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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 17, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

FROM: PETER J. RUSTHOVEN *PR*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

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With best regards,

Sincerely,

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

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Fred Fielding:

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Frank Donatelli passed to NSC the attached letter from former Japanese PM Kishi. Normally, we would task State for a draft, but, given the references to Reverend Moon on page 2, I thought I should first run by you.

Any problem with sending to State for draft?

Bob Kinnitt

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NOBUSUKE KISHI

November 26, 1984

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

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This concludes my request for you today, Mr. President. We are both advancing in our years, so let us take care of ourselves and spend our days in good spirits.

With warmest regards, I am

Most sincerely yours,


Nobusuke Kishi

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February 4, 1985

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ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Letter from Former Japanese Prime
Minister Nobuske Kishi Concerning
Reverend Moon and Other Matters

Our office has reviewed the "advance copy" of the State Department draft of the proposed Presidential reply to the above-referenced letter, and has no objection to the portions of the draft incorporating the language we previously sent to you about responses to correspondence concerning Reverend Moon's clemency request.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Peter Ruzhoven:

Attached is an
advance copy of State's
recommendation on the Kishi
letter. After we staff it,
we will be in touch with
our recommendation.

Bob Kennith

cc Paul Thompson
Bob Pearson
Gaston Sigur



January 31, 1985

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

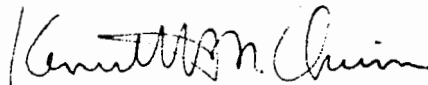
Subject: Letter to the President from Former Japanese Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi Requesting Executive Clemency for Reverend Sun Myung Moon

On November 26, 1984, Nobusuke Kishi, former Prime Minister of Japan, sent President Reagan a letter asking that Reverend Sun Myung Moon be released from prison as soon as possible.

Since the original letter is from a former Prime Minister of Japan, we believe that a reply from the President would be appropriate. We have prepared a draft reply to former Prime Minister Kishi, drawing on language prepared by the Office of the Counsel to the President in response to other requests for clemency for Reverend Moon.

Recommendation:

That the President sign the attached letter to former Prime Minister Kishi.


for Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Draft letter to former Prime Minister Kishi
2. Letter to the President from former Prime Minister Kishi

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Dear Mr. Kishi:

Thank you for your letter of November 26, and your kind words and generous observations on the reasons for my re-election. I share your judgment that the wide public support for the policies of my Administration during the past four years, as well as the message of hope which Vice President Bush and I carried to the American people during the campaign -- that together we Americans are creating a vibrant, robust and alive America, poised for renewed greatness -- were instrumental in the outcome of the election. I pledged in my inaugural address January 21 to continue those policies through my second term, and we shall certainly do so.

As in Japan, the winter season has arrived in America. As you may know, it brought with it to Washington temperatures so cold that we were forced to move many Inauguration Day events

His Excellency

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indoors. I was especially disappointed for the many fine young Americans who had come to Washington to march in the Inaugural Parade and were unable to perform. However, as I spoke to many of those young men and women later that afternoon, it was clear to me that the cold weather had done nothing to cool their warmth and enthusiasm. It made me mindful once again that with them lies the real future of our world.

I also appreciated receiving your thoughts on the imprisonment of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon. As you may know, Reverend Moon was granted a furlough during the recent holiday season; also, I understand that a parole board hearing in his case is scheduled in the relatively near future. In addition, a formal request for executive clemency has been submitted by Reverend Moon's attorneys and is being considered by the Pardon Attorney's office at the Justice Department. I can assure you that your thoughts will be given very careful consideration during this process.

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Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

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