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From: _____

Date Received: _____ / _____ / _____

Subject: Designation of Sec. of DOC as U.S. Co-Chairman
of the Joint US-USSR Commercial Commission

ACTION CODES:

- A — Appropriate Action
- D — Draft Response
- R — Direct Reply w/Copy
- B — Briefing Paper
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- S — For Signature
- C — Comment/Recommendation
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- X — Interim Reply

ROUTE TO:

Date Sent	Name	Action Codes	Date Due	Action Taken
82/08/12	1. Dunlop	A	82/08/25	
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COMMENTS: ① Check w/ DOC + Tres + get status report.
(You should probably look at # 000213CS + the rest of
018862CA for background first).

2- let's discuss (3) It appears no appointment has been made; no further papers exchanged.

④ ask DOC if there's any reason to take any action
per CHF!

Originator: Dunlop Faoro Fuller Gonzalez Hart Hodapp

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 29, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR CRAIG L. FULLER

FROM: BECKY NORTON DUNLOP

SUBJECT: US - USSR COMMERCIAL COMMISSION

Missy talked with DOC as the attached memo from her reflects. While it does not appear to me that any benefit would result from official notification to DOC, such notification would enable us to close the file confident that the situation was settled.

It does, however, seem certain that Regan would not be pleased with the decision and that may be a consideration to weigh.

Please advise.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 16, 1981

NOTE FOR DICK ALLEN

FROM: CRAIG L. FULLER

Attached is a copy of the proposed
memo on the US-USSR Commercial
Commission.

Is it satisfactory?

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

RVA:

Attached is the format Craig Fuller proposes to use with respect to lodging US responsibility for the US-USSR Commercial Commission with Treasury.

He says it has been approved, but he still needs Meese's signature.


Janet

*One Suggestion: USIA
before me in order of
listing —*

*Second Suggestion: Issue a memo
to Caldrige saying that, while this
matter is being resolved per the
new memo, it does not mean that
any initiative is to be taken with
the USSR at this time — including no
meetings, etc w/o White House consent. ^{NR}*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 12, 1981

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THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

WASHINGTON

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November 12, 1982

*Action w/
SIG-IEP*

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE CRAIG L. FULLER
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR CABINET AFFAIRS
THE WHITE HOUSE

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Subject: Joint U.S.-U.S.S.R. Commercial Commission

Comments

I do not think that this is the time to act on the designation of a U.S. Co-Chairman of the U.S.-U.S.S.R. Commercial Commission. We are engaged in delicate negotiations with our allies on understandings to restrict our economic relations with the Soviets and would risk creating misunderstandings about our intentions and doubts about our consistency in the East-West area. This risk would be even greater now because the private counterpart of the Commission reportedly will be meeting with the Soviets, despite Brezhnev's death, in Moscow this month. In addition, the SIG-IEP has not had the occasion to review this matter.

Donald T. Regan

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

11/14/81

TO: Ed Meese
FROM: **CRAIG L. FULLER**

- FYI
- Comment
- Action

For signature.

Note Regan letter.

A. →
Review Monday
Change order as indicated, return to me.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

13 November 1981

NOTE FOR CRAIG FULLER

FROM: ED THOMAS *[Signature]*

As you suggested, you will be coordinating the tracking and distribution of correspondence.

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THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON

November 12, 1981

Dear Ed:

There appears to be continuing confusion, both within the United States Government and on the part of the Soviets, over the chairmanship of the US-USSR Joint Commercial Commission. As I indicated in my earlier note to you (enclosed), it is still not clear to me why we would be changing the leadership of the Commission at this time. Such a change would, I believe, send confusing and wrong signals to the Soviets about the state of our commercial and economic relations. It could be viewed as an indication that we are interested in activating the Commission in order to promote our economic ties, a signal that I don't believe we want to send.

Anything you can do to clarify the situation would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Donald T. Regan

The Honorable
Edwin Meese III
Counselor to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Enclosure

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11-13-81

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MEMORANDUM

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November 12, 1981

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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October ^{20,}~~17,~~ 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY REGAN

FROM:

CRAIG L. FULLER

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SUBJECT:

JOINT US-USSR COMMERCIAL COMMISSION

You will recall the discussions that transpired last year concerning the Joint U.S.-U.S.S.R. Commercial Commission and the designation of the U.S. Co-Chairman.

