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#### April 1, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW

STAFF SECRETARY

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Enrolled Resolution H.J. Res. 121 --National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced enrolled resolution, and finds no objection to it from a legal perspective.

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## EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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APR 1 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Resolution H.J. Res. 121 - National Child

Abuse Prevention Month

Sponsor - Rep. Hiler (R) Indiana and 250 others

Last Day for Action

The designated month is April.

Purpose

Designates the month of April 1985 as "National Child Abuse Prevention Month."

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget

Approval

Department of Health and Human Services

Approval (Informally)

#### Discussion

H.J. Res. 121 designates April 1985 as "National Child Abuse Prevention Month" and authorizes and requests the President to issue a proclamation calling upon all Government agencies and the public to observe the month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities. The resolution passed the House and Senate by voice vote.

The resolution notes, in part, that the incidence of child abuse and neglect in the United States has reached alarming proportions; that individuals and organizations including Parents Anonymous, the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse, American Humane Association, and other members of the National Child Abuse Coalition are working to help child abusers break their destructive pattern of behavior; and that it is appropriate to focus the attention of the Nation on the problem of child abuse.

An appropriate proclamation is being prepared and will be forwarded shortly to the White House for issuance.

Acting Assistant Director for Legislative Reference

Enclosures

WASHINGTON

April 26, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW

STAFF SECRETARY

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Enrolled Resolution H.J. Res. 33 -- National Child Safety Awareness Month

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced enrolled resolution, and finds no objection to it from a legal perspective.

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WASHINGTON

April 19, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS 9562

SUBJECT:

Joint Resolution Regarding Crime Victims Week

I orally advised DGH that I had no objection to the above-referenced enrolled resolution.

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## Ainety-ninth Congress of the United States of America

#### AT THE FIRST SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Thursday, the third day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-five

#### Joint Resolution

To designate the week of April 14, 1985, as "Crime Victims Week".

Whereas crime often inflicts considerable physical and emotional pain and financial hardship upon its victims, disrupting their lives, and placing great strains upon their families;

Whereas our criminal justice system has often failed to provide the victims of crime with the compassionate treatment they deserve; Whereas it is the fundamental obligation of government to protect

its citizens from the criminal element;

Whereas there is a national movement in support of more just and

compassionate treatment of victims of crime;

Whereas the establishment of the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime and an Office for Victims of Crime in the Department of Justice, and enactment of the Victim and Witness Protection Act of 1982 and the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 evidence the Federal Government's increased awareness of the plight of crime victims;

Whereas further efforts are needed, at all levels of government and in the private sector, to help ease the trauma suffered by crime victims: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating April 14 through April 20, 1985, as "Crime Victims Week" and calling upon the people of the United States, State and local government agencies, and interested organizations to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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President of the United States and
President of the Senate for Tamp re

WASHINGTON

May 9, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW

STAFF SECRETARY

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Enrolled Resolution S.J. Res. 64 -- National Correctional Officers Week

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced enrolled resolution, and finds no objection to it from a legal perspective.

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# OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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MAY 8 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Resolution S.J. Res. 64 - National

Correctional Officers Week

Sponsors - Sen. Riegle (D) Michigan and 27 others

#### Last Day for Action

#### Purpose

To designate the week beginning May 5, 1985, as "National Correctional Officers Week."

#### Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget

Approval

Department of Justice

No objection(Informally)

#### Discussion

The enrolled resolution, which passed both Houses by voice vote, designates the week beginning May 5, 1985, as "National Correctional Officers Week." It authorizes and requests the President to "issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities."

According to the preamble of the enrolled resolution, correctional officers in the United States are responsible for the containment and control of over 600,000 prisoners.

A draft proclamation will be forwarded separately for your consideration.

Assistant Director for Legislative Reference

Enclosures

WASHINGTON

May 13, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW

STAFF SECRETARY

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Enrolled Resolution S.J. Res. 53 --

Youth Suicide Prevention Month

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced enrolled resolution, and finds no objection to it from a legal perspective.

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#### EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503Received S S

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Resolution S.J. Res. 53 - Youth Suicide

Prevention Month

Sponsor - Sen. Denton (R) Alabama and 31 others

#### Last Day for Action

May 21, 1985 - Tuesday

#### Purpose

Designates June 1985 as "Youth Suicide Prevention Month."

#### Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget

Approval

Department of Health and Human Services

Approval (Informally)

#### Discussion

S.J. Res. 53 designates the month of June 1985 as "Youth Suicide Prevention Month," and authorizes and requests the President to issue a proclamation calling upon the Governors, the chief officials of local governments, and the public to observe the month with appropriate programs and activities. The resolution passed the Senate and House by voice vote.

The resolution notes that more than 5,000 young Americans took their lives last year and many more attempted suicide; that the rate of youth suicide has increased more than threefold in the last two decades; and that youth suicide is a problem which can only be solved through the combined efforts of individuals, families, communities, organizations, and government to educate society.

