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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 12, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

THRU: JONATHAN VIPOND III *JV*

FROM: MICHAEL R. GALE *MRG*

SUBJECT: Meeting with Secretary Shultz and
Assistant Secretary - Designate
Richard Murphy

With the appointment of the former U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Richard Murphy, to be the new Assistant Secretary for Near East Affairs at the Department of State, Richard Fox suggested to the Secretary of State's office that the Secretary might want to assemble a group of approximately 200 Jewish leaders from across the United States to meet with himself and Assistant Secretary-Designate Murphy. The Secretary's office agreed to schedule such a meeting on September 13th. The format was to provide for two meetings, one to include twelve national Jewish leaders to meet privately with the Secretary and Murphy, to be followed by the larger meeting.

Yesterday, Max Fisher had a private conversation with Secretary Shultz and recommended that the Secretary only meet with the smaller elite group and cancel the larger meeting. The Secretary acquiesced. I strongly disagree with this concept and have discussed it with Dick Fox, who concurs. I would like to suggest that a memorandum go to the Secretary from you suggesting that there be two meetings, one for the small group, followed by a larger grassroots meeting. The meeting is scheduled to fall within Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The invitees will include grassroots community leaders, as well as a large number of rabbis, so that we can get maximum advantage from this meeting over the Jewish High Holidays. Hopefully, some rabbis will include this meeting in their sermons in a positive way, and the other participants, during the course of the holiday, will be discussing politics and the Middle East, and can refer to their meeting in Washington. Hence the larger meeting will have a multiplier effect.

Attached please find a draft memo to Secretary Shultz, which, if you approve, should go out as soon as possible.

Sent 8/12

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON
July 26, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

THRU: JONATHAN VIPOND III

FROM: MICHAEL R. GALE

SUBJECT: Soviet Jewry

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July 25, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL GALE

FROM: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY *FRL*

SUBJECT: Soviet Jewry

Would you please call up State and see if it would be appropriate for us to have a briefing for Jewish leaders on the results of Walter Stoessel's recent trip on Soviet Jewry.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Michael -

Faith wants a scheduling
proposal for an event
involving:

- ① Ambassador Stoenel
- ② Jewish leaders interested
in the plight of Soviet Jewry

This could probably take the
form of a briefing -

Thanks -

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WASHINGTON
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Gary Matthews
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National Conference on Soviet Jewry

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David A. Harris

August 22, 1983

Mr. Michael Gale
Office of Public Liaison
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Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Michael,

I hope you were as pleased as all of us with Thursday's two meetings. Responses from those in attendance at both meetings were uniformly enthusiastic.

Many thanks for all your help in arranging the meetings, coordinating the speakers and inviting the guests to the luncheon for Ambassador Stoessel.

As I am now going on vacation for three weeks, let me wish you a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Sincerely,

David A. Harris, Director
Washington Office

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FROM: MICHAEL R. GALE

SUBJECT: Meetings with Jewish leaders
in New York - Thursday, August 18, 1983

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The itinerary is as follows: At Noon there will be a meeting of approximately 25 national Jewish leaders at the law offices of Morris Abram, President, National Conference on Soviet Jewry, 345 Park Avenue, Suite 2913-14. Ambassador Stoessel will make off the record comments concerning his mission. Ambassador Max Kampelman will be available to make a few comments and answer any questions on the Madrid Conference. At the conclusion of this meeting, there will be another meeting scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. which will be held at the Anti-Defamation League headquarters, 823 U.N. Plaza, 46th Street and First Avenue. In this meeting, Ambassador Kampelman will be briefing approximately 150 Jewish leaders on the Madrid Conference and answering any questions. Ambassador Walter Stoessel may, or may not, attend, but it has been decided that he will not make any official briefing at this meeting. This meeting is scheduled to end at approximately 3:00 p.m.

It is my recommendation to Ambassadors Stoessel and Kampelman that if they are departing from Washington that they try to do so on the 10:00 a.m. Eastern Shuttle from Washington for La Guardia. I will be taking the same flight, and if you care to join us, please feel free to do so. Again, thank you for your assistance in this matter

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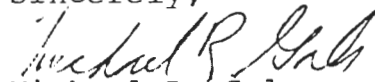
Dear Ambassador Kampelman:

First, let me take this opportunity to thank you for your willingness to participate in the meetings on Thursday, August 18th in New York City.

The first meeting will be a luncheon, which is to be held at Noon in the law offices of Morris Abram, President of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, 345 Park Avenue, Suite 2913-14. Present will be approximately 25 national Jewish leaders from the Soviet Jewry movement, Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and the National Republican Jewish Coalition. Ambassador Walter Stoessel will be providing an off-the-record briefing on his recent mission. I hope you will be willing to make a few brief comments and answer any questions the participants on the Madrid Conference. Following the conclusion of the luncheon, there will be a second meeting to begin at 2:00 p.m. that will be held at the Anti-Defamation League headquarters at 823 U.N. Plaza, which is at 46th Street and First Avenue. There will be approximately 150 participants present. The format for this meeting is that you will present an overview of the Madrid Conference and answer questions. At this time, there is a strong possibility that Ambassador Stoessel will not participate in this meeting because of the sensitivity of his mission. I hope this itinerary is acceptable to you.

I have been in contact with Gary Matthews of Elliot Abrams office and Ray Smith of the Soviet Desk. Both of these gentlemen have requested to attend these meetings and will be joining us in New York. It appears that Ambassador Stoessel, Gary Matthews, Ray Smith and myself will be departing on the 10:00 a.m. Eastern Shuttle from Washington to La Guardia and I hope that you will be able to join us. I anticipate the meetings concluding no later than 3:00 or 3:15 p.m. and the plans are for us to attempt to be on the 4:00 p.m. Shuttle back to Washington. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will be calling you on Wednesday to confirm any last minute details, and, again, thank you very much for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



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Dear Friend:

On behalf of the White House we have the pleasure to invite you to a special "off-the-record" meeting with Ambassadors Max M. Kampleman and Walter Stoessel, on Thursday, August 18 at 2:00 P.M., 823 United Nations Plaza (at 46th Street & First Avenue), New York City, 2nd Floor.

Ambassador Stoessel has just returned from West Europe where he led a special mission to confer with government officials on the plight of Soviet Jews.

Ambassador Kampleman, the head of the U.S. Delegation to the Madrid Follow-up Conference, will be returning to Madrid with Secretary of State Shultz, in early September, to sign the concluding document of the three-year review conference.

We are inviting you, and five (5) of your colleagues/members to participate in this important meeting. All those wishing to attend must RSVP no later than Tuesday, August 16.

We look forward to seeing you on August 18.

Sincerely,

Morris B. Abram, Chairman
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