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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 06, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE RALPH MUNRO

SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING THE PLIGHT OF THE  
REVEREND BENJAMIN M. WEIR

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 9, 1985

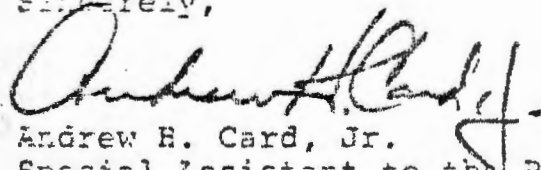
Dear Mr. Secretary:

On behalf of the President, I want to thank you for your letter concerning the plight of the Reverend Benjamin M. Weir.

I have forwarded copies of your correspondence to the National Security Council and to the Department of State for further review.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to the attention of the Administration. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Andrew H. Card, Jr.  
Special Assistant to the President  
for Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable Ralph Munro  
Secretary of State  
State of Washington  
Olympia, Washington 98504

(CLASSIFICATION)

S/S # 8514661  
 DATE June 7, 1985

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
 EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
 TRANSMITTAL FORM

FOR: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane  
 National Security Council  
 The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: The President FROM: Ralph Munro  
 DATE: May 1, 1985 SUBJECT: Benjamin Weir


WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: May 14, 1985 NSC # 303787

THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS SENT DIRECTLY  
 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION TAKEN:

- A draft reply is attached  
 A draft reply will be forwarded  
 A translation is attached  
 An information copy of a direct reply is attached  
 We believe no response is necessary for the reason  
 cited below  
 Other

REMARKS:

  
 Nicholas Platt  
 Executive Secretary

(CLASSIFICATION)

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WHITE HOUSE  
SITUATION ROOM



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 4, 1985

The Honorable  
Ralph Munro  
Secretary of State  
State of Washington  
Olympia, Washington 98504

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am replying further to your letter to President Reagan concerning the status of the Reverend Benjamin Weir, who was kidnapped in Beirut in May 1984.

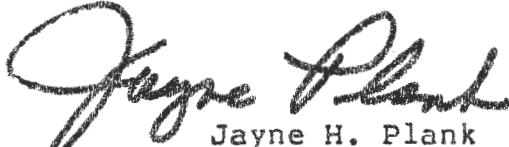
The U.S. Government is deeply concerned about the terrorist attacks on Americans in Beirut, of which Mr. Weir's kidnapping is a tragic example. As you may know, an organization calling itself "Islamic Jihad" has claimed responsibility for the kidnapping, but very little is known about the group.

The Department of State and our Embassies overseas are following every possible lead to effect Mr. Weir's safe release. We continue to be in contact with a variety of parties in the region and are pursuing all possible avenues of inquiry. We also remain in close consultation with the Weir family.

We understand your concern for Mr. Weir's safe return, and share your impatience, but believe we should not comment more specifically on our ongoing, intensive efforts. Throughout Mr. Weir's captivity, it has been our policy not to discuss the details of our efforts to secure his release or that of the other kidnapped Americans. Such publicity would not be helpful. We believe it only offers continued incentive for the captors to retain their hostages, and ultimately could prove harmful to the efforts to secure their release.

Let me assure you we will continue our efforts on Mr. Weir's behalf. As President Reagan said, we have not forgotten those who are being held.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jayne H. Plank". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Jayne H. Plank  
Director, Intergovernmental Affairs  
Office of Legislative and  
Intergovernmental Affairs

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T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

MAY 14, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MAY 1, 1985

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE HONORABLE RALPH MUNRO  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
STATE OF WASHINGTON  
OLYMPIA WA 98504

SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING THE PLIGHT OF THE  
REVEREND BENJAMIN M. WEIR

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SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE



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Director

SECRETARY  
of STATE



Ralph Munro

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Olympia, Washington 98504-9000  
(206) 753-7121

May 1, 1985

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

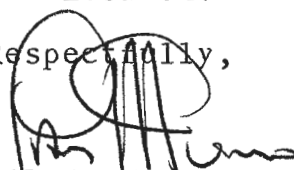
Dear Mr. President:

A powerfully moving meeting with Carol Weir prompts me to write you today. As you are no doubt aware, Mrs. Weir's husband, the Reverend Benjamin M. Weir, has been held hostage by the radical Shiite Moslem group, known as the Islamic Jihad, since the 8th of May last year. This is the same group which claims responsibility for the bombings of the U.S. Marine compound and the American Embassy in Beirut.

