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DOBRIANSKY

March 10, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE JEANE KIRKPATRICK
The United States Representative to the
United Nations

SUBJECT: Presidential Message to the Third International
Conference on Soviet Jewry: Jerusalem,
March 15 - 17, 1983

As you will be representing the Administration at the Third
International Conference on Soviet Jewry, I am forwarding the
attached Presidential message to be read by you at the opening
session of the Conference.

William P. Clark
William P. Clark

Attachment

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BY N NARA DATE 3/18/2019

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOVIET JEWRY

I want to express to you my deep concern for the tragic plight of the Soviet Jews. The issue of Soviet Jewry is of utmost importance to this Administration, just as it is to you who are gathered at this Third International Conference on Soviet Jewry. We have stated repeatedly that active concern for human rights is integral to our national interest and our foreign policy. Spiritual freedom is a fundamental pillar of human rights. Hence, the rights of all religious groups in the Soviet Union will remain in the forefront of U.S. human rights policy.

Such Soviet actions as denying Soviet Jews their freedom to emigrate are an affront to all of us who cherish individual liberties. Unfortunately, the situation continues to worsen. The rate of emigration has plummeted, instances of harassment have increased, and new applicants are regularly denied exit visas. The world community must intensify its effort to stem and reverse these trends. I can assure you that the United States will help lead this effort.

The tragic plight of Soviet Jews, however, is not solely limited to unreasonable visa denials and harassment of would-be emigrants and refuseniks. Their persecution in the Soviet Union has continued and has reached its current level primarily as a result of official government policies. We are told that many talented young Jews cannot gain admission to institutions of higher learning, and cannot secure jobs commensurate with their education and experience. Under the guise of anti-Zionism, the Soviet press frequently publishes slanderous articles and books deriding Jewish culture, traditions and religion.

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Despite the rights enumerated in the Soviet Constitution and despite the fact that the Soviet Union is a signatory to such international agreements as the Helsinki Accords, Soviet Jews are not permitted to study about their own culture and the Hebrew language.

Western political leaders must convince their Soviet counterparts that a more flexible and humane approach to the questions of freedom of movement and fundamental rights is in the Soviet interest. Durable progress in East-West relations cannot be achieved without concurrent progress in human rights. U.S. officials will continue to discuss individual cases of visa denials, harassment, and family reunification with Soviet authorities. Moreover, the plight of Soviet Jews will remain a key issue on the agenda of such international forums as the Madrid Review Meeting on CSCE and the meeting of the United Nations Human Rights Commission.

We will continue to urge the Soviet Union to live up to the international standards it has freely accepted in a series of solemn agreements. Our commitment to basic human rights is borne by the spirit of freedom which is the soul of our democratic society. In refusing to accept Soviet mistreatment of its own people, we believe that actions by concerned citizens of other countries are extremely important. In saluting your meeting, I recognize that governments and private citizens are engaged in a common struggle for the rights of men and women everywhere. We stand with you.

Let all Jews in the Soviet Union -- whether refuse-niks, prisoners of conscience or citizens seeking to maintain their human dignity -- know that we will not forget them. We will firmly support their just cause, for it is a major concern to freedom loving people everywhere.

Please accept my best wishes for a most successful meeting.

Ronald Reagan

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 10, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD G. DARMAN

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK *WPC*

SUBJECT: Third International Conference on Soviet Jewry

The Third International Conference on Soviet Jewry will be held in Jerusalem from March 15 - 17, 1983. It will involve major figures from political life, the arts and sciences, and academia joined by Jewish community leadership.

The National Conference on Soviet Jewry has requested that the President send a message to be read at the opening session. As Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick will represent the Administration at the Conference, she will read the President's statement. At Tab A is a draft President message on Soviet Jewry. It has been reviewed and cleared by State, speechwriters and the Office of Special Presidential Messages.

RECOMMENDATION

That the message at Tab A be signed by the President and forwarded to Ambassador Kirkpatrick before March 11.

Attachment:

Tab A Proposed Presidential message

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

March 9, 1983

ACTION**SIGNED**

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: PAULA DOBRIANSKY (P)

SUBJECT: Third International Conference on Soviet Jewry

Attached at Tab I is a memorandum from you to Richard Darman forwarding a Presidential message to be read by Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, who will represent the Administration, at the opening session of the Third International Conference on Soviet Jewry (Jerusalem -- March 15 - 17).

