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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

December 9, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. MARTIN

FROM:

JACK F. MATLOCK 

SUBJECT:

Presidential Letter to Ms. Patricia Johnson  
Regarding the Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan

I have reviewed and concur in the proposed Presidential letter (TAB A) prepared by the Department of State to Ms. Patricia Johnson about U.S. policy toward Afghanistan. Attached at Tab I is a memorandum to Sally Kelley for your signature.

~~SK~~ Sestanovich, Covey, ~~STH~~ Tahir-Kheli, Mandel, Raymond and Cannistraro concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Memorandum at Tab I to Sally Kelley.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachments:

Tab I      Memorandum to Sally Kelley  
Tab A      Proposed Presidential Letter  
Tab B      Incoming Correspondence

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM: WILLIAM F. MARTIN

SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to Ms. Patricia Johnson  
Regarding the Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan

We have reviewed and concur in the proposed Presidential draft letter (Tab A) prepared by the Department of State regarding U.S. policy toward Afghanistan.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
TRANSMITTAL FORM

s/s 8534537

Date December 5, 1985

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane  
National Security Council  
The White House

Reference:

To: The President From: Ms. Patricia H. Johnson

Date: September 14, 1985 Subject: Soviet Invasion of  
Afghanistan Concerns

WH Referral Dated: November 21, 1985 NSC ID# 361224  
(if any)

           The attached item was sent directly to the  
Department of State

Action Taken:

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- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason  
cited below.
- The Department of State has no objection to the  
proposed travel.
- Other.

Remarks:

  
Nicholas Platt  
Executive Secretary

Dear Ms. Johnson:

The White House has asked me to reply to your recent letter about U.S. policy toward Afghanistan.

Our policy on Afghanistan embodies a strategy which calls for support to victims of Soviet tyranny, in addition to maintaining pressure on the Soviets to negotiate a political solution to the problem. Critical in this effort to help victims of the war has been our \$430 million in assistance to international organizations aiding the millions of Afghans who have sought refuge in Pakistan and elsewhere. Also important is a growing program of humanitarian assistance to Afghans inside their own country, begun last year with some \$8 million worth of food and medical supplies and destined to grow in the coming year to nearly double that amount. In close cooperation with the government of Pakistan, the United States is establishing a long-term program to carry this out as efficiently as possible.

The consistent course of United States policy towards Afghanistan since the Soviet invasion indicates to all concerned this government's commitment to seeking the speedy removal of Soviet forces. President Reagan put the matter bluntly in his recent address to the United Nations General Assembly: "until such time as ... negotiations result in definitive progress, America's support for struggling

democratic resistance forces must not and shall not cease."

We appreciate and share your interest in and support for the Afghan cause.

Sincerely,

Ann Higgins

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE  
REFERRAL

NOVEMBER 21, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:  
DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF:  
ANNE HIGGINS

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 361224  
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 1985  
TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN  
FROM: MS. PATRICIA H. JOHNSON  
ROUTE 38, BOX 2232  
LIVINGSTON MT 59047  
SUBJECT: SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN CONCERNS

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN  
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE  
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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(OR DRAFT) TO:  
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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# WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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- O - OUTGOING
- H - INTERNAL
- I - INCOMING

Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 85/11/19

Name of Correspondent:  Mr.  Mrs.  Miss Patricia A. Johnson

MI Mail Report User Codes: (A) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Soviet invasion of Afghanistan  
Concerns

### ROUTE TO:

### ACTION

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Office/Agency	(Staff Name)	Action Code	Tracking Date YY/MM/DD	Type of Response	Code	Completion Date YY/MM/DD
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- Completion Date = Date of Outgoing

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## PRESIDENTIAL REPLY

Code	Date	Comment	Form
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DSP	_____	Time: _____	Media: _____

### SIGNATURE CODES:

- CPn - Presidential Correspondence**
  - n - 0 - Unknown
  - n - 1 - Ronald Wilson Reagan
  - n - 2 - Ronald Reagan
  - n - 3 - Ron
  - n - 4 - Dutch
  - n - 5 - Ron Reagan
  - n - 6 - Ronald
  - n - 7 - Ronnie
- CLn - First Lady's Correspondence**
  - n - 0 - Unknown
  - n - 1 - Nancy Reagan
  - n - 2 - Nancy
  - n - 3 - Mrs. Ronald Reagan
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  - n - 1 - Ronald Reagan - Nancy Reagan
  - n - 2 - Ron - Nancy

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- O - Memo
- P - Photo
- R - Report
- S - Sealed
- T - Telegram
- V - Telephone
- X - Miscellaneous
- Y - Study

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September 14, 1985

Dear President Reagan,

I recently had the opportunity to hear a lecture given by Karen McKay who heads up the "Committee for a Free Afghanistan." I was very impressed by her first-hand knowledge of conditions in that war-torn country. She has very recently been there, in fact last Spring, visiting the Mujahedin and conferring with General Safa.