It is clear that Mrs. Weir is experiencing the same frustration, humiliation, powerlessness and anger that we all felt during the hostage taking at the American Embassy in Tehran.

My voice joins with the hundreds upon hundreds of others imploring your administration to give this particular hostage issue an appropriately high priority, particularly within the State Department. I sincerely hope that you will give this matter your personal attention in order to achieve a peaceful and successful return of Reverend Weir and the other American citizens from their captivity in Lebanon.

Respectfully,



RALPH MUNRO  
Secretary of State

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 13, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE PAUL SIMON

SUBJECT: URGES PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN EFFORTS TO  
OBTAIN THE FIVE AMERICAN HOSTAGES IN LEBANON

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COMMENTS: *Richard D'Amato with the Democratic Policy Committee asked that Senator Byrd's name be added. Letters sent to all signees (205)*

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June 24, 1985

Dear Senator Simon:

The President has asked that I respond to your letter of May 10 in which you and your colleagues expressed your concern regarding the continuing captivity of U.S. citizens in Lebanon.

President Reagan is extremely concerned and has taken a deep personal interest in the terrorist attacks on Americans in Lebanon and the fate of the six Americans who were abducted in Beirut. The protection of American citizens overseas is a major responsibility of our government and the release of these innocent Americans is a priority concern.

I can assure you that the lack of success in gaining the release of these citizens so far does not reflect a lack of effort. The State Department as well as other agencies and our Embassies overseas are following every lead which offers even a remote possibility of contributing to the safe return of the missing Americans. Intense diplomatic contacts are continuing and we are pursuing all possible avenues of inquiry. We have said little publicly about our efforts on behalf of the captive Americans because we strongly believe that their release can best be accomplished through quiet, discreet diplomacy. Publicity simply increases the incentive of the captors to hold on to the hostages. This is also the view of the intermediaries with whom we have been working.

As you know, our policy is that we do not give in to terrorist demands, and we do not urge others to do so. This would only encourage further terrorist acts against the international community. The United States will not allow itself to be intimidated by terrorist threats or permit such threats to compromise our fundamental policies and values.

This does not mean, however, that we are unwilling to talk. In all of our contacts on these kidnappings, we have stressed our interest in maintaining open lines of communication. Their principal and continuing demand has been the release of the Dawa Party prisoners in Kuwait, a demand the Kuwaitis have consistently rejected. As you may recall, the 17 Dawa prisoners being held by the Kuwaiti Government have been legally convicted of grave terrorist acts including lethal bombing attacks on the U.S. and French Embassies and Kuwaiti installations in December 1983. Six persons died as a result of these attacks and more than 80 were injured. We supported the Kuwaiti Government decision in December 1984 not to release the Dawa prisoners when this was the demand of those who had hijacked a Kuwaiti airliner and murdered two United States Government officials.

Unfortunately, the terrorists are playing on the natural concern and sympathies of the families. This is as cynical and cruel as their taking the hostages in the first place. It is all too easy in such a situation to blame ourselves for being victimized by terrorists.

The President clearly appreciates what an ordeal this is for the families, whose anxiety and frustration we share. We realize that until the captives are released no explanation will seem adequate. Nevertheless, let me assure you that we will continue our intensive efforts on behalf of the captive Americans.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf  
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Paul Simon  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 20, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE SUBJECT: Congressional ltr to the President regarding  
Safety of U.S. Hostages in Lebanon

Attached at Tab A are letters prepared for your signature to Senator Paul Simon and Congressman George O'Brien. Your letters respond to a letter written to the President by 205 Congressional members (Tab B) regarding efforts to recover the Americans taken hostage in Beirut.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign and forward the letters at Tab A.

Approve  \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachments

Tab A - Friedersdorf Memo to Simon and O'Brien

Tab B - Congressional ltr to the Pres of May 10, 1985



## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf  
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Paul Simon  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf  
Assistant to the President

The Honorable George M. O'Brien  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515



## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

June 17, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH

SUBJECT: Congressional ltr to the President regarding  
Safety of U.S. Hostages in Lebanon

Attached at Tab I is a memo from you to Max Friedersdorf requesting that he sign and forward the letters to Senator Paul Simon and Congressman George O'Brien attached at Tab A. These letters respond to a letter written to the President on May 10, 1985 from 205 Congressional members regarding efforts to recover the Americans taken hostage in Beirut (Tab B).