I have also attached a memorandum to Ambassador Kirkpatrick which forwards the message (Tab II)

Howard Teicher ~~con~~ concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward the memorandum to Mr. Darman at Tab I.

Approve ✓ Disapprove

That you sign the memorandum to Ambassador Kirkpatrick at Tab II:

Approve Disapprove

Attachments:

Tab I Memorandum to Richard Darman
 Tab A Proposed Presidential message
 Tab II Memorandum to Ambassador Kirkpatrick

cc: Dodie Livingston

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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

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BY JN NARA DATE 3/29/09

THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOVIET JEWRY

I want to express to you my deep concern for the tragic plight of the Soviet Jews. The issue of Soviet Jewry is of utmost importance to this Administration, just as it is to you who are gathered at this Third International Conference on Soviet Jewry. We have stated repeatedly that active concern for human rights is integral to our national interest and our foreign policy. Spiritual freedom is a fundamental pillar of human rights. Hence, the rights of all religious groups in the Soviet Union will remain in the forefront of U.S. human rights policy.

Such Soviet actions as denying Soviet Jews their freedom to emigrate are an affront to all of us who cherish individual liberties. Unfortunately, the situation continues to worsen. The rate of emigration has plummeted, instances of harassment have increased, and new applicants are regularly denied exit visas. The world community must intensify its effort to stem and reverse these trends. I can assure you that the United States will help lead this effort.

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Please accept my best wishes for a most successful meeting.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 4, 1983

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Date 3/4/83 EIB

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: WILLIAM K. SADLEIR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK *WPC*

REQUEST: Videotape: Presidential Message on Soviet Jewry

PURPOSE: To reaffirm the President's personal concern about the plight of Soviet Jewry -- the decline in emigration, recent incidents of harassment, and the inability to learn about their culture and language.

BACKGROUND: The Third International Conference on Soviet Jewry will be held in Jerusalem from March 15-17, 1983. The National Conference on Soviet Jewry has requested that the President send a videotaped message of three-five minutes duration to be broadcasted at the opening session. His willingness to prepare a message would have an important impact on other Western governments who are now considering their level of participation at the conference. A message from the President would be well-received domestically (Jewish-American organizations) and internationally.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None

DATE: Before March 12, 1983 DURATION: 3-5 minutes
(Only if taping session is already scheduled)

LOCATION: The Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS: The President

OUTLINE OF EVENT: Videotape session

REMARKS: Presidential Message on Soviet Jewry to be provided by NSC.

MEDIA COVERAGE: None

RECOMMENDED BY: State, White House Public Liaison Office, NSC

OPPOSED BY: NONE

PROJECT OFFICER: William P. Clark

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 4, 1983

Per JMP:

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At Tab II of the Schedule Proposal
under the Date add: only if a
taping session is already scheduled.

*Hold Memo
to the Pres.
Send Sched Prop*

klm

*Done
3/4
Orig. to
Bureau*

Florence,

Am leaving the attached ^{*in the log*} ~~with you~~
since JMP requested we "Hold here
the memo to the President" and
simply send the Schedule Proposal
out today -- which I have done.

klm, 3/4

National Security Council
The White House

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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March 3, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

THROUGH: CHARLES P. TYSON *ppj*FROM: PAULA DOBRIANSKY *PD*

SUBJECT: Presidential Videotape for Third International Conference on Soviet Jewry

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The Third International Conference on Soviet Jewry will be held in Jerusalem from March 15 - 17, 1983. The Conference's goals are threefold: 1) to express international solidarity with Soviet Jews, 2) to protest the drop in emigration and the increased harassment of Jews, and 3) to call international attention to Soviet human rights violations. Figures from political life, the arts and sciences, and academia joined by Jewish community leadership will attend.

The National Conference on Soviet Jewry has requested that the President send a videotaped message of three-five minutes duration to be broadcasted at the opening session. They have indicated that the President's willingness to prepare a message would also have an important impact on other Western governments who are now considering their level of participation at the three-day conference (see letters, Tab B). Attached at Tab II is a Schedule Proposal from you to William Sadleir requesting that a videotape be made. At Tab I is a memorandum from you to the President which forwards the proposed Presidential message (Tab A). The text of the message has been cleared by speech-writers.