An appropriate proclamation will be forwarded to the White House for issuance.

Assistant Director for

Legislative Reference

Enclosures

WASHINGTON

May 20, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR BRANDEN BLUM

LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

State Draft Report on H. Res. 107,

Expressing the Sense of the House of

Representatives with Respect to

Extending Voluntary Departure Status

to Nationals of Guatemala

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced draft report, and finds no objection to it from a legal perspective.

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## EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

May 17, 1985

#### LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

TO:

Department of Justice

National Security Council

SUBJECT:

Department of State draft report on H.Res. 107, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to extending voluntary departure status to nationals of Guatemala

The Office of Management and Budget requests the views of your agency on the above subject before advising on its relationship to the program of the President, in accordance with OMB Circular A-19.

Please provide us with your views no later than

Monday, June 10, 1985.

Direct your questions to Branden Blum (395-3454), the legislative attorney in this office.

> Assistant Director for Legislative Reference

Enclosure

cc: F. Fielding

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Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of March 13, 1985 enclosing H.Res. 107, which expresses the sense of the House of Representatives with regard to extended voluntary departure (EVD) status for Guatemalans, and requesting our views. Our comments on the resolution relate solely to whether the Secretary should recommend extended voluntary departure status to the Attorney General.

The Department does not believe it would be appropriate in current circumstances to recommend extended voluntary departure status for Guatemalans in the United States for a variety of reasons concerning our foreign and immigration policies. EVD grants have been rare because of the serious foreign and domestic policy ramification of withholding the deportation of illegal aliens. The Department invariably considers a number of factors in deciding whether to recommend a grant of EVD, for EVD may meet different objectives in different cases. We would note that, in particular, the extent of violence or civil unrest alone does not determine the Department's view toward the granting of EVD to nationals of a particular country.

It is true that serious human rights violations continue to occur in Guatemala. It is also clear, however, that significant improvements have continued to occur during the past two years. Our view of this improving situation is contained in the Country Reports on Human Rights Practices submitted to the Congress for 1983 and 1984 in accordance with Sections 116(d) and 502B(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended. A separate judgment of the improving, although still serious, human rights situation may be found in the report of Lord Colville, the U.N.-appointed Rapporteur for Guatemala. Lord Colville is a respected human rights expert who visited Guatemala on numerous occasions in preparation of his report. In regard to the continuing problem of disappearances, he wrote that many cases may really be voluntary efforts of individuals to disappear from society, while other cases may be criminally inspired.

Another fact which may not have been considered by the sponsors of the resolution is that increasing numbers of Guatemalan refugees are voluntarily returning to Guatemala. You will recall the successful elections in July last year for a Constituent Assembly to prepare Guatemala for a return to

The Honorable

Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives. civilian, democratically-elected government this year. In connection with these upcoming elections, the leadership of the Social Democratic Party -- a member of the Socialist International -- has accepted the Government's call for political exiles to return and to participate in the political process.

Nevertheless, we recognize that some Guatemalans may have legitimate concerns about returning to their homeland at this Such persons who are in the United States already have available to them specific procedures for seeking relief. immigration laws provide procedures whereby an alien may lawfully secure the right to remain in the United States when he or she properly demonstrates fear of individual persecution in his or her homeland on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. Also, in accordance with our international commitments, we do not forcefully deport a refugee to a country where the alien's life or freedom would be threatened on account of such factors. If EVD were granted to Guatemalans in the United States, it would benefit precisely those who are unable to qualify for asylum status or withholding of deportation. In other words, its beneficiaries would be those who do not have a legitimate fear of persecution in their homeland.

We note that the U.N. High Commission for Refugees operates numerous refugee settlements for Guatemalan refugees in Southern Mexico, which most of the Guatemalans illegally in the U.S. have chosen to bypass. Guatemalans do not face persecution in Mexico. Nevertheless, some of them have decided not to avail themselves of this U.N. program specifically tailored for their needs, but rather have sought to enter the United States, where no such program operates. It is clear that the movement of these Guatemalans to United States reflects to a large extent the historical pattern of migration. This pattern shows that the United States is a magnet which attracts migration from around the world, and especially from Central America and Mexico because of the direct land bridge between this region and our country.

Furthermore, if EVD were granted to Guatemalans, it would exacerbate this historical pattern and generally undermine the orderly implementation of our immigration policy. More specifically, considering the large number of Guatemalans who have elected to bypass refugee settlements in Mexico and enter the United States under present conditions, in which they risk deportation if they cannot establish their eligibility for asylum status, it is clear that the number of Guatemalans entering the United States could be expected to rise significantly if EVD status were available to them. This was our experience in 1979 when EVD status was granted to Nicaraguans at the end of the revolution in that country.

