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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
September 18, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM: JAY KEYWORTH *Jay*
SUBJECT: US-USSR Joint Committee Meeting on Cooperation
in the Field of Environmental Protection,
November 12-21, 1985 in Moscow

Attached is a letter from Lee Thomas, EPA Administrator, which points out that the subject US-USSR Joint Committee Meeting will be held. Lee Thomas will lead the U.S. delegation to Moscow where it's possible that the Soviets will propose a joint effort in "Nuclear Winter" Research. In his letter, Lee requests that he be provided policy guidelines prior to the Moscow meeting.

My staff has provided a copy of the EPA letter to Bob Linhard. Bill Wright subsequently held a policy planning meeting on August 30, 1985. Based on this meeting, a draft paper is being developed which will form the basis for U.S. policy for the meeting in Moscow. Members of my staff have briefed Mr. Thomas on the Interagency Research Program for Nuclear Winter which is coordinated from this Office.

The next several months, until the Summit meeting is a very sensitive time in US-USSR relations. Therefore, I first want to bring the above subject to your personal attention and second, voice my concern that this US-USSR interaction be closely coordinated and managed.

Attachment

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

JUL 26 1985

Dr. G.A. Keyworth
Science Advisor to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Dr. Keyworth:

This letter is occasioned by the outline of the Interagency Research Program on nuclear winter provided in your letter to me of June 10. You should be aware of an indirect role which I may be called upon to play with regard to cooperative nuclear winter research with the USSR.

As you may know, I serve as U.S. co-chairman of the US-USSR Joint Committee on Cooperation in the Field of Environmental Protection. The ninth Joint Committee meeting (JCM) is scheduled to take place in Moscow November 12-21 of this year. This will be the first session of the environmental Joint Committee since December 1979. Our agreement to participate follows the President's statement of June 27, 1984, concerning US-Soviet exchanges.

An important component of our USSR program is the joint working group on "Influence of Environmental Changes on Climate." Dr. Alan Hecht, director of NOAA's National Climate Program Office, co-chairs this working group on the U.S. side, with support from Dr. Eugene Bierly of NSF. As your June 10 letter points out, both Drs. Hecht and Bierly participate in the Interagency Research Program on nuclear winter. Dr. Hecht plans to attend the November JCM.

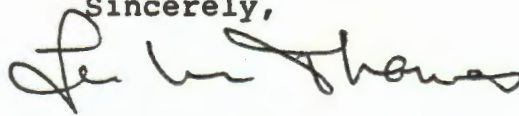
Discussions with various Soviet contacts in recent months lead us to believe that they plan to present us in November with a proposal for joint nuclear winter research. This proposal may focus on purely technical aspects which have already been discussed in the context of the working group on climate effects: model refinements, physical properties of dust and smoke, and other components of the basic atmospheric response to a nuclear exchange.

At the same time, we have reason to believe that my Soviet counterpart as co-chairman of the Joint Committee, Academician Yuriy Izrael, may also press for joint study of secondary and tertiary effects (e.g., disruption of food chains and ecosystemic responses). This latter type of proposal would represent a significant expansion of cooperation, inasmuch as it would extend well beyond the bound of the existing climate effects working group, into areas largely uncharted by the scientific community.

EPA has no regulatory or research interest in the nuclear winter problem. However, inasmuch as I may be leading a U.S. delegation to Moscow at an important time in US-Soviet relations, I want to be sure that our response to any Soviet initiative in this very sensitive area is fully coordinated with the Interagency Research Program and the NSC Ad Hoc Policy Group on Nuclear Winter. EPA Associate Administrator Fitzhugh Green and his staff in our Office of International Activities are fully acquainted with this situation and are ready to work with your staff and the other agencies involved.

Please let us know how we can support the Administration's nuclear winter effort in the context of the US-USSR Environmental Agreement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lee M. Thomas".

Lee M. Thomas

National Security Council
The White House

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*Bill - pls. coordinate with
MATLOCK to see if he has
any policy guidance on this.
All Soviet issues are going through
him. Tx. Bill Done.*

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