State (Eagleburger) and Howard Teicher *HT* concur.

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BY JN NARA DATE 3/18/2019RECOMMENDATION

That you forward the memorandum at Tab I to the President, and the schedule proposal at Tab II to William Sadleir.

Approve Disapprove _____

Attachments:

3/4 per STMP w/ addition of Tab II under Date

Tab I Memorandum to the President
 Tab A Letters from National Conference on Soviet Jewry, February 18 and March 2, 1983
 Tab B Proposed Presidential message
 Tab II Proposed schedule proposal

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Videotape for Third International Conference on Soviet Jewry

The Third International Conference on Soviet Jewry will be held in Jerusalem from March 15 - 17, 1983. The Conference's goals are threefold: 1) to express international solidarity with Soviet Jews, 2) to protest the drop in emigration and the increased harassment of Jews, and 3) to call international attention to Soviet human rights violations. Figures from political life, the arts and sciences, and academia joined by Jewish community leadership will attend.

The National Conference on Soviet Jewry has requested that you send a videotaped message of three-five minutes duration to be broadcasted at the opening session (see letters at Tab B). They have indicated that your willingness to prepare such a message will have a significant impact on other Western governments who are now considering their level of participation at the conference.

At Tab A is a proposed message on Soviet Jewry. The text has been cleared by speechwriters.

RECOMMENDATIONOK No

— — That you prepare a videotape for the opening session of the Third International Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Attachments:

Tab A Proposed text for videotape.
Tab B Letters from National Conference on Soviet Jewry, dated February 18 and March 2, 1983

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Prepared by:
Paula Dobriansky

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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE: THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOVIET
JEWRY

I want to express to you my deep concern for the tragic plight of the Soviet Jews. The issue of Soviet Jewry is of high priority to this Administration just as it is to you who are gathered at this Third International Conference on Soviet Jewry. We have stated repeatedly that active concern for human rights in general is integral to our national interest and our foreign policy. The rights of Soviet Jews, in particular, are and will remain in the forefront of U.S. human rights.

Such Soviet actions as denying Soviet Jews their freedom to emigrate are an affront to all of us who cherish individual liberties. Unfortunately, the situation continues to worsen. The rate of emigration has plummeted, instances of harassment have increased, and new applicants are regularly denied exit visas. The world community must intensify its effort to stem and reverse these trends. In this effort, I can assure you that the United States will continue to play a leadership role.

The tragic plight of Soviet Jews, however, is not solely limited to unreasonable visa denials and harassment of would-be emigrants and refuseniks. Their persecution has continued and has reached its current level primarily as a result of official government policies. We are told that many talented young Jews cannot gain admission to institutions of higher learning, and cannot secure jobs commensurate with their education and

experience. Under the guise of anti-Zionism, the Soviet press frequently publishes slanderous articles and books deriding Jewish culture, traditions and religion. Despite the rights enumerated in the Soviet Constitution and despite the fact that the Soviet Union is a signatory to such international agreements as the Helsinki Accords, Soviet Jews are not permitted to study about their own culture and the Hebrew language.

Clearly, the intolerance of Soviet authorities violates both the letter and spirit of relevant international agreements. For this reason we must persist in our efforts. Let Jews in the Soviet Union -- refuseniks, prisoners of conscience or citizens seeking to maintain their human dignity -- know that we will not forget them and that we will firmly support their just cause.

My Administration remains firmly committed to do everything possible to assist the emigration of Jews and others who wish to live outside the Soviet Union and to bring before the eyes of the world the Soviet Union's continued unfair refusal to grant its citizens the basic human rights to which men and women everywhere justly aspire.

Western political leaders must convince their Soviet counterparts that a more flexible and humane approach to the questions of freedom of movement and fundamental rights is in the Soviet interest. U.S. officials will continue to discuss individual cases of visa denials, harassment, and family reunification with their Soviet counterparts. Moreover, the

plight of Soviet Jews will remain an integral issue on the agenda of such international forums as the Madrid Review Meeting on CSCE and the meeting of the United Nations Human Rights Commission.

