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Cynthia Thompson 376  
Mike Messenger 1780

event date March 29, 1988

Send date Immed.

Format

billing USIA

event US-USSR satellite videoconference

audience

organization

TAPING: U.S.-U.S.S.R. SATELLITE  
VIDEOCONFERENCE ON ONCOLOGY

LADIES AND  
GENTLEMEN: I APPRECIATE  
THIS OPPORTUNITY TO  
EXPRESS TO ALL OF YOU MY  
GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES  
FOR A SUCCESSFUL  
CONFERENCE. LET ME ALSO  
SEND GREETINGS TO THE  
INTERNATIONAL CANCER  
SPECIALISTS WHO HAVE  
TUNED IN ON THE  
U.S. HOSPITAL NETWORK  
AND WORLDNET.

OBVIOUSLY,  
THE SUBJECT AT HAND IS  
A MATTER WHICH CALLS FOR  
COMMON CONCERN AND  
WORLDWIDE COOPERATION.  
YOU, WHO ARE INVOLVED IN  
CANCED RESEARCH ARE AT

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THE FOREFRONT OF A BATTLE  
AGAINST THIS ENEMY OF ALL  
HUMANKIND. CANCER,  
OF COURSE, IS AN  
AFFLICTION THAT KNOWS  
NO BOUNDARIES AND ATTACKS  
PEOPLE OF ALL AGES,  
RACES, RELIGIONS,  
AND NATIONALITIES.  
WE ARE DEPENDING ON ALL  
OF YOU, IN YOUR COMBINED  
WISDOM, TO WIN THE BATTLE  
OVER THIS DISEASE AND IN  
DOING SO TO IMPROVE THE  
LENGTH AND QUALITY OF  
HUMAN LIFE FOR ALL  
MANKIND.



CLEARLY, SHARING  
INFORMATION AND IDEAS ON  
MEDICAL RESEARCH AND  
USING MODERN  
COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY,  
AS YOU ARE, FURTHERS THE  
CAUSE OF A HEALTHY WORLD.

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BILATERAL EXCHANGES OF  
THIS KIND BETWEEN THE  
SOVIET UNION AND THE  
UNITED STATES ARE  
POSITIVE OUTGROWTHS OF  
THE AGREEMENT THAT  
GENERAL SECRETARY  
GORBACHEV AND I REACHED  
AT THE GENEVA SUMMIT IN  
1985 TO EXPAND  
SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL,  
MEDICAL, CULTURAL,  
AND OTHER CONTACTS  
BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES.  
I AM DELIGHTED TO SEE  
THIS SOVIET-AMERICAN  
MEDICAL CONFERENCE TAKING  
PLACE, AND I ASSURE YOU  
THAT I HEARTILY SUPPORT  
ITS GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.  
LET US HOPE THAT THIS  
HELPS TO BREAK DOWN  
REMAINING BARRIERS TO  
COMMUNICATION BETWEEN OUR

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PEOPLES IN A BROAD RANGE  
OF FIELDS. THANK YOU,  
AND GOD BLESS YOU.

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~~Intro~~  
intro  
Karen Goettsche

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Washington, D.C. 20547

Office of the Director



*Sept 11 Taping  
session*

*CR*

JUL 13 1987

*postponed to Dec. 2*

*CONFIDENTIAL*

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ON ONCOLOGY, SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 2, 1987

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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8/12/87

MEMORANDUM

TO: TONY DOLAN/ELIZABETH BOARD (Coordinate with NSC)  
FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FR*  
SUBJECT: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING: Tape Message for US-USSR Satellite Videoconference  
on Oncology

DATE: September 11, 1987

TIME: 2:00 pm

DURATION: 5 minutes

LOCATION: Roosevelt Room

BACKUP LOCATION:

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: No

FIRST LADY  
PARTICIPATION: No

*Call  
Mike Manning  
on this - it's  
probably  
USIA*

NOTE: PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST

M. Archambault  
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J. Courtemanche  
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US-USSR Oncology Teleconference

Conference  
Postponed to Dec. 2nd

Event:

Send:

Format:

Billing: USIA

~~Feb~~  
~~March~~ '88  
March 29

Backend

NIH + Soviet Academy of Oncology sponsors.

— Will Gorbachev participate?

Event: Opening day ceremonies.

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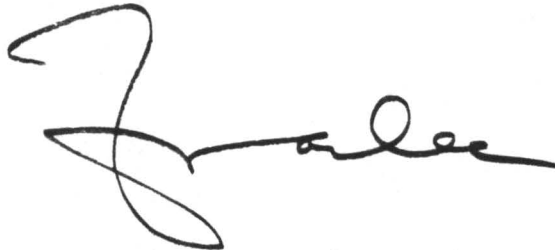
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