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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 01, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE BEN MEIER

SUBJECT: SUBMITS TWO RESOLUTIONS, CONDEMNING THE  
PERSECUTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BAHAI' I FAITH BY  
THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN AND PLIGHT OF FARMERS

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REFERRAL NOTE:	A	85/04/10		
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REFERRAL NOTE: Attached is Bahai' Resolution	A	85/04/12		
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MANAGEMENT.

April 4, 1985

Dear Secretary Meier:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for your recent letter in which you enclose copies of House Concurrent Resolution 3019 and Senate Concurrent Resolution 4024 that pertains to members of the Baha'i faith and the plight of farmers.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding your correspondence to the Office of Policy Development for their benefit and consideration.

Again, many thanks for bringing your resolutions to the attention of the Administration. Also appreciated were your supportive remarks. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Gleason, Jr.  
Special Assistant to the President  
for Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable Ben Meier  
Secretary of State  
State of North Dakota  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Bob G -

Answer on your  
name - or mine, if  
you prefer.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505

March 28, 1985

*M. Daniels*  
The Honorable Ronald Reagan  
President  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

At the direction of the Forty-ninth Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota, I have enclosed a copy of House Concurrent Resolution No. 3019 and a copy of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4024 for your review.

Sincerely,

*Ben Meier*  
BEN MEIER  
Secretary of State

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*Mr president keep up the  
go work  
Ben Meier*

Forty-Ninth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota begun and held at the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the eighth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-five.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3019  
(Representatives Unhjem, DeMers)  
(Senators Heinrich, Lashkowitz)

A concurrent resolution condemning the persecution of members of the Baha'i faith by the government of Iran.

WHEREAS, the civilized peoples of the world are increasingly alarmed and appalled at the persecution and severe repression of the Baha'is in Iran; and

WHEREAS, since the 1979 revolution in Iran, more than 170 prominent members of the Baha'i faith have been assassinated or executed, and more than 700 members are currently imprisoned; and

WHEREAS, since the 1979 revolution in Iran, all Baha'i holy places, properties, and cemeteries have been confiscated or destroyed; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of Baha'is have been dismissed from their jobs or deprived of their business and trade licenses and seizure of members' bank funds and destruction of members' personal property have been widespread; and

WHEREAS, no child of Baha'i parentage has been allowed to register for school at any level; and

WHEREAS, these genocidal practices by the Iranian government clearly violate its obligations under international human rights law, particularly the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; and

WHEREAS, the people of the state of North Dakota and all the United States of America are now, and always will be, adamantly opposed to persecution of all kinds, especially religious persecution; and

WHEREAS, all civilized peoples recognized the existence of international legal and moral principles demanding respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion; and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 1946, in reaction to the genocide practiced in World War II, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted a resolution denouncing genocide as a crime under international law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Forty-ninth Legislative Assembly of the state of North Dakota expresses its shock and revulsion at the present program of the Iranian government to decimate the Baha'i faith and implores the Iranian leadership to acknowledge and abide by its obligations under international human rights law and to put an immediate end to its genocidal practices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges that the United States of America, through its membership in the United Nations, propose that the General Assembly of that organization adopt a resolution denouncing the genocidal actions of the Iranian government, and call on the Security Council of that organization to investigate the persecution of members of the Baha'i faith by Iran and take all necessary actions to assure that this violation of international law is stopped; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of State, the United States' representative to the United Nations, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation, and the Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Jamestown, North Dakota.

*Ray Sanson*  
Speaker of the House

*Ray Giehrath*  
Chief Clerk of the House

*Robert Morris*  
President of the Senate

*Leo Leidholm*  
Secretary of the Senate



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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4024  
(Krauter, Kelsh, Bakewell)

A concurrent resolution urging the President of the United States, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the members of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation to make a united effort to bring the farm credit crisis, the need for full agricultural parity, and the need for a balanced federal budget to the attention of elected officials.

WHEREAS, agriculture is the greatest producing industry in the country; and

WHEREAS, agriculture is the only industry operating under the free market system where the price received by producers is determined by nonproducers; and

WHEREAS, the prices received by agricultural producers do not provide the same purchasing power as in the past; and

WHEREAS, many agricultural producers are currently suffering due to a farm credit crisis; and

WHEREAS, many agricultural producers find it necessary to attempt to borrow money for operating expenses, and machinery and land purchases; and

WHEREAS, high interest rates severely impact the availability and desirability of agricultural loans; and

WHEREAS, decreasing land values have eroded the net worth of agricultural producers; and

WHEREAS, deficit governmental spending, high interest rates, and a poor farm economy adversely affect all segments of the economy; and


WHEREAS, Women Involved in Farm Economics (W.I.F.E.) has made a united effort to bring the farm credit crisis, the need

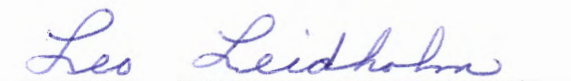
for full agricultural parity, and the need for a balanced federal budget to the attention of elected officials;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

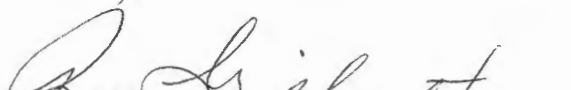
That the Forty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the President of the United States, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the members of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation to make a united effort in calling to the attention of elected officials the farm credit crisis, the need for full agricultural parity, and the need for a balanced federal budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to the organization of Women Involved in Farm Economics (W.I.F.E.), the President of the United States, the Secretary of Agriculture, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

  
President of the Senate

  
Secretary of the Senate

  
Speaker of the House

  
Chief Clerk of the House