The Soviet Union, therefore, should know that this issue will remain an essential component of security and cooperation in Europe and of major concern to freedom loving people everywhere. Our unwavering stance has been that durable progress in East-West relations overall cannot be achieved without concurrent progress in human rights, particularly that of emigration and family reunification.

We will continue to encourage the Soviet Union to live up to the international standards it has freely accepted in a series of solemn agreements -- especially on the freedom of movement and fundamental rights of Soviet Jews. Our commitment to basic human rights is borne by the spirit of freedom which is the breath of our democratic society. In refusing to accept Soviet mistreatment of its own citizens, we believe that actions by concerned citizens of other countries are extremely important. In saluting your meeting, I recognize that governments and private citizens are engaged in a common struggle for the rights of men and women everywhere. We stand with you and hope to achieve much together.

Please accept my best wishes for a most successful meeting.



National Conference on Soviet Jewry

February 18, 1983

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President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Third International Conference on Soviet Jewry will take place in Jerusalem from March 15-17, 1983. Two previous conferences, held in Brussels in 1971 and 1976, were historic events in the annals of Western advocacy on behalf of Soviet Jewry, each bringing together delegates from several dozen countries.

The Jerusalem Conference, like its predecessors, will involve major figures from political life, arts and sciences, academia, jurisprudence and many other fields, joined by Jewish community leadership and other supporters from around the world. Several hundred Americans will be among the delegates.

The aims of the Conference are threefold: 1) to express international solidarity with the Jewish minority in the Soviet Union, 2) to protest vigorously the closing of the emigration gates, the pervasive anti-Semitism, and the unrelenting harassment of Jewish cultural and religious expression in the U.S.S.R., and 3) to call upon the conscience of the world at large concerning the flagrant violations of the human rights of two million Soviet Jews.

Aware that your schedule does not permit your personal attendance at the Conference, we would like to request a videotaped message of 3-5 minutes' duration, to be broadcast at the opening session. Such a message would underscore still further to the international community the importance our Government attaches to the fate of Soviet Jewry. We would, of course, assume all expenses associated with the videotaping.

Please have a member of your staff contact, David Harris, director of our Washington Office, for any additional information.

Respectfully,

T. R. Mann

Theodore R. Mann
Chairman, National Conference
on Soviet Jewry

Julius Berman

Julius Berman
Chairman, Conference of
Presidents of Major American
Jewish Organizations

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National Conference on Soviet Jewry

March 2, 1983

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Dear Mr. President:

Pursuant to our earlier correspondence concerning a videotaped message from yourself to be broadcast at the Third International Conference on Soviet Jewry, we very much hope that our request will meet with your approval.

As we noted, five hundred Jewish leaders and other American supporters of Soviet Jewry, including elected officials, clergy, academicians, artists and writers, will join with delegates from several dozen other countries in the Free World to express support and solidarity for the beleaguered Soviet Jewish minority. Your message would serve as eloquent testimony to the priority your Administration has accorded this important humanitarian issue, and would be warmly received not only by Conference delegates but all who look to the United States as the foremost international defender of basic human rights and liberties.

Indeed, your willingness to prepare a message would also have an important impact on other Western governments, including the British, who are now considering their level of participation at the three-day Conference.

We thank you for your consideration of this matter and look forward to a favorable reply.

Respectfully,

T. R. Mann

Theodore R. Mann, Chairman
National Conference on Soviet
Jewry

J. Berman

Julius Berman, Chairman
Conference of Presidents
of Major American Jewish
Organizations

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 4, 1983

~~SCHEDULE PROPOSAL~~

TO: WILLIAM K. SADLEIR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK *WPC*

REQUEST: Videotape: Presidential Message on Soviet Jewry

PURPOSE: To reaffirm the President's personal concern about the plight of Soviet Jewry -- the decline in emigration, recent incidents of harassment, and the inability to learn about their culture and language.

BACKGROUND: The Third International Conference on Soviet Jewry will be held in Jerusalem from March 15-17, 1983. The National Conference on Soviet Jewry has requested that the President send a videotaped message of three-five minutes duration to be broadcasted at the opening session. His willingness to prepare a message would have an important impact on other Western governments who are now considering their level of participation at the conference. A message from the President would be well-received domestically (Jewish-American organizations) and internationally.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None

DATE: Before March 12, 1983 DURATION: 3-5 minutes
(Only if taping session is already scheduled)

LOCATION: The Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS: The President

OUTLINE OF EVENT: Videotape session

REMARKS: Presidential Message on Soviet Jewry to be provided by NSC.