The suggested State Department draft response is attached at Tab II. The original package #3987 forwarded to you on May 28 is attached at Tab III.

Ron Sable <sup>3# for</sup> concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you initial and forward your memo to Max Friedersdorf at Tab I with Tabs A and B attached.

Approve           Disapprove           Attachments

- Tab I - McFarlane Memo to Friedersdorf
  - Tab A - Friedersdorf ltrs to Simon and O'Brien
  - Tab B - Congressional ltr to the Pres of May 10
- Tab II - Platt Memo to McFarlane of May 24, 1985
- Tab III - Original Package #3987 of May 28, 1985



## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

May 28, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH

SUBJECT: Congressional ltr to the President regarding  
Safety of U.S. Hostages in Lebanon

Attached at Tab I is a letter from you to Senator Paul Simon and Congressman George O'Brien regarding efforts to recover the Americans taken hostage in Beirut. Your letter responds to a letter to the President dated May 10, 1985 from 205 Congressional members on this matter (Tab II).

State Department agrees that it would be more appropriate to have you respond than B. Oglesby as was initially proposed in their draft response (Tab III).

*For*  
Ron Sable concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the two letters at Tab I.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachments

- Tab I - McFarlane letters to Simon and O'Brien
- Tab II - Platt Memo to McFarlane of May 24, 1985
- Tab III - Congressional ltr to the President of May 10, 1985



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S/S 8515489  
United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

May 24, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Proposed Response to Congressional Correspondence on  
the American Hostages

Senator Paul Simon and 204 other House and Senate members have cosigned a May 10 letter to President Reagan (Tab 2) urging that he become personally involved in efforts to obtain the release of the Americans kidnapped in Lebanon and that the Department of State redouble its efforts on behalf of the hostages. Attached at Tab 1 is a proposed draft response. You may want to address your reply to representatives of both Houses of Congress, preferably to Congressman O'Brien as well as Senator Simon, both of whom have actively followed the hostage issue and have hostage family members among their constituents.

*Nicholas Platt*  
for Nicholas Platt  
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

Tab 1: Proposed Reply  
Tab 2: Incoming Correspondence

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Dear Senator Simon/Mr. O'Brien:

Thank you for the letter of May 10 which you and your colleagues forwarded to President Reagan regarding the continuing captivity of U.S. citizens in Lebanon. I have been asked to respond on the President's behalf.

President Reagan is extremely concerned about the terrorist attacks on Americans in Lebanon and the fate of the five Americans who were abducted in Beirut. This is a problem in which he takes a deep personal interest. The protection of American citizens overseas is a major responsibility of our government and the release of these innocent Americans is a priority concern.

I can assure you that the lack of success so far does not reflect a lack of effort. The State Department as well as other agencies and our Embassies overseas are following every lead to ensure the safe return of the five missing Americans. Intensive diplomatic contacts are continuing and we are pursuing all possible avenues of inquiry. We have said little publicly about our efforts on behalf of the captive Americans because we strongly believe that their release can best be accomplished through quiet, discreet diplomacy. Publicity simply increases the incentive of the captors to hold on to the

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This does not mean, however, that we are unwilling to talk. In all of our contacts on these kidnappings, we have stressed our interest in maintaining open lines of communication. Although the kidnappers have shown no interest in a dialogue with the U.S. government, we continue to look for any evolution in their attitudes.

Their principal and continuing demand has been the release of the Dawa Party prisoners in Kuwait, a demand the Kuwaitis have consistently rejected. As you may recall, the 17 Dawa prisoners being held by the Kuwaiti government have been legally convicted of grave terrorist acts including lethal bombing attacks on the U.S. and French Embassies and Kuwaiti installations in December 1983. Six persons died as a result of these attacks and more than 80 people were injured. Indeed,

we rightly applauded the Kuwaiti government decision in December 1984 not to release the Dawa prisoners when this was the demand of those who had hijacked a Kuwaiti airliner and murdered two United States Government officials.

