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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
November 9, 1984

~~M. M. L. L.~~ ✓

November 9, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ANNE HIGGINS

FROM: *Paul B. Thompson to*
ROBERT M. KIMMITE

SUBJECT: Presidential Message for Awards to
Dr. Andrei Sakharov and Yelena Bonner

We have reviewed and concur with the proposed Presidential message provided the change as indicated is made at Tab A.

Attachment:

- Tab A Presidential message
- Tab B Background papers

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 1, 1984

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WASHINGTON

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RUSH

November 8, 1984



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1825 K Street, N.W. - Suite 722
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DRAFT/Date November 8, 1984 SPECIAL DEADLINE November 8⁶
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 5, 1984



[Handwritten signature]

CSABA

TO: ANNE HIGGINS/CLAUDIA KORTE

short!

FROM: MARSHALL BREGER

I would be grateful if you could arrange to provide a Presidential message for the Simon Wiesenthal Center dinner honoring in absentia Dr. Andrei Sakharov and Yelena Bonner. The invitation and fact sheet are attached for your information.

The event is Sunday, November 11 at the Century Plaza Hotel, Los Angeles, California. Kindly address the message to Mr. Wiesenthal.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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MARTIN MENDELSON

ATTORNEY AT LAW
SUITE 722
1825 K STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006
(202) 833-1893

October 3, 1984

Marshall J. Breger, Esq.
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Marshall:

Thank you for your assistance in getting the President to send a letter to the Simon Wiesenthal Center for use in the Dinner Journal honoring Andrei Sakharov.

Sakharov is now in internal exile in Gorky. He and his wife, Yelena Bonner, have become symbols of resistance against Soviet tyranny. All of her children (his step-children) will be at the dinner in Los Angeles on November 11, 1984. He went on a protest/hunger strike a few years ago which successfully forced the Soviets to allow her children to emigrate to this country. He is not Jewish (though the Soviets have tried to make him a Jew and have denounced him with Anti-Semitic propaganda) though she is.

Let me know if you need any more. All we would like is a short letter from the President.

I hope your diet is coming along.

Sincerely,



Martin Mendelsohn

MM:dh

*P.S. Have you been able to get the
Drug Information?*

Andrei Sakharov

- Under House Arrest in Gorky
- Nobel Laureate
- Inventor of Soviet Hydrogen Bomb
- Peace Activist in U.S.S.R.
- Champion of the right of Jewish Emigration
- Went on a Hunger strike that forced the Soviets to allow Dr. Bonner's daughter-in-law Liza (a jewish woman) to emigrate

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

November 9, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM: JACK F. MATLOCK *JFM*

SUBJECT: Presidential Message for Awards
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RECOMMENDATION

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Approve M

Disapprove _____

Attachments:

Tab I Memorandum to Anne Higgins

Tab A Presidential message

Tab B Background papers

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TO: Adm. Pinderster *J*
FROM: Jack Matlock

Attached notes on a recent conversation of John Handt (Compassional Research Service - a specialist on the Soviet economy with many contacts) with a Soviet Diplomat may be of interest -

Jack

Interesting.

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~~JACK~~

Conversation with Soviet Diplomat
Recently returned from Moscow.
November 9, 1984

1. Mikhail Gorbachev and the Plenum. Gorbachev is no longer responsible for agriculture. Replacment has not been named yet but is not likely to be E. Shevardnadze. Gorbachev is not in political decline.
2. Nikolai Ogarkov. May have had differences with Ustinov on allocations within the defense budget (between strategic and conventional forces; between weapons and readiness).
Ogarkov is now commander of Western Administration (Upraleniye), ranking about fifth among the Soviet military leadership.
3. Yuri Andropov. Increasingly viewed with favor among the elite and populace as a man of "constructive change." This favorable image could "rub off" on Gorbachev.
4. Discipline - Corruption Campaign. Widely supported. Removal and manner of removal of General Nikolai Shchokolov, former Minister of Interior, unprecedented; it sent a strong message.
5. Party Congress. Scheduled for sometime in January-March 1985. Important for the Twelfth Five-Year Plan (1986-1990), the new Party Program, personnel changes:
 - (a) Plan - serious outspoken debates underway.
 - (b) Program - should be taken seriously especially on the definitions of socialism and democratic centralism.
 - (c) Personnel Changes - Many changes expected: over 30 in the Central Committee are "retired", i.e., have no party or government job, and are therefore likely to be dropped.
6. Climate in Moscow

More outspoken debate than at any time in his memory.
Vehement hostility toward U.S., especially Ambassador Hartman.
Very skeptical on all Reagan proposals, overtures, etc.