MEDIA COVERAGE: None

RECOMMENDED BY: State, White House Public Liaison Office, NSC

OPPOSED BY: NONE

PROJECT OFFICER: William P. Clark

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The White House

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March 4, 1983

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MEMORANDUM

MARCH 3, 1983

TO: WILLIAM CLARK *AKL*
FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATION

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON THE FOLLOWING
SCHEDULING REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION:

EVENT: Video taped message to the Third International
Conference on Soviet Jewry convening in
Jerusalem

DATE: Conference to be held March 15, 1983

LOCATION: Taping from the White House

BACKGROUND: See attached

YOUR RECOMMENDATION:

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IF RECOMMENDATION IS TO ACCEPT, PLEASE CITE REASONS:

RESPONSE DUE ASAP

TO Fred Ryan

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500

DEAR MR PRESIDENT

BECAUSE OF YOUR DEEP CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE PARTICULAR
PLIGHT OF JEWS IN THE SOVIET UNION, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THIS
~~ADMINISTRATION REPRESENTED AT THE FORTHCOMING THIRD INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON SOVIET JEWRY, CONVENING IN JERUSALEM MARCH 15. WE~~
UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PERSONALLY ATTEND THIS
HISTORIC GATHERING, BUT WE HOPE AN APPROPRIATE CABINET LEVEL
REPRESENTATIVE CAN OPEN THE PROCEEDINGS. ~~IN ADDITION, MR PRESIDENT,
YOUR PERSONAL SENTIMENTS CAN BE CONVEYED TO MORE THAN 1,000 DELEGATES
VIA A VIDEO TAPED MESSAGE, TOGETHER WITH THOSE OF OTHER HEADS OF
STATE, THIS WOULD BE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT COMPONENTS OF THE
CONFERENCE.~~

WE ARE HOPEFUL THIS REQUEST WILL BE FILLED, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO
WORKING WITH YOUR ASSOCIATES TO FACILITATE THIS UNDERTAKING.

RESPECTFULLY

THEODORE R MANN CHAIRMAN NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOVIET JEWRY
JULIUS BERMAN CHAIRMAN CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS OF MAJOR AMERICAN
JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

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March 11, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER III
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Invitation to the President to Attend Inter-
national Conference on Soviet Jewry

We have reviewed and concur that your suggested response to Mr. Yehezkel Pulerevitz of the Association of Zion Prisoners from the USSR be signed by Assistant Secretary Burt. This response should, as proposed, regret the President's inability to attend the Third International Conference on Soviet Jewry, but express the Administration's continued support for freer emigration from the USSR and the cessation of Soviet human rights abuses. Please note minor changes in the text of the letter.

Donna Shwarz
Michael O. Wheeler
Staff Secretary

Tab A Proposed response

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
SUGGESTED RESPONSE

Mr. Yehezkel Pulerevitz
Chairman, The Executive Committee
Association of Zion Prisoners From USSR
P.O. Box 26229
Tel Aviv, Israel

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Dear Mr. Pulerevitz:

I am writing in response to your letter inviting President Reagan to attend the International Conference on Soviet Jewry to be held March 15-17 in Jerusalem.

The United States Government has long and actively supported the right of Soviet Jews and others to emigrate from the Soviet Union and their right to freely practice their cultural traditions within the USSR. Our efforts to aid these people include both diplomatic representations on behalf of those in the Soviet Union and humanitarian assistance to those who have succeeded in emigrating. These actions reflect the seriousness with which the plight of Soviet Jewry is regarded by the President and the American public as a whole. ~~The~~ Soviet officials ^{are} Government ~~is~~ well aware of the firm United States commitment to human rights and the damage to US-Soviet relations caused by the present restrictive Soviet emigration policy.

The President shares your concerns and appreciates your invitation to the conference called to examine these issues. Although he will not be able to personally attend, a United

States Government delegation headed by Ambassador to the United Nations Jeane Kirkpatrick will be going to the conference. The attendance of Mrs. Kirkpatrick, a Cabinet-level official, demonstrates the importance which the President attaches to the cause of Soviet Jewry.

