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THE WHITE HOUSE

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March 10, 1988

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White House

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MEETING WITH SUZANNE MASSIE

DATE: March 11, 1988

LOCATION: Oval Office

TIME: 9:50 - 10:00 AM

FROM: COLIN L. POWELL 

I. PURPOSE

To gain Mrs. Massie's latest impressions of the Soviet scene.

II. BACKGROUND

Mrs. Massie's substantial experience and expertise make her a source of special insights into Soviet affairs. An established and successful writer on Russian history, culture, and traditions, she has developed a wide range of connections across the spectrum of Soviet society, particularly among artists and intellectuals. She has just completed her fourth extended visit to the USSR in the space of little over a year and is looking forward to discussing her impressions of the current situation in Moscow. She has met the Gorbachevs on several occasions and may have personal comments from them. She will undoubtedly have interesting observations about the upcoming celebration of the Millenium of Christianity in Kiev Rus' and how the Soviets plan to observe it.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President, Howard Baker, Kenneth Duberstein, Colin L. Powell, Lisa Jameson, Suzanne Massie.

IV. PRESS PLAN

None.

V. SEQUENCE

General Powell will bring Mrs. Massie into the Oval Office. After a friendly welcome, Mrs. Massie will make comments and respond to your questions and observations. (No talking points should be needed). Mrs. Massie may find the time allocation somewhat limiting. General Powell will suggest breaking after ten minutes, if appropriate.

Prepared by Lisa R. Jameson

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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff (2)

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