Ladies Conference on Drug Abuse.

BOLIVIA: Upon her return to Bolivia, Mrs. Siles launched a "National Crusade to Fight Drug Addiction" at a meeting of eighty religious, civic and government leaders in the Presidential Palace.

CANADA: Mrs. Mulroney appeared on the CBS Morning News on April 24 and in an interview with Phyllis George, and gave several press interviews where she said that she was particularly touched by Robin Page's story. The Canadian press stated that Mrs. Mulroney "praised her (Robin) for her courage in publicly relieving her agony for the benefit of the conference" and "told her counterparts Canada had made some progress in reducing drug abuse with the help of education programs."

COLOMBIA: The newspaper "Occidente" (Cali, Colombia), in an editorial, praised the Conference as "a positive step towards confronting drug addiction." "El Tiempo," the Bogota daily, praised the First Ladies of all the nations in attendance, and stated that the First Ladies Conference was a "very special way" to get worldwide cooperation and organization.

ECUADOR: Mrs. Febres Cordero, in her interviews to the press, stated that while drug addiction was not a major problem in Ecuador, her attendance at the First Ladies Conference illustrated the Government of Ecuador's commitment to attacking drug trafficking. She also stated that the drug problem must be confronted by the consuming countries as well as the producing countries and that systematic and coordinated controls must be established.

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY: In a letter to the American Embassy in Bonn, Mrs. von Weizsaecker's principal private secretary stated that "Many important impulses to the work of parents groups in the Federal Republic of Germany will be able to flow from the Conference."

JAMAICA: Mrs. Seaga is quoted by the Jamaica Press as saying "I should like to propose that on an international scale resources be identified from which an international pool of experts could be financed to undertake lecture tours to boost public education and public awareness programmes of those countries in need of technical assistance." She is also quoted as saying that the drug problem is "of grave international dimensions" and needs "the tenacity and courage of will of the entire international community to deal with it." The press reported that "Mrs. Seaga said that she hoped the Conference would not only provide a means for the interchange of ideas and the promotion of efforts of the various countries, but will also increase international cooperation on drug abuse and narcotic related matters."

<u>JAPAN:</u> Mrs. Nakasone in her comments to the press emphasized her concern over raising Japan's consciousness of the evils of drug abuse and picked up the theme of a 'mother-to-mother' approach to the issue.

MALAYSIA: In her statements to the press regarding the Conference, Dr. Siti Hasmah said that "Parents should inform their children on the dangers of drugs and instill in them the courage to say no to any offers to try any form of narcotics, while teachers could give lectures on the effects of drugs to their pupils." At a fundraiser for a drug rehabilitation center, Dr. Hasmah repeated this theme and urged parents to work with their children to develop qualities of inner strength to enable them to say 'no' when confronted with the temptation of drugs.

MEXICO: Mrs. de la Madrid is quoted as saying that the use of drugs "endagers the destiny of mankind." The Mexican newspaper "El Nacional" ran an editorial which stated that the First Ladies Conference was an "unexpected but mostly significant meeting...This is the first time that the wives of state leaders publicly have discussed an issue concerning all world countries because of its social implications. Mexico's First Lady stressed the importance of the PRIDE meeting, noting that the exhchange of information and the struggle against drugs are major paths to reach solutions applicable to different countries. As a spokesman for Mexico, she emphasized the enormous national concern regarding drug abuse, particularly with respect to youth."

PAKISTAN: Begum Zia told the Pakistani press that her husband was "doing his level best to weed out narcotics from Pakistan although we have not been able to fully control it." A favorable editorial appeared in Paktimes which stated "This mother-to-mother conference...gave an opportunity to eighteen First Ladies from all over the world, including Pakistan's Begum Zia-ul-Haq to discuss this menace. It is relevant that the venue of this Conference was the USA which has become the world's biggest market for drugs with about 4.3 metric tons of heroin smuggled into the country in 1980...added to this unfortunate situation is the damning fact that Pakistan is a member of the Golden Crescent of countries which are responsible for the largest illegal heroin production in the world..."

