

Reagan Library Topic Guide – Samantha Smith

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SMITH, SAMANTHA

NOTE:

Samantha Reed Smith, (06/29/1972-08/25/1985) was an American schoolgirl, from Manchester, Maine who became famous during the Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union. In 1982, at age ten, Smith wrote a letter to the newly appointed General Secretary of the Communist Party, Yuri Andropov, and received a personal reply with a personal invitation to visit the Soviet Union, which she accepted.

Smith attracted extensive media attention in both countries as a “Goodwill Ambassador” becoming known as “America’s Youngest Ambassador” and subsequently participating in other peacemaking activities. With the assistance of her father Arthur (an academic), she wrote a book about her visit to the Soviet Union, *Journey to the Soviet Union*. She was killed at the age of thirteen on August 25, 1985 in the Bar Harbor Airlines Flight 1808 plane crash.

WHORM SUBJECT FILE

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<u>FO 005-01</u>	Case File <u>360588</u> , <u>560761</u>
<u>IV 084</u>	Case File <u>196929</u>
<u>ME 001-03</u>	Case Files <u>340137</u> , <u>340387</u> , <u>343256</u>
<u>ME 002-03</u>	Case Files <u>363442</u> , <u>370462</u>
<u>ME003</u>	Case File <u>510342</u>
<u>PA002</u>	Case Files <u>328562</u> , <u>471910</u>
<u>PC</u>	Case File <u>142046</u>