[Comments: Report similar to West German reaction to climate in Moscow economic talks in October.]

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

November 15, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM: JACK C. MATLOCK *JCM*

SUBJECT: Dobrynin on "Umbrella" Talks

Attached at Tab I is a Hill-McFarlane memorandum giving some background on the Oberdorfer article in the Post this morning. It seems that Dobrynin was the Soviet Embassy briefer.

Attachment:

Tab I Hill-McFarlane memorandum

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White House Guidelines, August 28, 1997

By *AS* NAHA, Date *6/10/02*



United States Department of State

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Washington, D.C. 20520

November 14, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSEWHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: Dobrynin Backgrounder

The Soviets had a ceremony at their embassy in Washington today to mark the publication of a collection of Chernenko's statements.

After it a senior Soviet official (Dobrynin) backgrounded a number of American correspondents.

According to one of them (Oberdorfer) Dobrynin said:

1. In the Dobrynin-Shultz and Gromyko-Hartman talks following Gromyko's Washington visit, the Soviets have been probing American intentions on umbrella talks. The Soviets have been asking what these talks would mean, who would participate, at what level, and what the structure would be. According to the correspondent who gave us a rundown on this, Dobrynin gave the impression the Soviets did not think much would come of the umbrella talks concept.

2. Dobrynin said that following these probes, the ball was now in the American court. The Soviets were waiting for the Americans to come back with amplifications.

3. On a Shultz-Gromyko meeting in Moscow in January, Dobrynin apparently gave pretty much the same answer as did the Secretary in response to the Tanjug report: Nothing has been set, or arranged, but the two did talk about the possibility of a meeting when Gromyko was in Washington, and certainly anything is possible.

4. Finally, Dobrynin gave correspondents the impression that the Soviet Minister of Culture would soon be in Washington.

Charles Hill
Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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November 23, 1984

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MC FARLANE

FROM: JACK MATLOCK *JM*

SUBJECT: Controlling Leaks in Dealing with the Soviets

Our latest experience in arranging the Shultz-Gromyko meeting demonstrates once again how far we still have to go if we are to control the now ingrained habit of leaking sensitive information to the press. While the outcome of our latest exchanges is satisfactory, this should not obscure the fact that potentially damaging leaks occurred throughout the exercise, and if this persists as we go into the really tough negotiations, it can bring the whole process to a disorderly and very damaging halt. I believe that the time to deal with this problem is now, before we approach the hard decisions that negotiations will require.

Given the nature of the way information is passed within the Government, it is almost always impossible to pin direct responsibility on an individual. What is sometimes forgotten is that every responsible official who has access to sensitive information is responsible not merely to avoid leaks in his contacts with persons outside the government, but also to manage his organization or unit in a manner which precludes them. Controlling leaks is not only a matter of the integrity of the officials "in the know" but also a matter of their management practices and skills. By now, it should be abundantly clear that periodic "pep talks" and threats which are never implemented are not adequate for sound management.

If we are to control leaks of our most sensitive communications with the Soviets in the future, I believe that at least two specific steps are necessary: (1) A senior, full-time official should be designated at State to manage the U.S.-Soviet relationship; among his responsibilities would be management of the flow of information to and from the bureaucracy; and (2) In regard to the most sensitive communications and policy recommendations, a clearance and distribution procedure similar to (but more restrictive than) current intelligence "code word" procedures should be instituted.

Senior State Official: As I mentioned in a previous paper, I believe it would be logical to establish an Assistant Secretary for Soviet Affairs, with the responsibility of advising the Secretary of State and managing the bureaucratic process. If

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this is not feasible, then other alternatives are available which, while less satisfactory organizationally, could provide a better handle on the "leak" problem. For instance, someone could be named to the Counselor position when Derwinski leaves and given the mandate, or a special advisor on Soviet affairs could be created. If the right person is named (meaning one who has not only a thorough knowledge of the field, but also the executive skills which permit him to use the bureaucracy rather than being used by it), one could limit access to the most sensitive documents in State to the Secretary, the Undersecretary for Political Affairs and the Soviet specialist, yet still obtain adequate staffing. Such steps would fix responsibility more directly for keeping sensitive materials secret.