Even before I heard Karen McKay's lecture, I had read a great deal concerning the plight of these brave people.

Mr. President, the American people need to know that the Afghan Freedom Fighters are fighting for us, here in America. If they lose this war to the Soviets, we, as a free nation will be in even greater peril than we already are.

I seriously object to the handling of this situation by the biased American press; and also I deplore the inaction of the State Department.

These brave people need weapons, food, medical assistance, warm clothing and other items in order to face this coming winter.

I wonder how our State Department would react if the same atrocities which are being performed on the Afghan people were taking place here in the United States, upon their wives and children. Then, the shoe would be on the other foot, wouldn't it?

Did you know that the Soviets have forcibly taken Afghan children to the Soviet Union in order to indoctrinate them, teaching them to hate their families, their nation, and to become spies?

The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan almost six years ago was

one of the most outrageous attacks on world freedom in this century, and yet our "brave nation" did nothing.

I implore you to take this plea for Afghan assistance to the State Department. Congress has already shown that they favor assisting these people. The tie-up is the State Department.

I sincerely feel that it is in our best interest as a nation which is still free, by God's Grace, to support freedom for Afghanistan. You are a believer in God, and I know that you care, so I want you to know that I care also. I daily pray for your protection; for the protection of your office as president also, just as I daily pray for the nation of Afghanistan and its dear people.

Most sincerely,

Patricia A. Johnson

Rt. 38, Box 2232

Livingston, Mt 59047

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to expose you to take this plea  
for Afghan assistance to the



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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

December 9, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. MARTIN

FROM: JACK F. MATLOCK *JFM*

SUBJECT: Letter to Mrs. Mankian re Husband's Unsuccessful Efforts to Obtain Exit Visa from the USSR

I have reviewed and concur with the proposed Presidential letter (TAB A) to Mrs. Zarik Mankian concerning the unsuccessful efforts of her husband to obtain permission to emigrate from the Soviet Union. Attached at Tab I is a memorandum to Sally Kelley for your signature.

*S* Sestakovich, *JM* Mandel and Raymond concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Memorandum at Tab I to Sally Kelley.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments:

- Tab I Memorandum to Sally Kelley
- Tab A Proposed Presidential Letter
- Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM: WILLIAM F. MARTIN

SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to Mrs. Mankian re Husband's  
Unsuccessful Efforts to Obtain Exit Visa from the  
USSR

We have reviewed and concur in the proposed Presidential letter to Mrs. Mankian (Tab A) regarding the unsuccessful efforts of her husband to obtain an exit permit from the Soviet Union.

Attachments:

Tab A Proposed Presidential Letter  
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8533920

Date December 5, 1985

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane  
National Security Council  
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Mrs. Zarik Mankian

Date November 7, 1985 Subject: Seeks help to be reunited with her husband, Mihran, who has been denied exit permission from Russia.

WH Referral Dated: November 15, 1985 NSC ID# 360176  
(if any)

           The attached item was sent directly to the Department of State.

Action Taken:

- A draft reply is attached.
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- An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
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- Other.

Remarks:

  
Nicholas Platt  
Executive Secretary

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STATE DEPARTMENT SUGGESTED REPLY

Dear Mrs. Mankian:

I have been asked to reply to your recent letter to President Reagan concerning the unsuccessful efforts of your husband, Mihran Mankian, to obtain permission to emigrate from the Soviet Union. We share your concern about the unwillingness of the Soviet Union to respect such basic human rights as freedom of movement, particularly in light of the USSR's undertaking in the Helsinki Final Act "to deal in a positive and humanitarian spirit with the applications of persons who wish to be reunited with members of their family."

Unfortunately, the Department of State does not have sufficient information on the status of your husband's application for exit permission. We are enclosing a questionnaire requesting important information concerning this case. The completed questionnaire should be returned to the Bilateral Relations Section, Office of Soviet Union Affairs, Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520.

Mrs. Zarik Mankian,  
1844 North Harvard Boulevard,  
Apartment 118,  
Los Angeles, California.

The reunification of separated spouses is given great importance at the highest levels of the U.S. Government. Although the number of individuals involved is few, each case is a matter of serious concern to us.

