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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 22, 1982

MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached for your signature is H.J. Res. 373 (3 originals) and an associated signing statement prepared by the Department of State.

Among other things this Resolution expresses the sense of the Congress that the Government of the Soviet Union should cease its abuses of the basic human rights of its citizens, in particular, the right to freely practice one's religion and the right to emigrate to another country. This Bill also requests that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Ambassador of the Soviet Union to the U.S. and to the Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

OMB and the Department of State recommend approval. Craig Fuller, Dave Gergen, Ed Rollins, Ken Duberstein, Bill Clark and the Office of Policy Development concur. NSC and Elizabeth Dole have no objection.

Last Day for Action: March 23



Richard G. Darman

3/22/82: Aved.

APPROVED
MAR 22 1982

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

MAR 16 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Resolution H.J.Res. 373 - Religious Freedom
in the Soviet Union
Sponsors - Rep. Schroeder (D) Colorado and 87 others

Last Day for Action

March 23, 1982 - Tuesday

Purpose

Expresses the sense of Congress with respect to religious freedom
in and freedom to emigrate from the Soviet Union.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Department of State	Approval (Signing Statement attached)
National Security Council	No objection

Discussion

H.J.Res. 373 expresses the sense of the Congress that the Soviet Union should respect the rights of its citizens to practice their religion and to emigrate, and that these matters should be raised at the thirty-eighth meeting of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in Geneva in February 1982. In addition, the President is directed to transmit copies of H.J.Res. 373 to the Soviet Ambassador to the United States and to the Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

As the Department of State notes in its attached views letter, the issues raised by H.J.Res. 373 "... have been raised in a variety of contexts, including the 1981 meeting of the U.N. Human Rights Commission. ... The current session of the Commission on Human Rights, which closes March 12, has provided an excellent forum for again airing these matters."

The enrolled resolution passed the House and the Senate by voice vote. The State Department has prepared an appropriate signing statement for your consideration.

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James M. Frey
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosure

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

I have signed House Joint Resolution 373 expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government of the Soviet Union should cease its abuses of the basic human rights of its citizens, in particular the right to freely practice one's religion and the right to emigrate to another country. The resolution draws special attention to the hardships and discrimination now being imposed upon the Jewish community in the U.S.S.R.

I wholeheartedly join with the Congress in renewing our call to the Soviet Government to cease its repressive actions against those who seek the freedom to emigrate or to practice their religious or cultural traditions. These freedoms are a fundamental part of our American heritage, and their denial is a matter of the deepest concern to our Government and citizenry. We urge the Soviet Union to take positive steps to ensure that its policies and practices conform with its international obligations to respect the individual rights of its citizens.

Ronald Reagan

Historical File

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 11, 1982

DICK:

Rather than stamping the approved date on these two copies after they are signed by the President as we normally do on enrolled bills like so:

APPROVED

MAR 10 1982

you might want to consider having the President write the date next to his name on both copies of the resolutions.

Ron
Ron Geisler

*No stamp bill
per Jan via
Dick Danner*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 23, 1982

FOR THE RECORD:

This H.J. Res. requires the President to transmit a "copy" of the resolution to the Ambassador of the Soviet Union to the United States and to the Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

Richard Darman instructed me to give the two copies to Judge Clark's office for transmittal to the Department of State.

The two copies were given to George Van Eron, NSC staff this day. He will have Judge Clark forward them to the Secretary of State who will make the arrangements for delivering the copies to the soviet officials.

It is very unusual for a request of this nature to be contained in a law.

Ron Geisler

The Speaker's Rooms
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

March 11, 1982

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. President:

Pursuant to Section 2 of House Joint Resolution 373,
I am enclosing two copies of said enrollment for trans-
mittal to the Ambassador of the Soviet Union to the
United States and to the Chairman of the Presidium of
the Supreme Soviet.