Our records show that the tentative decision by the President was to have the Secretary of Commerce chair the U.S. side of the Joint U.S.-U.S.S.R. Commercial Commission. The memorandum announcing that understanding was never transmitted.

As you know, the Commission has not met since December of 1978 and it is not likely that the U.S. will be represented at any point in the near future. We are inclined to document the President's decision so that we may close the books on the matter, however, we would appreciate your thoughts prior to that action being implemented.



THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON 20220
October 6, 1981

Dear Ed:

Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum which my staff has sent to Craig Fuller concerning the Chairmanship of the Joint US-USSR Commercial Commission, along with an earlier memorandum to you on the same subject.

I am still somewhat puzzled about why we would be making a change at this particular time. If you have a moment, I would be glad to discuss it with you.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Donald T. Regan

The Honorable
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The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Enclosure

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OCT 02 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR CRAIG FULLER
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR CABINET AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Joint US-USSR Commercial Commission

We disagree with the attached draft memorandum which would designate the Secretary of Commerce as the U.S. Chairman of the Joint US-USSR Commercial Commission. Every Treasury Secretary since George Shultz in 1973 has been designated American Chairman of the Commission. A change of leadership at this time is inappropriate.

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I request that the American Chairmanship of the Commercial Commission remain at the Treasury.

(Signed)

David L. Chew
Executive Assistant
to the Secretary

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SURNAME	Rbwjdc	pgc				
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Bill -

CLF has
original memo
to get E.M.
signature -

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November 12, 1981

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Did we ever get ans. from EM?

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 5, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR ED MEESE

FROM: CRAIG L. FULLER *CF*

SUBJECT: Joint US-USSR Commercial Commission

When asked to comment on the details of a memorandum designating the Secretary of Commerce as the US Chairman of the Joint US-USSR Commercial Commission, Treasury replied by requesting that the Chairmanship remain with the Secretary of Treasury. Since this matter has already been decided in favor of the Secretary of Commerce, I propose we go ahead and send the notification as drafted.

- OK / CF discussion* Concur
- _____ Do not concur
- _____ Let's discuss

Attachments

U- This can be typed for EM, CF



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

October 2, 1981

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CABINET ADMINISTRATION STAFFING MEMORANDUM

CLOSE OF BUSINESS

DATE: Sept. 29, 1981

NUMBER: 018862CA

DUE BY: October 1, 1981

SUBJECT: Designation of the Secretary of Commerce as U.S. Co-Chairman of the Joint U.S.-U.S.S.R. Commercial Commission

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Remarks:

Attached is a draft memorandum which describes the agreed upon designation of the Secretary of Commerce as Co-Chairman of the Joint U.S.-U.S.S.R. Commercial Commission. It will be sent to those listed in the memorandum.

Please provide any views on this matter that you may have.

RETURN TO:

Craig L. Fuller
 Deputy Assistant to the President
 Director,
 Office of Cabinet Administration
 456-2823

ATTACHMENT

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

September 21, 1981

To: Margaret Tutwiler

From: Eugene K. Lawson (377-5251)
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for East-West Trade

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For your information.

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SEP 21 1981

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

Under Secretary for International Trade

PREPARED BY: Hertha W. Heiss
USSR/EWT/TD/ITA
377-4655

SUBJECT: Chairmanship of the U.S.-U.S.S.R. Joint Commercial
Commission

(FCUO) We have learned that Secretary Regan sent a written request to the White House (Ed Meese) asking that he retain the U.S. co-chairmanship of the Joint U.S.-U.S.S.R. Commercial Commission. It was my understanding that this chairmanship had been transferred to you.

(FCUO) The attached draft of a proposed designation was provided to the White House in June, along with a draft on the PRC Commercial Commission. The U.S.S.R. memo was never sent out by the White House. In the absence of an official document there has been continued confusion in other Departments and on the part of the Soviets regarding the U.S. chairmanship of the Joint U.S.-U.S.S.R. Commercial Commission.