PANAMA: On April 29, the Government-owned newspaper "Matutino" carried an editorial which said that Mrs. Reagan's effort in raising world consciousness about the drug problem is "praiseworthy". That same newspaper also published an article stating "The Panamanian First Lady's visit to Washington, where she took part in an important meeting regarding the drug problem that affects our youth, will be of great benefit to our new generations that face serious problems in their lives...there must be a movement that can influence health, education and social structures to teach our population on the variety of drug abuse problems..."

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION May 23, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

WILLIAM F. MARTIN W.F. FROM:

SIGNED

SUBJECT:

First Ladies Conference on Drug Abuse

Attached is a package for the President on reactions to the First Ladies Conference on Drug Abuse.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign memo to the President at Tab I forwarding this package on the First Ladies Conference on Drug Abuse.

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Attachments

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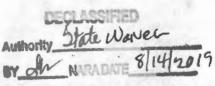
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May 22, 1985



MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. McFARLANE THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: First Ladies Conference - Reaction

The attached telegram from Dublin reports the reaction (termed as "ecstatic") of Mrs. FitzGerald of Ireland to the Conference, as well as her planned follow up activities, and should be brought to the attention of Mrs. Reagan.

Ireland was the only country participating in the Conference from which a reaction telegram had not been received.

Nicholas Platt Executive Secretary

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- 3. EVEN THOUGH ONLY BACK IN DUBLIN SINCE THE 14TH, SHE HAS, ACCORDING TO LIAM FLANAGAN, PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF MEALTH, ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH AT LEAST THREE OFFICES IN HIS MINISTRY ASKING FOR MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS. IN ADDITION SHE HAS TELEPHONED JIM CUMBERTON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF IRELAND'S MAJOR DRUG REHABILITATION PROGRAM (SLATED IN OCTOBER TO BECOME THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF THERPEUTIC COMMUNITIES) AND ASKED FOR A MEETING WITH HIS BOARD.
- 4. IN SUM, IT IS QUITE APPARENT THAT MRS FITZGERALD'S ACTIVITIES AT THIS CONFERENCE HAS HAD AN IMPORTANT IMPACT UPON HER AND WE SUSPECT THIS IN TURN WILL HAVE A VERY POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE DRUG PROGRAM IN IRELAND IN GENERAL. PRESS COVERAGE OF MRS FITZGERALD'S ATTENDANCE AT THE FIRST LADIES CONFERENCE WAS NOT EXTENSIVE BUT ALL OF THE MAJOR DAILIES RAN AT LEAST ONE STORY ON THE CONFERENCE AND RTE (NATIONAL RADIO TELEVISION NETWORK) COVERED THE STORY BOTH ON RADIO AND TELEVISION. IN ALL CASES

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. McFARLANE THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject:

Request for Material that the President and Mrs. Reagan could Use in Public Comments on the First Ladies Conference on Drug Abuse

The President and Mrs. Reagan have requested reactions from the First Ladies attending the Conference on Drug Abuse which could be used publicly. The Bureau of International Narcotics Matters cabled the posts of the seventeen nations represented at the First Ladies Conference for press and private reactions. The public reactions are attached; some quotes are from the First Ladies themselves, and others are from the press.

Nicholas Platt Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. McFARLANE THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Request for Summary Report on Reactions to First Ladies Conference on Drug Abuse

Mrs. Reagan has requested a summary report on other First Ladies' reactions to the First Ladies Conference on Drug Abuse held in Washington and Atlanta, Georgia on April 24 and 25. The summary report is attached.

An additional memo will be sent summarizing reactions of the First Ladies which the President and Mrs. Reagan could use in public comments on the First Ladies Conference.

> Nicholas Platt Executive Secretary

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Summary Report

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May 16, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR NICHOLAS PLATT

Executive Secretary Department of State

SUBJECT:

Summary of Reports on First Ladies Conference

Thank you for the reports from our embassies in participating countries on the April 24-25 First Ladies Conference on Drug Abuse.

For Mrs. Reagan's information, an updated summary report would be appreciated as soon as possible.

Robert M. Kimmitt Executive Secretary

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

May 16, 1985

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM:

WILLIAM F. MARTIN FM

SUBJECT:

First Ladies Conference: Summary of Reactions

Attached at Tab I is a memorandum for Nick Platt requesting a summary of reactions on the First Ladies Conference.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I.

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Tab I Memo for Nick Platt

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United States Department of State.