Best Wishes.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. O'Neill
The Speaker

Enclosures (2)

*These two copies were required by the Speaker
and the Vice President*

RPS
3/22/82

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3/16/82 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: c.o.b. Friday, 3/19

SUBJECT: ENROLLED RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 373 - RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN THE SOVIET UNION

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*Approve 3/19
No addtl comments*

O.K. per Stephens 3/20

Called 3/22

*No comments
Per Gail 3/22*

Called re status 3/22

Remarks:

May we have your comments on the attached Resolution. Thank you.

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
(x2702)

Response:

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 20, 1920

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD G. DARMAN

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK *RCM for*SUBJECT: Enrolled Resolution H.J.Res. 373 -- Religious
Freedom in the Soviet Union

We have reviewed and concur in Enrolled Resolution H.J.Res. 373, as set forth in OMB's memorandum of March 16 (Tab A), expressing the sense of Congress with respect to religious freedom in and freedom to emigrate from the Soviet Union.

Attachment:

Tab A Your memorandum of March 16 with attachments.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM URGENT

DATE: 82 MAR 16 3/16/82 P 2: 58 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: c.o.b. Friday, 3/19

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Remarks:

May we have your comments on the attached Resolution. Thank you.

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
(x2702)

Response:



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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As the Department of State notes in its attached views letter, the issues raised by H.J.Res. 373 "... have been raised in a variety of contexts, including the 1981 meeting of the U.N. Human Rights Commission. ... The current session of the Commission on Human Rights, which closes March 12, has provided an excellent forum for again airing these matters."

The enrolled resolution passed the House and the Senate by voice vote. The State Department has prepared an appropriate signing statement for your consideration.

James M. Frey
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosure

Ninety-seventh Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-two

Joint Resolution

Expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of the Soviet Union should respect the rights of its citizens to practice their religion and to emigrate, and that these matters should be among the issues raised at the thirty-eighth meeting of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights at Geneva in February 1982.

Whereas the Soviet authorities have mounted a triple assault on their Jewish community, (1) the number of Jews allowed to emigrate has been reduced from a high of four thousand seven hundred and forty-six in the month of October 1979 to a total of only nine thousand four hundred in all of 1981, the lowest number since emigration began, (2) frequent harassments, arrests, and trials have become an almost daily occurrence, and (3) unparalleled assaults on Jewish self-study groups occur in the major urban areas; and

Whereas such harassment and obstacles to free movement violate the obligations of the Soviet Union to respect the rights of freedom of thought, conscience, expression, religion, and emigration, as provided for in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe at Helsinki, and the Constitution of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) the President should instruct the United States delegation to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights meeting in Geneva in February 1982 to carry to the Commission the message that the Soviet Union should respect the rights of its citizens to practice their religion and to emigrate, should stop its harassments, arrests, and trials of the members of its Jewish community, and should stop its assaults on Jewish self-study groups;

(2) the Government of the Soviet Union should comply with its obligations under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe at Helsinki, and the Constitution of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, by ceasing the indiscriminate arrests and trials of Jewish activists, by ending the assaults on Jewish self-study groups, and by opening its doors to those who wish to emigrate;

(3) the President should express to the Government of the Soviet Union the strong and continuing opposition of the United States to such harassment of its citizenry, and the obstacles it presents to those who wish to emigrate; and

(4) the President should reiterate to the Government of the Soviet Union that the United States, in evaluating its relations

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with other nations, will consider the extent to which they honor their commitments under international law, particularly their commitments concerning human rights.

SEC. 2. The President shall transmit copies of this resolution to the Ambassador of the Soviet Union to the United States and to the Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 19, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD G. DARMAN

FROM: EDWIN L. HARPER *EH*

SUBJECT: Enrolled Resolution H.J. Res. 373
Religious Freedom in the Soviet Union
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The Office of Policy Development recommends approval of H.J. Res. 373 and the proposed signing statement.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

MAR 11 1982

Dear Mr. Stockman:

In accordance with established procedure, I am responding to Mr. James M. Frey's communication of March 8, requesting Department of State views on enrolled bill H.J. Res. 373. The resolution expresses the sense of Congress that the Government of the Soviet Union should respect the rights of its citizens to practice their religion and to emigrate, and that these matters should be among the issues raised at the thirty-eighth meeting of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights at Geneva in February 1982.

