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September 30, 1988

Paul,

I have discussed this issue at some length with Nick and Dan. Upon reflection, our collective view is that there is no compelling reason for the NSC Staff to weigh in on the substance of the options before Secretary Shultz. We defer to your judgment on the timing question.

Thanks,

Bill Burns

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

September 30, 1988

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS

FROM:

WILLIAM J. BURNS <sup>WJB</sup>

SUBJECT:

Calls for Removal of U.S. Military Presence  
from the Gulf

Attached at Tab I is a memo from you to Sally Kelley forwarding  
NSC'S concurrence on the attached draft response to Doris Dawson.

Bill Cockell <sup>WJB</sup> concurs.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you forward the memo at Tab I.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Prepared by: Sandra Charles

Attachments

Tab I Stevens Memo to Kelley  
Tab A State Transmittal Memo of  
September 28, 1988 w/  
draft response to Doris Dawson

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM: PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS

SUBJECT: Calls for Removal of U.S. Military Presence  
from the Gulf

NSC concurs with the draft response to Miss Doris Dawson.

Attachment

Tab A State Transmittal Memo of  
Sep 28, 1988 w/Draft Response  
to Doris Dawson



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8824540

Date September 28, 1988

FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens  
Executive Secretary  
National Security Council  
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Reagan

From: Miss Doris Dawson

Date: July 12, 1988

Subject: Calls for removal of U.S. Military presence from  
the Gulf

WH Referral Dated: August 16, 1988

NSC ID# (if any): 584608

       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.
- The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.
- Other (see remarks).

REMARKS:

*Wanda J. Nesbitt*  
Director *fa*  
Secretariat Staff

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DRAFT REPLY

Dear Ms. Dawson:

I have been asked to respond to your telegram of July 12 to the President, opposing our policy in the Persian Gulf. I am very sorry for the delay in responding.

As you will be aware, since you wrote a ceasefire took effect in the Iran-Iraq war. There have been no attacks on shipping since August 20, and the President has decided on a modest reduction in our naval presence in the Gulf in response to this decline in the threat to U.S. flag shipping. I believe the U.S. naval presence and our leadership helped bring about the ceasefire. We will continue to work for a permanent peace in the area, and we will maintain a naval presence in the Persian Gulf which is adequate to deal with the threat to U.S. flag shipping there.

Sincerely,

Miss Doris Dawson,  
Chairperson,  
Gray Panther National Board,  
Suite 601,  
311 South Juniper Street,  
Philadelphia, PA 19107.

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

## REFERRAL

AUGUST 16, 1988

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

## ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF:  
WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER

## DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 584608

MEDIA: TELEGRAM, DATED JULY 12, 1988

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MISS DORIS DAWSON  
CHAIRPERSON  
GRAY PANTHER NATIONAL BOARD  
SUITE 601  
311 SOUTH JUNIPER STREET  
PHILADELPHIA PA 19107SUBJECT: ON BEHALF OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF THE GRAY  
PANTHERS, CALLS FOR REMOVAL OF U.S. MILITARY  
PRESENCE FROM THE GULF REGIONPROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN  
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE  
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE  
(OR DRAFT) TO:  
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

ID# 584608

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JULY 14, 1988

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MISS DORIS DAWSON

SUBJECT: ON BEHALF OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF THE GRAY  
PANTHERS, CALLS FOR REMOVAL OF U.S. MILITARY  
PRESENCE FROM THE GULF REGION

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY	(STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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- ~X-INTERIM REPLY ~ ~ ~

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LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS  
MANAGEMENT.

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HOUSE DC 20500

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LOCAL NETWORKS UNEQUIVOCALLY CONDEMNS THE PRESENCE OF U.S. WAR  
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DORIS DAWSON  
CHAIRPERSON  
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

September 30, 1988

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS

FROM:

WILLIAM J. BURNS *WJB*

SUBJECT:

Protesting the U.S. Presence in the  
Persian Gulf

Attached at Tab I is a memo from you to Sally Kelley forwarding  
NSC'S concurrence as revised.

Bill Cockell *WJB* concurs.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you forward the memo at Tab I.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Prepared by: Sandra Charles

Attachments

Tab I Stevens Memo to Kelley  
Tab A State Transmittal Memo of  
September 28, 1988 w/  
Draft Response to Rev Cate

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM: PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS

SUBJECT: Protesting the U.S. Presence in the Persian  
Gulf

Attached at Tab A is the State Department draft of a letter to Reverend Cate with NSC's revisions.

Attachment

Tab A State Transmittal Memo  
of Sep 28, 1988 w/attachment

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8824539

Date September 28, 1988

FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens  
Executive Secretary  
National Security Council  
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Reagan  
From: The Reverend William B. Cate  
Date: July 7, 1988  
Subject: Protesting the U.S. presence in the Persian Gulf

WH Referral Dated: August 16, 1988  
NSC ID# (if any): 584613

       The attached item was sent directly to the  
Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

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- A draft reply will be forwarded.
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- An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
- The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.
- Other (see remarks).

REMARKS:

*Wanda Sherwin*  
Director  
Secretariat Staff

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DRAFT REPLY

Dear Rev. Cate:

I have been asked to respond to your letter of July 7 to the President, with which you enclosed a press release opposing our policy in the Persian Gulf. I am very sorry for the delay in responding.