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The President clearly appreciates what an ordeal this is for the families, whose impatience and frustration we share. We realize that until the captives are released, no explanation will seem adequate. Nevertheless, let me assure you that we will continue our intensive efforts on behalf of the captive Americans.

Sincerely,



Received 5/17  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 17, 1985

WS - Action by early next week. Clear with CA and M/CTP. I guess include [redacted] stated. we should today W.H.

MEMORANDUM FOR:

WILL BALL  
Assistant Secretary for  
Congressional Relations  
Department of State

FROM:

KATHY RATTE JAFFKE *Krij*  
Director, Congressional Correspondence

SUBJECT:

American Hostages in Lebanon

The attached letter, dated May 10, is signed by 205 House and Senate Members expressing concern for the safety of five Americans being held hostage in Lebanon.

Because the situation has been in a state of flux over the last few days and since this letter was apparently released to the press yesterday, I would appreciate your assistance in coordinating a draft response for B. Oglesby's signature.

I am omitting an interim due to the number of cosigners and the need to provide a prompt response.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

cc: NSC Secretariat - FYI  
cc: Records Management - FYI

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 10, 1985

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

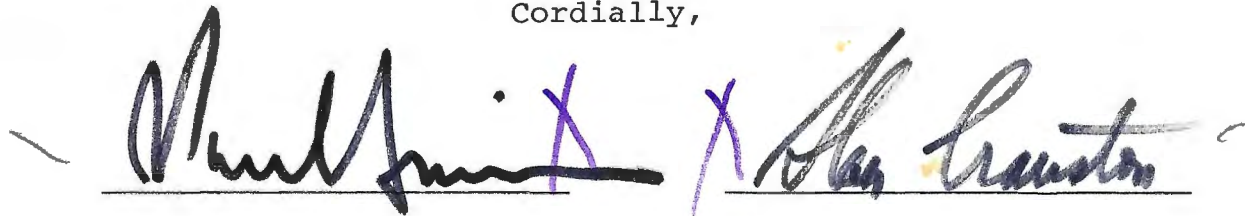
Dear Mr. President,

We are writing to express our deep concern for the safety and welfare of William Buckley, the Reverend Benjamin Weir, Peter Kilburn, Father Lawrence Martin Jenco and Terry Anderson, the five U.S. citizens who are being held hostage in Lebanon.

We know that the Department of State has been working through various channels to secure the hostages' release. While we recognize the process is a delicate one, we urge you to direct the Department to redouble its efforts and to become personally involved in efforts to obtain the hostages' release. Recent events in Lebanon make our request more urgent.

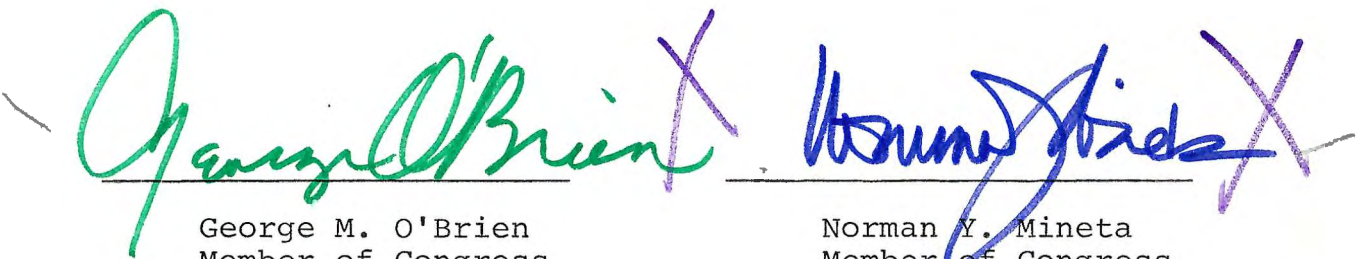
The families of these men anxiously hope and wait for news of their safe release. We would greatly appreciate your ensuring that all possible means to achieve this end are exhausted.