We will continue our careful review of applications by Guatemalans for asylum on a case-by-case basis, and monitor developments in the region. We believe that the procedures for a just consideration of asylum requests by Central Americans are in place, and that they are applied by our officers in a compassionate manner. In addition, we will maintain our longstanding practice of supporting refugee and resettlement programs, such as those in Mexico. No other country provides as much assistance, or as many settlement opportunities to refugees, as the United States.

For the above stated reasons, we do not believe that it would be appropriate for the Department of State to recommend the extraordinary step of displacing current immigration laws by granting extended voluntary departure status to Guatemalans in this country. We therefore would not support H.Res. 107.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that from the standpoint of the Administration's program there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely,

J. Edward Fox
Acting Assistant Secretary
Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

WASHINGTON

June 12, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW

STAFF SECRETARY

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS (

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Enrolled Resolution S.J. 66

-- Baltic Freedom Day

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced enrolled resolution, and finds no objection to it from a legal perspective.

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## EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Resolution S.J.Res. 66 - Baltic Freedom Day Sponsor - Senator D'Amato (R) New York

#### Last Day for Action

June 14, 1985, is the day being designated as "Baltic Freedom Day."  $\,$ 

#### Purpose

Designates June 14, 1985, as "Baltic Freedom Day."

#### Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget

Approval

Department of State

Approval (Informally)

#### Discussion

S.J.Res. 66 designates June 14, 1985, as "Baltic Freedom Day." The enrolled resolution authorizes and requests the President to issue a proclamation for the observance of "Baltic Freedom Day" with appropriate ceremonies and activities. June 14, 1985, marks the 44th anniversary of the mass deportation by the Soviet Union of thousands of people from the Baltic Republics of Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia.

S.J.Res. 66 passed both Houses of Congress by voice vote. We understand that a draft proclamation has been forwarded for your consideration.

Assistant Director for Legislative Reference

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WASHINGTON

June 13, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW

STAFF SECRETARY

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS,

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Enrolled Resolution: S.J. Res. 142

Anne Frank Day

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced enrolled resolution, and finds no objection to the President signing it. The designated day has, of course, already passed, and accordingly the requested proclamation, if one is issued, will have to be carefully crafted to avoid embarrassment. The President can no longer call upon the people of the United States to observe June 12, 1985 "with appropriate ceremonies and activities."

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# OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

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#### MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Resolution S.J.Res. 142 - Anne Frank Day Sponsor - Senator Levin (D) Michigan and 28 others

#### Last Day for Action

June 12, 1985, is the day designated as "Anne Frank Day."

#### Purpose

Designates June 12, 1985, as "Anne Frank Day."

#### Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget

Approval

Department of State

Approval (Informally)

#### Discussion

S.J.Res. 142 designates June 12, 1985, as "Anne Frank Day." The enrolled resolution authorizes and requests the President to issue a proclamation for the observance of "Anne Frank Day" with appropriate ceremonies and activities. On June 12, 1985, the international exhibition entitled "Anne Frank in the World 1929-1945" opened in Frankfurt in the Federal Republic of Germany, in Amsterdam in the Netherlands, and in New York City in the United States.

S.J.Res. 142 passed both Houses of the Congress by voice vote. We understand that a draft proclamation is being forwarded for your consideration.

Sincerely,

James M. Frey

Assistant Director for Legislative Reference

# 99TH CONGRESS S. J. RES. 142

To designate June 12, 1985, as, "Anne-Frank Day".

#### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 23 (legislative day, April 15), 1985

Mr. Levin introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

## JOINT RESOLUTION

To designate June 12, 1985, as "Anne Frank Day".

- Whereas Anne Frank was a young girl who died in the Bergen-Belsen Nazi concentration camp;
- Whereas Anne Frank kept a diary, discovered after her death, that told the story of the concealment of her family from the Nazis;
- Whereas June 12, 1985, is the anniversary of the birth of Anne Frank;
- Whereas June 12, 1985, also is the occasion of an international opening of the exhibition, entitled "Anne Frank in the World 1929-1945", in Frankfurt in the Federal Republic of Germany, in Amsterdam in the Netherlands, and in New York City in the United States;
- Whereas the Anne Frank exhibit was organized by the American Friends of the Anne Frank Center, a nonsectarian orga-

nization committed to preserving the memory of Anne Frank;

- Whereas the American Friends of the Anne Frank Center has selected the American Forum on Religion and Politics to host the opening of the Anne Frank exhibit in New York;
- Whereas the American Forum on Religion and Politics, a group composed of business, political, and professional leaders and religious leaders from many faiths, is committed to preserving the separation of church and State and to advancing social change by encouraging dialogue; and
- Whereas it is appropriate for the people of the Nation to reflect on the message of Anne Frank that in the face of evil it is possible to retain a belief in humanity: Now, therefore, be it
- 1 Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of
- 2 the United States of America in Congress assembled, That
- 3 June 12, 1985, is designated as "Anne Frank Day" and the
- 4 President of the United States is authorized and requested to
- 5 issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United
- 6 States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and
- 7 activities.

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