Washington, D.C. 20520



May 13, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT McFARLANE THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: First Ladies Conference - Reactions

Attached is a binder containing reports from our embassies in most of those countries from which first ladies participated in the Conference on Drug Abuse here April 24-25. These reports provide information concerning private and public reaction to the Conference. Reports on the first ladies' reactions from Bolivia and Ireland are not available.

Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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WASHINGTON

January 10, 1985

Dear Governor Cuomo:

On behalf of the President I thank you for your letter expressing support for the arms control talks meeting between Secretary Shultz and Foreign Minister Gromyko in Geneva.

Your letter has been brought to the personal attention of the President. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm regards,

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Lee L. Verstandig Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable Mario M. Cuomo Governor of New York New York, New York 10047





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NEW YORK, N. Y. 10047

December 28, 1984

The Honorable Ronald Reagan President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We in New York State, as is true, I am certain, of people throughout the country, are extremely gratified to know that you are sending Secretary of State, George Shultz, to meet with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in Geneva, Switzerland, on January 7, 1985, to discuss the resumption of arms control talks between our two nations.

Regardless of political affiliations, I expect that all Americans will only wish for the most favorable outcome at the Geneva conference as part of the common effort to control nuclear missiles and outer space weaponry. We pray that the discussions between Secretary Shultz and Foreign Minister Gromyko will lead eventually to a realistic, mutually acceptable, fair and equitable agreement between both nations on all these critical matters.

As Governor of one of the largest and most populous states in the Union, whose own citizenry is deeply concerned over the escalating arms race, I wish to express my strongest public backing for you as you begin this critical search for a just accord with the USSR. We hope fervently this effort will help diminish the threat of nuclear war.

The best wishes of all New Yorkers go with Secretary Shultz on his mission to Geneva.

Sincerely

Mario M Cuomo

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FOR: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane
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REMARKS:

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Dear Mr. Brown:

I am replying further to your January 7 letter to President Reagan recommending that Secretary Shultz raise the plight of Soviet Jews during his January discussions with Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko.

President Reagan and Secretary Shultz share your deep concern about Soviet treatment of Jews wishing to emigrate from the Soviet Union and the intensifying campaign of repression the Soviets are waging against Jewish cultural activists and refuseniks. The issue of religious freedom in the Soviet Union, as well as the rights and welfare of those imprisoned for their religious activities, remain matters of fundamental concern to the U.S. Government.

Human rights concerns, none of which has more urgency than Soviet Jewry, are always on our agenda when we meet with senior Soviet officials. The Geneva meeting was no exception. The Soviets can have no misunderstanding of the importance we attach to these matters. We will continue to call them to account for their abuses of human rights. As Secretary Shultz stated in an October 1984 speech to the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, "I hope that no one, either in the Soviet Union or in this country, seriously entertains the idea that once negotiations are underway, the United States will refrain from raising our human rights concerns."

Sincerely,

Robert F. Furner
Acting Assistant Secretary
Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable
Hank Brown,
House of Representatives.

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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JANUARY 16, 1985

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TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE HONORABLE HANK BROWN

U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON DC 20515

SUBJECT: REQUESTS HIGH PRIORITY OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES

DURING THE GENEVA TALKS BETWEEN SECRETARY OF STATE SCHULTZ AND FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO

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

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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Hank:

On the President's behalf, I would like to thank you for your January 7 letter urging that the human rights issue be given high priority during Secretary Shultz's talks with Soviet Poreign Minister Gromyko.

Although we did not receive your recommendation until after the meeting took place, I will be pleased to ensure that your thoughts are relayed to the President's foreign policy advisers for review. In addition, I have asked that they provide you with greater details as to the topics that were discussed in Geneva.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Hank Brown House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

January 7, 1985

The Honorable Ronald Reagan President of the United States 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

I am writing to ask your assistance in insuring that human rights issues remain a high priority during Secretary of State Shultz's talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko in Geneva, Switzerland.

I have been particularly concerned about the recent arrests and imprisonment of religious Jews and Hebrew teachers in the U.S.S.R.

I appreciate your consideration of my interest in human rights and am hopeful that the Geneva meetings will bring about a greater understanding between the United States and the Soviet Union on many issues.

Wank Brown

Member of Congress

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