Cordially,



Paul Simon  
U.S. Senator

Alan Cranston  
U.S. Senator



George M. O'Brien  
Member of Congress

Norman Y. Mineta  
Member of Congress

5/14

Robert C. Byrd

Added Per Richard D'Amato, Democratic Policy Committee

Pete Wilson X Alan J. Dixon

Pete Wilson  
U. S. Senator

Alan J. Dixon  
U. S. Senator

John Glenn X

John H. Glenn, Jr.  
U. S. Senator

Bennett Johnston X

J. Bennett Johnston  
U. S. Senator

J. James Exon X

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U. S. Senator

Slade Gorton X

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U. S. Senator

Carl Levin X

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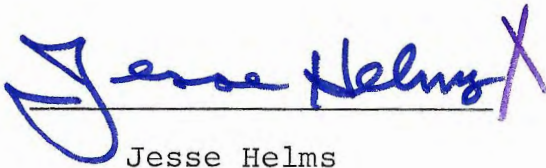
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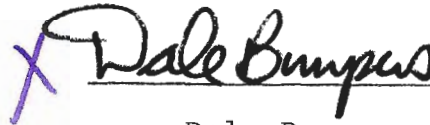
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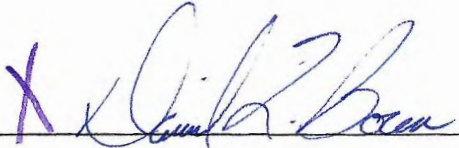
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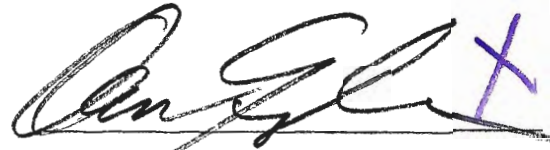
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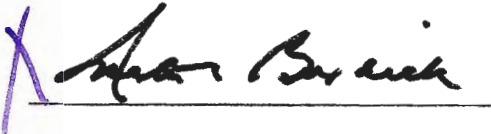
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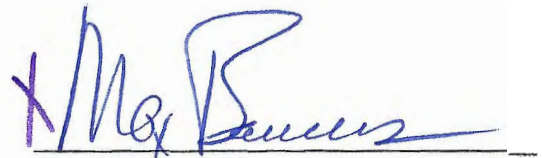
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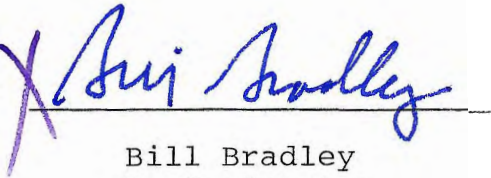
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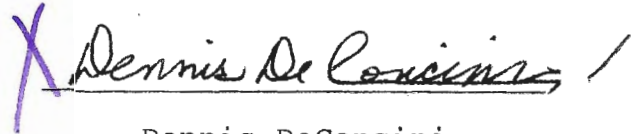
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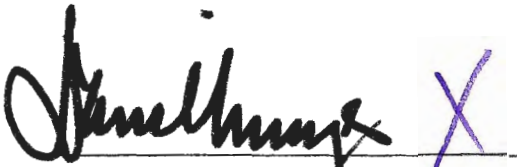
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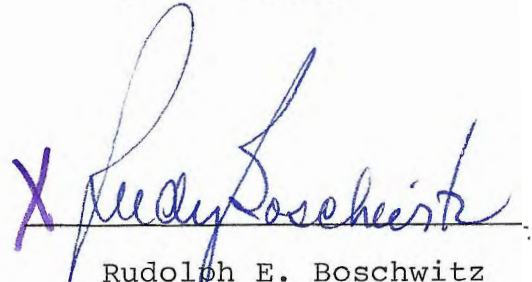
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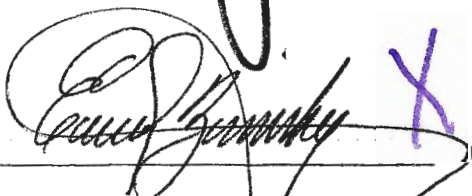
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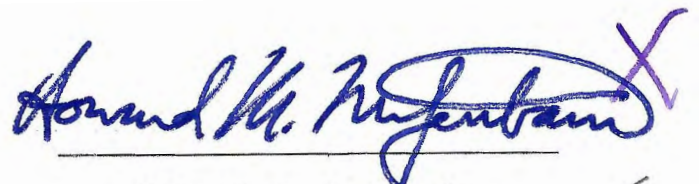
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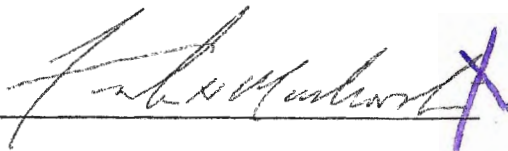
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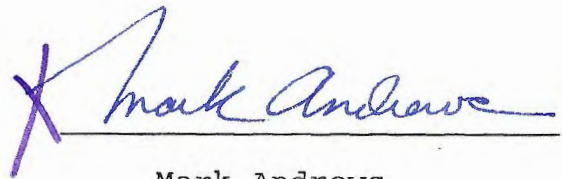
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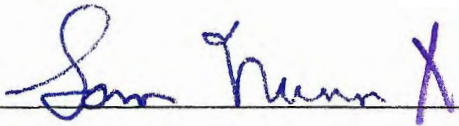