Thank you again for your invitation. The U.S. Government will continue to work for our common goal of freer emigration for Soviet Jews and others in the USSR who seek to exercise their basic human right of freedom of movement.

Sincerely,

Richard Burt

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March 11, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL O. WHEELER

FROM: PAULA DOBRIANSKY (PW)

SUBJECT: Invitation to the President to Attend International Conference on Soviet Jewry

Attached for your signature is a memo to Jerry Bremer regretting that the President will not be able to attend the International Conference on Soviet Jewry.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo at Tab I.

Approve Disapprove

Tab I Memo to Bremer
Tab A Proposed letter
Tab II State cover memo

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March 10, 1983


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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: Invitation to the President to Attend International
Conference on Soviet Jewry

Mr. Yehezkel Pulerevitz, head of the Association of Zion Prisoners from USSR, based in Jerusalem, has sent a letter to the President, inviting him to attend the Third International Conference on Soviet Jewry ("Brussels 3"), to be held in Jerusalem March 15-17, 1983. Attached for your approval is a proposed draft response to Mr. Pulerevitz, to be signed by Richard Burt, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, regretting the President's inability to attend but expressing continued USG support for the conference's goals of freer emigration from the USSR and the cessation of Soviet human rights abuses.


L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

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2. MR. YEHEZKEL PULEREVITZ, CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF PRISONERS OF ZION IN THE USSR, HAS GIVEN US A LETTER TO PRESIDENT REAGAN FOR FORWARDING TO THE WHITE HOUSE, INVITING THE PRESIDENT TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE OF WORLD JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN JERUSALEM NEXT SPRING. MR. PULEREVITZ HAS BEEN KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY SINCE MAY 1981 WHEN HE PRESENTED A PETITION ON BEHALF OF PRISONERS OF ZION IN THE SOVIET UNION WHICH WE FORWARDED TO THE WHITE HOUSE. PRESIDENT REAGAN IN A JULY 1981 LETTER ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF THE PETITIONS. MR. PULEREVITZ HAS ACTIVELY

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SOUGHT U.S. HELP FOR SOVIET JEWS ON OTHER OCCASIONS (REFS).

3. WHILE THE LETTER BELOW PLEDGES "SECRECY" ABOUT THE INVITATION, PULEREVITZ TOLD AN OCTOBER 12 PRESS CONFERENCE THAT HE WAS APPEALING TO LEONID BREZHNEV, AS WELL AS TO PRESIDENT REAGAN, TO ALLOW SOVIET JEWS TO BE FLOWN DIRECTLY TO ISRAEL IN SOVIET PLANES. AN OCTOBER 11 JERUSALEM POST ARTICLE ALSO BRIEFLY REFERS TO THE LETTER BELOW, STATING THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS BEEN ASKED TO PLACE HIMSELF AT THE HEAD OF THE STRUGGLE FOR PRISONERS OF ZION. THE ARTICLE DOES NOT MENTION THE INVITATION, HOWEVER.

4. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF MR. PULEREVITZ' LETTER OF INVITATION:

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OCTOBER 6, 1982

THE LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD
MR. RONALD REAGAN
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON

WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR DECLARATION CONTAINED IN
YOUR LETTER TO US OF JULY, 1981, TO THE EFFECT THAT

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YOU WILL ASSIST US IN OUR STRUGGLE FOR THE FREE
REPATRIATION TO ISRAEL OF SOVIET JEWS AND TO THE
STATEMENT OF YOUR EMBASSY IN ISRAEL THAT IN SO
DECLARING YOU ARE NOT SPEAKING IN YOUR NAME ONLY BUT
ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I HAVE
THE HONOR TO INVITE YOU ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION
OF ZION PRISONERS FROM USSR TO COME TO JERUSALEM
FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES (OR
AS IT IS CALLED: "BRUSSEL 3"), WHICH WILL BE HELD IN
OUR ETERNAL CAPITAL.