Special Clearance Procedure: In addition to the above, I believe it essential to establish a special clearance and document handling procedure for Presidential correspondence and other highly sensitive communications. This would include the following elements: (1) An established access list, to be changed or modified only on your express and formal approval; (2) Pre-briefing of all on the list regarding the impermissibility of revealing information in the documents to anyone not on the list; (3) Agreement in advance by all persons given access to undergo polygraph tests in the event unauthorized disclosure occurs or is suspected of having occurred; (4) Handling of all documents in sealed envelopes, to be opened only by the addressee, and with a cover sheet listing individuals authorized access; (5) A record of distribution, return and destruction of all documents, with storage in one centralized, controlled location in State and one at the NSC; (6) A strict rule that there be no discussion of the channel or anything in it on the open telephone.

These procedures will not in themselves solve the overall leak problem, since various elements of the bureaucracy may still leak their favorite ideas or dump on rival ideas -- and this is very damaging in a negotiating situation since it encourages the Soviets to hold out in the hope that a concession to them may be forthcoming. But the steps recommended would go a long way to protect our diplomatic exchanges, by fixing responsibility more squarely and stressing, by the very rigidity of the procedures established, the importance we attach to discipline in this regard. As for the broader problem, nothing is likely to be more salutary than a demonstrated management willingness to change personnel when leaking becomes endemic. When a damaging leak occurs from any department, someone should be transferred (assuming there is insufficient evidence for dismissal). The lesson to all would eventually be clear: if you value your job, don't.

Recommendations:

1. That you discuss this problem frankly with Secretary Shultz at the next available opportunity. If he is to take full charge of the U.S.-Soviet relationship as he desires, he must understand that he needs to organize his own Department in a manner which

will provide him with properly coordinated and discreet support. If we simply continue with the organizational structure, procedures and personnel of the past, then even the wisest policies are likely to prove impossible to implement.

2. Since State is by no means the only culprit in the leak game, I believe that the general problem should also be discussed with Secretary Weinberger and DCI Casey. The leak of intelligence information regarding the Soviet ship headed for Nicaragua seems to have come from DOD (press reports, at least, stated that it did), and any reader of Strobe Talbott's book is bound to be convinced that OSD was leaking as badly as State. What we need to get across is that we have to put a stop to this, and we shouldn't put all the responsibility on Congress to approve new security legislation (however desirable this may be), when more vigorous management practices can deal with much of the problem.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

November 23, 1984

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM: JACK MATLOCK *JM*

SUBJECT: Response to Congratulatory Message from Ambassador Dobrynin

The Department of State has forwarded a proposed response (Tab A) to Ambassador Dobrynin's congratulatory message to the President, in his capacity as Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, on the occasion of his reelection (Tab B). Attached at Tab I is a memorandum to the President forwarding this message for signature.

The text of the message has been cleared by Speechwriters.

John Lenczowski and Steve Sestanovich concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That the signed, proposed response be forwarded to Ambassador Dobrynin.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachment:

- Tab I Memorandum to the President
- Tab A Proposed response to Ambassador Dobrynin
- Tab B Incoming message, November 7, 1984

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTONACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT C. McFARLANE

SUBJECT: Response to Ambassador Dobrynin on Your Reelection

In his capacity as Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, Ambassador Dobrynin has forwarded a note of congratulations on the occasion of your reelection (Tab B). At Tab A is a proposed response for your signature, which has been cleared with the Department of State and Speechwriters.

RECOMMENDATIONOK No

— — That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Proposed response
Tab B Incoming Letter

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I would like to thank you, and through you the entire Diplomatic Corps in Washington, for your message of congratulations on the occasion of my reelection.

Over the next four years I look forward to working with you and with the members of the Corps to promote peaceful and productive relations among our nations.

Allow me to extend my own greetings to you and the members of the Corps, and my best wishes for peace and prosperity.

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Anatoly F. Dobrynin
Ambassador of the Union of
Soviet Socialist Republics
Dean of the Diplomatic Corps
Washington, D.C.

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AMBASSADOR OF THE
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
DEAN OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington, D.C. November 7, 1984

My dear Mr. President,

On behalf of my colleagues, Ambassadors and Chiefs of Mission accredited in Washington, I am privileged to convey to you our congratulations on the occasion of your reelection to the highest office of the United States of America.