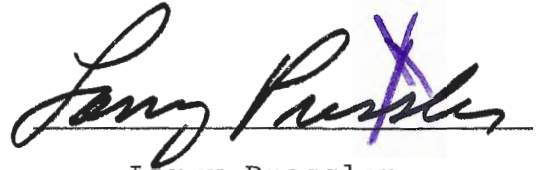
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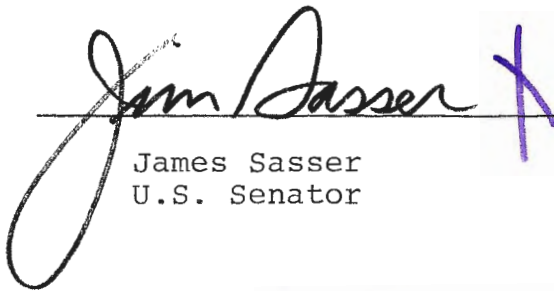
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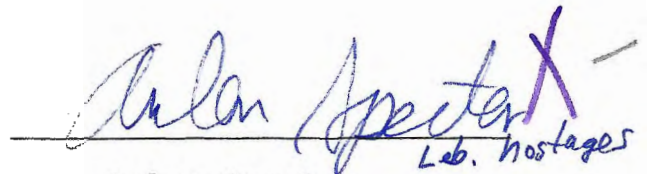
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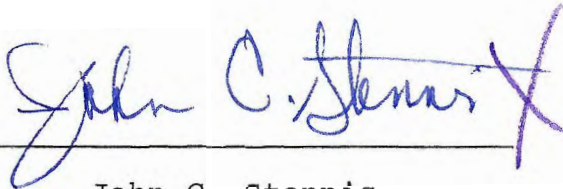
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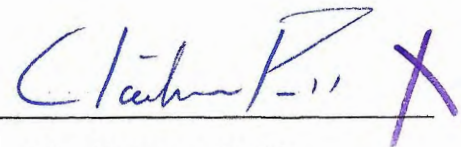
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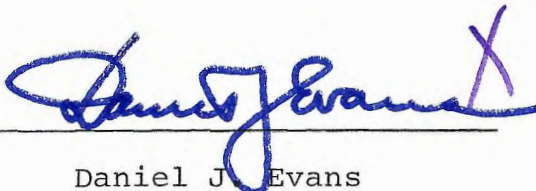
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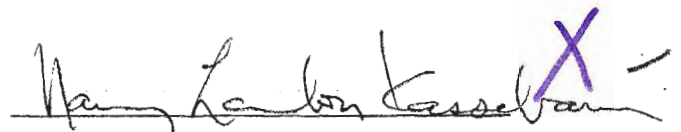
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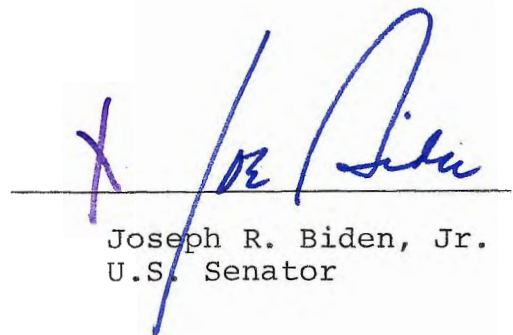
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