YOUR PRESENCE AT THE WORLD CONFERENCE FOR THE FREE
REPATRIATION OF USSR JEWS DESIRING TO BE REPATRIATED
AND FOR THE RELEASE OF ALL PRISONERS OF ZION NOW
IN SOVIET PRISONS BECAUSE OF THEIR DESIRE TO GO
TO ISRAEL, WOULD CONSTITUTE A HISTORIC TURNING POINT
IN OUR STRUGGLE AND IN YOUR FIGHT FOR THE FREEDOM OF
JEWS. AND WITHOUT THE FREEDOM OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE,
THERE CAN BE NO FREEDOM.

WE DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT, MR. PRESIDENT,
THAT THE WORLD CONFERENCE FOR USSR JEWRY WILL TAKE
PLACE AT A TIME CONVENIENT TO YOU TO VISIT ISRAEL.
ON OUR PART, MR. PRESIDENT, WE SHOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST
THAT IT BE HELD IN THE FIRST MONTHS OF SPRING.

THE FACT OF OUR HAVING APPROACHED YOU SHOULD BE
KEPT HIGHLY SECRET, AS WE UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES
WANT TO RECEIVE FROM YOU A NEGATIVE REPLY, WHICH
THE WORLD MIGHT MISINTERPRET.

WE ANXIOUSLY LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR RESPONSE, IN THE
GRATE HOPE THAT IT WILL BE POSITIVE.

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WITH WARM BLESSINGS AND ALL OUR RESPECT,

/S/ ASSOCIATION OF ZION PRISONERS
FROM USSR

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

YEHEZKEL PULERIVITZ, CHAIRMAN

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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March 14, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER, III
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Letter to the President on Soviet Jewry

We have reviewed and concur that your suggested response to the Association of Zion Prisoners from the USSR be signed by Thomas W. Simons, Jr., Director of the Office of Soviet Union Affairs. Please note minor changes in the text of the letter.

Michael O. Wheeler

Michael O. Wheeler
Staff Secretary

Attachments:

Draft response
Incoming letter

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
PROPOSED RESPONSE

Dear Mr. Pulerevitch and Mr. Shtukarevitch:

I am writing in response to your letter of February 2 to President Reagan, which enclosed a special petition signed by delegates to the 1982 World Zionist Congress.

The President shares the deep concern of your Association for the plight of Soviet Jews and others unjustly imprisoned in the Soviet Union. The United States Government engages in efforts at all levels and in every appropriate diplomatic forum to alleviate the tragic situation of all political prisoners in the USSR. As you may know, regarding the specific case of Anatoliy Shcharanskiy, the Department of State has maintained close contacts with members of his family in order to coordinate our efforts for maximum effectiveness. Notwithstanding Soviet intransigence thus far, we continue to hope for some improvement in Mr. Shcharanskiy's situation, as well as that of other Soviet prisoners.

Despite the Soviet ^{Union} ~~Government~~'s treatment of Mr. Shcharanskiy, and its repressive policies toward Jewish emigration in particular and human rights in general, there are some negotiations, such as those which seek strategic arms reductions, in which we must participate. These and other issues vital to world peace and Western interests must be continuously addressed despite the Soviet Union's abysmal record on human rights.

The question of the mode of travel for Soviet Jews who manage to leave the USSR is not a matter that the United States can fruitfully discuss with ~~the Soviet Government~~^{officials}. The Soviets have consistently refused to discuss with us the emigration of Jews to Israel, contending that this is outside the legitimate scope of U.S. interests. While we shall persist in pressing for more liberal and flexible Soviet emigration practices, we cannot realistically expect that the Soviet authorities would be receptive to our raising the matter of direct flights to Tel Aviv. Indeed the effort could well be counterproductive, and we do not wish to jeopardize the operation of emigration procedures already in place.

We wish your Association success in your efforts in support of Soviet political prisoners, and we look forward to continuing cooperation toward this common objective.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Simons, Jr.
Director
Office of Soviet Union Affairs



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Date February 2, 1983 תאריך

The President of the United States of America,
Mr. Ronald Reagan,
Washington D.C.
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Reagan, leader of the free world:

The Executive of Assirey Zion - the Association of Prisoners of Zion from USSR, hereby takes the liberty of forwarding to you the special petition for which our members have obtained the signatures of 79% of the delegates of the World Zionist Congress, that took place in Jerusalem in December 1982.