As you will be aware, since you wrote a ceasefire took effect in the Iran-Iraq war. There have been no attacks on shipping since August 20, and the President has decided on a modest reduction in our naval presence in the Gulf in response to this decline in the threat to U.S. flag shipping. I believe <sup>in concert w/ that of our Allies,</sup> the U.S. naval presence, <sup>both militarily and diplomatically at the UN</sup> and our leadership helped bring about the ceasefire. We will continue to <sup>support UN-sponsored negotiations</sup> ~~work~~ for a permanent peace in the area. <sup>Until then, intend to</sup> ~~and~~ we ~~will~~ <sup>our</sup> maintain a naval presence in the Persian Gulf <sup>so long as</sup> ~~which is adequate to deal with~~ the threat to U.S. flag shipping <sup>continues</sup> ~~there.~~

Sincerely,

The Reverend William B. Cate,  
President - Director,  
The Church Council of Greater Seattle,  
4759 15th Avenue, N.E.,  
Seattle, WA 98105.

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

## REFERRAL

AUGUST 16, 1988

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

## ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF:  
WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER

## DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 584613

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JULY 7, 1988

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE REVEREND WILLIAM B. CATE  
PRESIDENT - DIRECTOR  
THE CHURCH COUNCIL OF GREATER  
SEATTLE  
4759 15TH AVENUE, N.E.  
SEATTLE WA 98105SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES COPY OF A MEDIA RELEASE FROM THE  
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PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JULY 14, 1988

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE REVEREND WILLIAM B. CATE

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES COPY OF A MEDIA RELEASE FROM THE  
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THE U.S. PRESENCE IN THE PERSIAN GULF

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*The*  
**CHURCH  
COUNCIL  
of  
GREATER  
SEATTLE**

July 7, 1988

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20025

*encl  
J. Duggan*

Dear President Reagan:

I am enclosing a copy of a media release that the Church Council of Greater Seattle has released to the press in Seattle and to our member churches of the Church Council of Greater Seattle.

This release states our official Church Council of Greater Seattle policy in opposition to the United States presence in the Persian Gulf. Our recommendation is that the U.S. government "cease and desist from carrying on a unilateral policy in the Gulf" and support the U.N. taking responsibility for mediating the conflict and ensuring safe passage for ships.

Sincerely,

*William B. Cate*

(The Rev. Dr.) William B. Cate  
President - Director

WBC/af

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Seattle, Washington  
98105-4404

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The Rev. Dr. William B. Cate  
President-Director



July 5, 1988

MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: ( Rev. Dr.) William B. Cate  
President-Director  
Church Council of Greater

The Church Council of Greater Seattle wishes to express its profound sorrow to the families of the 290 person who died aboard the Iran Air passenger jet that was shot down over the Persian Gulf by the guided missile cruiser U.S.S. Vincennes. To illustrate our concern we call upon the churches of greater Seattle to observe a moment of silence in memory of the 290 innocent victims on Sunday, July 10.

We also call upon President Ronald Reagan to issue a formal apology to the families of the victims and to the government of Iran. The president's apology should include a commitment to make full reparations to the families, to the airline and to the government.

In the hurried discussion of whom to blame in this avoidable tragedy, the real and political question is being forgotten. What are we doing, one nation alone, in the Persian Gulf in the First place?

In November 1987 in an official statement the Board of Directors of the Church Council of Greater Seattle warned and affirmed that, "Whereas the continued hostilities in the Gulf and the involvement of American

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The Rev. Dr. William B. Cate  
President-Director

September 30, 1988

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS

FROM: WILLIAM J. BURNS *wjb*

SUBJECT: Proposed Presidential Video Message to Commemorate  
the Jawaharlal Nehru Centenary

Attached at Tab I is a scheduling proposal for Frederick Ryan to request a Presidential taping opportunity on Wednesday, October 5 to commemorate the Jawaharlal Nehru Centenary. Attached at Tab II is USIA's proposed draft Presidential statement. We and State concur in the text (if the scheduling proposal is approved, we will transmit it formally to the West Wing for delivery by the President).

Jerry ~~Leach~~ *Leach* and Marybel ~~Batjer~~ *Batjer* concur.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you forward the proposal at Tab I.

Approve *pm*

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Prepared by: Stephen E. Benko

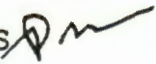
Attachment

- Tab I Scheduling Proposal
- Tab II Draft Presidential Message

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., Director  
Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS 

REQUEST: Taping Session

PURPOSE: Commemorate the Jawaharlal Nehru Centenary

BACKGROUND: The Government of India has requested USIA's assistance in obtaining a Presidential message to commemorate the beginning of a year of celebrations marking the centenary of the birth of Jawaharlal Nehru. USIA supports the idea of 2-3 minute Presidential message that would be placed on Indian Government TV and radio. USIA would like to have the video by October 12.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, October 5 Taping Session, for 5 minutes

LOCATION: Library

PARTICIPANTS: The President

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: The President delivers remarks for taping

REMARKS REQUIRED: Proposed remarks provided by USIA.

MEDIA COVERAGE: None

PROPOSED "PHOTO": None

RECOMMENDED BY: NSC, State Department and USIA

OPPOSED BY: None

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8828350

Date September 26, 1988

FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens  
Executive Secretary  
National Security Council  
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: Paul Schott Stevens

From: Larry R. Taylor

Date: 9/21/88

Subject: Draft Pres MSG to Commemorate the Jawaharlal Nehru Centenary

WH Referral Dated: Undated  
NSC ID# (if any): 6831

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REMARKS:

Department has no objection to the attached Presidential message.

*Lisa M. Tander*

Director  
Secretariat Staff

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DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR THE  
JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CENTENARY, NOVEMBER 4, 1988

(BEGIN TEXT:)

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FROM:

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