Attachment

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cc: HHeiss Chron

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CABINET ADMINISTRATION STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: Sept. 29, 1981 NUMBER: 018862CA CLOSE OF BUSINESS DUE BY: October 1, 1981
SUBJECT: Designation of the Secretary of Commerce as U.S. Co-Chairman
of the Joint U.S.-U.S.S.R. Commercial Commission

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Remarks:

Attached is a draft memorandum which describes the agreed upon designation of the Secretary of Commerce as Co-Chairman of the Joint U.S.-U.S.S.R. Commercial Commission. It will be sent to those listed in the memorandum.

Please provide any views on this matter that you may have.

RETURN TO: Craig L. Fuller
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director,
Office of Cabinet Administration
456-2823

ATTACHMENT

MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY OF STATE
SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
SECRETARY OF LABOR
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
SECRETARY OF ENERGY
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS
UNITED STATES SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
DIRECTOR OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK
THE PRESIDENT'S SCIENCE ADVISOR
PRESIDENT OF THE OVERSEAS PRIVATE
INVESTMENT CORPORATION
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE AGENCY FOR
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

FROM:

SUBJECT: Designation of the Secretary of Commerce as U.S.
Co-chairman of the Joint U.S.-U.S.S.R. Commercial
Commission

The President has decided that the U.S. side of the Joint U.S.-U.S.S.R. Commercial Commission will be chaired by the Secretary of Commerce.

The Joint U.S.-U.S.S.R. Commercial Commission was established in May 1972, to deal with most aspects of U.S.-Soviet commercial relations. On the Soviet side the Commission has been co-chaired since its inception by the Minister of Foreign Trade. It last met in December 1973. No meetings are currently scheduled.

The Commission's functions include monitoring implementation of the 1974 U.S.-Soviet Long-term Agreement to Facilitate Economic, Industrial and Technical Cooperation; to exchange information and forecasts of basic economic and industrial trends; and to assist in identifying fields for cooperation between U.S. firms and Soviet economic and commercial entities.

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September 29, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR CRAIG L. FULLER

FROM: BECKY NORTON DUNLOP

SUBJECT: US - USSR COMMERCIAL COMMISSION

Missy talked with DOC as the attached memo from her reflects. While it does not appear to me that any benefit would result from official notification to DOC, such notification would enable us to close the file confident that the situation was settled.

It does, however, seem certain that Regan would not be pleased with the decision and that may be a consideration to weigh.

Please advise.

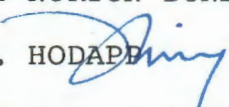
MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 27, 1982

TO: BECKY NORTON DUNLOP

FROM: N. A. HODAPP 

SUBJECT: JOINT U.S.-U.S.S.R. COMMERCIAL COMMISSION

The generally held belief at Commerce, expressed by Helen Robbins, is that the Secretary of Commerce was designated to serve as the U.S. chairman of the Joint US-USSR Commercial Commission. Secretary Baldrige holds that belief as well.

While Helen was sure something had come over from the White House; having checked, she concedes they have nothing on paper. Nevertheless, they "clearly remember" the word coming from Ed Meese and/or Ken Cribb: that Baldrige would receive that appointment.

DOC feels it would be "nice" to have something in writing in the event the Commission meets again (last met in 1978).

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

If the decision has in fact been made that the Secretary of Commerce should be designated the US chairman (transferring that distinction from Treasury), the attached or similar memo from Ed Meese should be sent.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

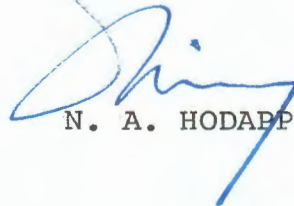
August 23, 1982

NOTE FOR BECKY NORTON DUNLOP

In checking with the Chief Clerk's Office, Presidential Personnel and Records Management, I find there is no record of any appointment (Secretary Baldrige's or other) to the Co-Chairmanship of the Joint US-USSR Commercial Commission.

The last record in the Chief Clerk's Office is that G. William Miller, Secretary of the Treasury during the Carter Administration, served as co-chairman of the Commission. Bloomenthal preceded him, apparently.

Records Management shows that CLF has the original Meese memo and file, which is true; and their last piece of paper on the matter is dated November 12 (the EM memo, I believe).


N. A. HODAPP



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