All prisoners of Zion from the USSR fully identify with the import of the said petition and for their part, have another two demands to present to the authorities of the Soviet Union:

1. That Prisoner of Zion Anatoli Scheranski, who is very ill and weak, be released forthwith, and
2. That the Soviet government fly Jewish repatriates to Israel through direct Moscow-Tel Aviv flights.

We are enclosing with this letter a photocopy of your historic declaration in reply to the previous petition submitted to you by the Assirey Zion organization, signed personally by your own hand, along with the very important comment by your Embassy in Tel Aviv, to the effect that the declaration is made not only in your own name, Mr. President, but in the name of the whole American people.

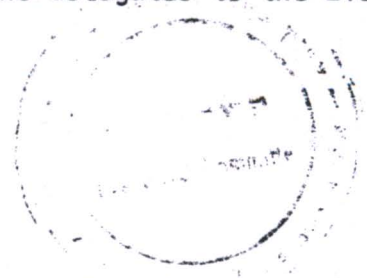
We are therefore now more confident than ever before that you will at once set in motion vigorous measures in line with the petition of the delegates to the Zionist Congress and the two demands set forth above.

With all respect and admiration,

Assirey Zion - Association of Zion Prisoners from USSR
The Executive

Yecheskel Pulerevitch, Chairman, *Y. Pulerevitch*
Abraham Shtukarevitch - Vice Chairman. *A. Shtukarevitch*

Members: Chayet Nachman, Charo Dov, Levitan Aizik, Maccabi Nechemya, Friedman Abraham
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March 12, 1983

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JWMEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Letter to the President on Soviet Jewry

The Association of Zion Prisoners from USSR, an Israeli organization which works on behalf of Soviet Jewish political prisoners, has sent to the President a volume of petitions asking that any US-Soviet negotiation be made conditional on the release of all such prisoners and the free "repatriation" of Soviet Jews to Israel. The letter also requests that the Anatoliy Shcharanskiy case be raised with the Soviets and that we ask the Soviets to permit direct Moscow-Tel Aviv flights for Jewish emigrants.

The proposed response (attached), to be signed by Thomas W. Simons, Jr., Director of the Office of Soviet Union Affairs, assures the Association of U.S. sympathy with their goals but politely turns down the request that all US-Soviet talks cease until Soviet Jewry issues are resolved. The reply also points out our continuing efforts on behalf of Shcharanskiy and the ineffectiveness of our raising the matter of direct flights to Israel with the Soviets.



L. Paul Bremer, Jr.
Executive Secretary

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3. MOSCOW'S ANTI-ZIONIST COMMITTEE: APPEARANCES AND REALITIES

The creation of an "Anti-Zionist Committee of Soviet Society" is almost certainly a prelude to more intense repression of Soviet Jews who seek to emigrate or to maintain their links with Jews outside the USSR. The regime is now much less likely to follow through on its reported intention to make life easier for Jews who accept their status as Soviet citizens.

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Simultaneously with the creation of the Anti-Zionist Committee in Moscow on April 21, a Leningrad paper published a crude anti-Semitic attack on the local refusenik community. The article rejected the concept of a Jewish culture, nation, or spiritual community and warned that Jewish activities--including contacts with Jewish groups abroad--would be subject to legal prosecution.

Meanwhile, according to a Jewish source, a recent speaker before the USSR Supreme Court said Jewish activists would be dealt with harshly. He claimed, however, that the end of emigration would be balanced by steps to reintegrate Jews into Soviet society, particularly by improving their access to higher education and better jobs. The speaker, described as a "consultant" to the Supreme Court, may have been providing Party guidance on how to prosecute cases involving "Zionist" activities.

The regime will probably not do much to change discriminatory policies and anti-Semitic attitudes beyond singling out a few "good" Jews for favored treatment. The regime evidently intends, for example, to isolate Jews from friends and supporters abroad. Moreover, in a recent public discussion of nationality relations in the USSR, Andropov conspicuously failed to use an opportunity to repeat Brezhnev's condemnation of anti-Semitism at the 26th Party Congress.

With emigration down to a trickle for over a year and detente in disarray, Jews have little hope for emigration in the short-term. Furthermore, the formation of the Anti-Zionist Committee raises the possibility that policy on emigration will be formulated independently of relations with the United States and that the Andropov regime intends to cut the linkage between emigration and detente. Thus, even if US-Soviet relations improve, increased emigration will not necessarily follow.

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