We would like to assure you that all of us representing our countries here in Washington will do everything in our power in rendering you, Mr. President, our utmost support during your second term in all your undertakings in the field of disarmament and elimination of the threat of nuclear war, in promoting peace on Earth and good relations among nations.

Please accept, Mr. President, my personal congratulations to you and Mrs. Reagan and best wishes of prosperity and peace to the people of the United States.

Respectfully,



Anatoly F. Dobrynin
Dean of the Diplomatic Corps

The Honorable
Ronald Reagan
President of the United States of America



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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November 21, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. McFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Presidential Reply to Dobrynin's Message of
Congratulations

Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin, acting in his capacity as Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, has sent the President a message of congratulations on the occasion of his re-election (Tab B). Attached (Tab A) is a suggested draft reply for the President's signature.

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Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

Tab A: Draft Presidential Reply
Tab B: Ambassador Dobrynin's Message

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November 23, 1984

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM:

JACK MATLOCK

SUBJECT:

Your Meeting with Armand Hammer
November 26, 1984; 4:00 P.M.

Armand Hammer has written the President several times recently requesting an appointment as Chairman of the President's Cancer Panel -- but actually to discuss U.S.-Soviet relations. He will be travelling to Moscow the week of December 2-8 and has received indications that he will probably be granted an appointment with Chernenko. Clearly, Hammer is angling for a "message" from the President to Chernenko.

I would recommend against supplying Hammer anything he could construe as a "message" -- apart from the general one that the President is serious in his desire to improve relations. As you know, Hammer has utilized his personal contacts with the Soviet leaders to further his business interests, is inclined to free-wheeling, and has not been scrupulous either in keeping the USG informed of his activities nor of necessarily acting within the framework of U.S. policy.

Hammer, of course, has a special interest in U.S. policy toward trade in the energy area, and may probe for any indications of evolution in our attitude toward this question. I suspect, however, that he will concentrate more on the overall political relationship in his conversation with you.

Your meeting will be essentially a hand-holding session. I would suggest that you convey the President's regret that his schedule did not permit a meeting, listen to what Hammer has to say, and describe in general terms the President's desire to broaden the U.S.-Soviet dialogue.

Attachment:

Tab I Incoming letters to the President from Armand Hammer

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ARMAND HAMMER
CHAIRMAN AND
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

November 15, 1984

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

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The untimely death of our mutual friend Jack Wrather brings home to us what a terrible scourge is this dread disease, killing 450,000 Americans every year, and which, under the best of programs, will kill five million of our citizens by the year 2000. I believe because of this we may have to increase our efforts under your leadership and have several ideas which may be helpful.

I am always available to you, either in California or elsewhere, and will be in Washington November 26th for the National Cancer Advisory Board quarterly meeting.

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With every best wish and warmest congratulations on your historic victory, I am,

Respectfully,

Arnold Hansen

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TO PRESIDENT

FROM HAMMER, ARMAND

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KEYWORDS: USSR

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SUBJECT: LTR TO PRES FM HAMMER SUPPORTING PRES US - SOVIET POLICIES

ACTION: ANY ACTION NECESSARY

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October 30, 1984

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FROM: JACK MATLOCK

SUBJECT: Note of Acknowledgement to Mr. Armand Hammer

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RECOMMENDATION

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Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachment:

- Tab I Presidential note to Mr. Hammer
- Tab II Mr. Hammer's letter of October 24

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Armand:

Thank you for the kind comments contained in your letter of October 24.

I always enjoy hearing from you.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Armand Hammer
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
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Jack: Bud is seeing Hammer on Monday, 11/26, at 4:00 pm. Please include these items in a preparatory package for that meeting. (Date/Time)

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

November 20, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: JACK F. MATLOCK *JFM*

SUBJECT: Another Letter to the President from Armand Hammer

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Tab I Incoming Letter

Tab II Memorandum dated October 30, 1984

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Respectfully,



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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: NOVEMBER 15, 1984

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ARMAND HAMMER

SUBJECT: INFORMS OF UPCOMING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT
CHERNENKO AND WRITES OF REPORT OF THE
PRESIDENT'S CANCER PANEL

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October 30, 1984

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NOTE FROM: JOHN POINDEXTER
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To: NSJMP --CPUA

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NOTE FROM: ROBERT MCFARLANE
Subject: Reply to Note 11/20/84 12:01 Armand Hammer
I talked to him yesterday in California. He is coming in to see me next Monday
Nove 26th at 4:00pm. He will want to see the President but we can avoid that.