The preamble to the resolution contains two expressions which lack firm historical context. The phrase "since emigration began" in subparagraph (1) is unnecessarily ambiguous; in fact Jewish emigration is at its lowest level since 1970. The word "unparalleled" in subparagraph (3) overlooks the periods of severe persecution of Jews during the Stalin era. However these inaccuracies are not fatal to the overall thrust of the bill.

The operative sections of the resolution are fully consistent with present United States policy. Our Government has consistently supported the rights of Soviet citizens to practice their religious and cultural traditions free of state interference or harassment. We have similarly supported the efforts of all those who seek to exercise their right to emigrate. As the resolution properly points out, these rights are enunciated in several international agreements to which the USSR is a signatory.

The United States has unequivocally made known to the Soviet Government that its abuses of the fundamental rights of its citizens have a decidedly detrimental effect upon our bilateral relations. We have strongly condemned official Soviet persecution of religious believers, Jewish and other cultural activists, and

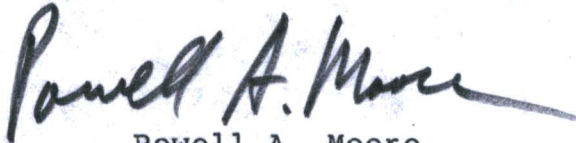
The Honorable
David A. Stockman,
Director,
Office of Management and Budget.

emigration applicants. These issues have been raised in a variety of contexts, including the 1981 meeting of the U.N. Human Rights Commission. We shall continue to stress our concern to the Soviets and to bring Soviet abuses of human rights to international attention. The current session of the Commission on Human Rights, which closes March 12, has provided an excellent forum for again airing these matters.

H.J. Res. 373 will not have any impact upon the President's budgetary program. Implementation of the resolution will require neither additional personnel nor additional expenditure of funds by the U.S. Government.

The Department of State recommends that the President give approval to H.J. Res. 373 and issue the attached signing statement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Powell A. Moore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Powell A. Moore
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations

Enclosure:
Proposed Signing Statement.

Proposed Signing Statement

Today I am signing a joint resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government of the Soviet Union should cease its abuses of the basic human rights of its citizens, in particular the right to freely practice one's religion and the right to emigrate to another country. The resolution draws special attention to the hardships and discrimination now being imposed upon the Jewish community in the U.S.S.R.

I wholeheartedly join with the Congress in renewing our call to the Soviet Government to cease its repressive actions against those who seek the freedom to emigrate or to practice their religious or cultural traditions. These freedoms are a fundamental part of our American heritage, and their denial is a matter of the deepest concern to our Government and citizenry. We urge the Soviet Union to take positive steps to ensure that its policies and

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

March 8, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES M. FREY

FROM: MICHAEL O. WHEELER MW

SUBJECT: H. J. Resolution 373

This will confirm that we have no objection to the subject enrolled bill, as forwarded by your memorandum of March 8, 1982.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3/16/82 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: c.o.b. Friday, 3/19

SUBJECT: ENROLLED RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 373 - RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN THE SOVIET UNION

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Remarks:

May we have your comments on the attached Resolution. Thank you.

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
(x2702)


Response:

OK per CHF
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Remarks:

May we have your comments on the attached Resolution. Thank you.

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Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
(x2702)

Response:

March 19, 1982

No objection.


Elizabeth H. Dole

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Remarks:

May we have your comments on the attached Resolution. Thank you.

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3:45*

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
(x2702)

Response:


*Approved - no additional
comments
D. Bergman/gb
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(x2702)

Response:

Approved - no additional comments.

Edward J. Rollins
Office of Political Affairs

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Response:

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OK
Kend

3-20-82

Proposed Signing Statement

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