cc: NSWGH --CPUA

cc: NSRMK --CPUA BOB KIMMITT

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SUBJECT: MLC TELEVISION STATION QUESTIONNAIRE RE US - USSR RELATIONS

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PRESIDENT

FROM KALB, MARVIN

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SUBJECT: LTR TO PRES FM NBC TELEVISION STATION FORWARDING QUESTIONNAIRE RE
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 10, 1984

Dear Marvin:

As promised, I delivered your letter of November 21 to the President in which you posed several questions on US-Soviet relations for his consideration. At the same time, I must confess that I could not recommend to the President that he reply in effect to the Chernenko commentaries in public at this time. The President agrees that we may have turned a corner in the relationship. The proof, however, lies in the seriousness with which each side deals with the other in the coming months. Historically, greatest progress has been made when both sides have kept the discourse in diplomatic channels and not engaged in public exchanges which evoke speculative comment. That will be our course and consequently the President has elected not to respond to your points at this time. The issues you posed are much on his mind and it is in the interest of making progress toward their resolution that we are proceeding in this fashion.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



Robert C. McFarlane

Mr. Marvin Kalb
Chief Diplomatic Correspondent
National Broadcasting Company, Inc.
4001 Nebraska Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20016

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

CONFIDENTIAL

December 5, 1984

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT C. *RCM* MCFARLANE AND LARRY *LS* SPEAKES

SUBJECT: Questions for the President from Marvin Kalb

Issue

Whether to answer five written questions submitted by NBC correspondent Marvin Kalb (TAB A).

Facts

Kalb hopes that you will answer his questions -- as Chernenko did a set of questions he submitted a few weeks ago.

Discussion

- Some of Kalb's questions are tricky and would be difficult to answer at this delicate stage of our negotiations with the Soviets.
- We feel it is important to shift attention more to private diplomacy in an effort to get the Shultz-Gromyko meeting off to a good start. Trading public statements with the Soviets is likely to undermine the private diplomacy we seek.

RECOMMENDATION

OK No

PR That you not respond to Kalb's questions.

Attachment:

TAB A

Kalb's questions.

I think we should explain to him our reluctance is only because of the delicacy of the situation. R.C.

Prepared by:
Jack F. Matlock

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cc Vice President

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November 30, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

SIGNED

FROM: JACK F. MATLOCK *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Questions for the President from Marvin Kalb

As directed, attached at TAB I is a memorandum from you and Larry Speakes to the President recommending that he not respond to Mr. Kalb's questions (TAB A).

Small, Kraemer, Menges and *[Signature]* Sims concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward the memorandum at TAB I to the President.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachments:

TAB I Memorandum to the President

TAB A Mr. Kalb's Letter to the President, November 21

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White House Guidelines, August 28, 1997
By *[Signature]* NARA, Date 6/10/02

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November 26, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM: JACK F. MATLOCK *JFM*

SUBJECT: Questions for President from Marvin Kalb

Marvin Kalb has submitted five written questions to the President -- obviously in the hope that the President would answer as Chernenko did an earlier set of questions he submitted.

I recommend that these questions not be answered. First, some are very tricky and precise, responsive answers will be difficult to formulate at this stage of negotiation with the Soviets. Second, I believe it important to shift over attention more to the private diplomacy track, and continuing to trade public statements undermines this effort.

Karna *KS* Small, Bob *MS* Sims, Sven *SK* Kraemer and Constantine *CC* Menges concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That answers not be provided to Kalb's questions.

Approve _____

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Attachment:

Tab I Letter to the President from Marvin Kalb

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your memo
from me
to Gary.*

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BY RW NARA DATE 3/3/11

Meet the Press

November 21, 1984

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

In light of the apparent thaw in Soviet-American relations, following your re-election, NBC News and I would be grateful for your responses to these questions.

1. What, in your view, should now be the first order of business in Soviet-American relations?

2. Under what conditions would you be prepared to meet with President Chernenko - and when?

3. Chernenko may admire "detente," as it was practiced in the 1970's; but, if you don't -- and that seems clear -- what new guiding concept, or framework, in your view, should now govern the evolution of Soviet-American relations?

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5. As you explore a variety of options regarding U.S. policy in Central America, do you see, among them, the possibility of rapprochement with Cuba -- and, under what conditions?

Hoping to hear from you, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Marvin Kalb
Chief Diplomatic Correspondent