Our Embassy in Moscow is willing to make representations on behalf of your husband when he applies for exit permission. We encourage him to stay in contact with the American Embassy in Moscow or the Consulate General in Leningrad so that they can be of assistance.

If I can be of assistance to you in this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins

1. Name of Applicant in USSR: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Address in USSR: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Others in Family Applying in USSR and their Relationship:  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Date and Place of Last Application for Exit Permission with OVIR (if known): \_\_\_\_\_
5. Date and Place Last Refused Permission to Emigrate:  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Number and Dates of Earlier Refusals (if known):  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Date of Applicant's Last Contact with U.S. Embassy: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Official Country of Destination:  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Date of Last Letter of Invitation ("Vyzov") to Applicants:  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Name of Sponsor (Relative): \_\_\_\_\_
11. If Sponsor is Immigrant from USSR, was Soviet exit permission for US \_\_\_\_\_ Israel \_\_\_\_\_
12. Sponsor's Address: \_\_\_\_\_
13. Sponsor's Telephone: Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Work ( - ) \_\_\_\_\_
14. Sponsor's Citizenship Status: (Check One) \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Citizen  
\_\_\_\_\_ Conditional Entrant \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Resident Alien
15. If Permanent Resident Alien, Indicate Green Card No. (I-151) \_\_\_\_\_  
A - \_\_\_\_\_ and Date Green Card Issued \_\_\_\_\_
16. Sponsor's Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_
17. Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Bilateral Relations  
Office of Soviet Union Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20520

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T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

NOVEMBER 15, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF:  
ANNE HIGGINS

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 360176

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED NOVEMBER 7, 1985

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MRS. ZARIK MANKIAN  
1844 NORTH HARVARD BOULEVARD  
APARTMENT 118  
LOS ANGELES CA 90027

SUBJECT: SEEKS HELP TO BE REUNITED WITH HUSBAND  
MIHRAN WHO RESIDES IN RUSSIA AGAINST HIS WILL

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SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 85/11/12

Name of Correspondent:  Mr.  Mrs.  Miss Zarik Manbian

MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Seeks help to be reunited with husband, Mikran who resides in Russia against his will

ROUTE TO:		ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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November 7, 1985

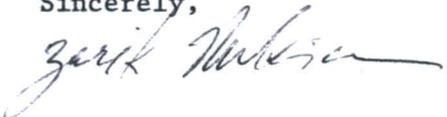
President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I've just read the article in the L. A. Times dealing with U.S. - Soviet couples who are separated for political reasons. Since I find myself in the same position with a husband who has been trying to get out of the Soviet Union for the last two years without success, I would like to add our names to any list that may become subject to discussions at your forthcoming meeting with the Soviet leader, Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

My name is Zarik Mankian and my husbands name is Mihran Mankian. We would appreciate any help you can give us so we can be reunited. Thank You.

Sincerely,



Zarik Mankian  
1844 N. Harvard Blvd. #118  
Los Angeles, Ca. 90027

Mihran Mankian  
Markarian 43 Apt. 66  
Erevan 78 Armenia U.S.S.R.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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December 10, 1985

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NICHOLAS PLATT  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State

SUBJECT: Proposed Alaskan-Siberian Health Research (C)

Attached is a letter to the First Lady from Theodore Mala, Associate Professor of Health Sciences at the University of Alaska. Dr. Mala had asked the First Lady to raise the possibility of joint U.S.-Soviet research into health and environmental problems of the far north when she meets Gorbachev and his wife in Geneva. We would appreciate the Department of State's reaction to the idea, particularly in view of the Soviet Union's continued unacceptable treatment of Andrey Sakharov and Elena Bonner. (C)

*William F. Martin*

William F. Martin  
Executive Secretary

Attachments

Tab A Letter to the First Lady from Theodore Mala  
Tab B Enclosures with Dr. Mala's letter.

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BY CN NARA DATE 10/30/07

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3211 Providence Drive  
Anchorage, Alaska 99505

WILLIAM F. ...  
AND HELEN ...

October 7, 1985

Mrs. Nancy Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, DC

Dear Mrs. Reagan:

I am writing to you to ask your assistance in a problem that does not seem to be able to be resolved except at the White House level.

First, a word about myself. I am an Associate Professor of Health Sciences here at the University of Alaska in Anchorage. By training I am a physician with a specialized degree in Public Health from Harvard. By birth, I am of eskimo-russian descent with most of my family living up in the Alaskan arctic town of Kotzebue. I am the son of the first american eskimo movie star, Ray Mala, and spent seven years of my life in boarding school in Los Angeles (St. John's Military Academy), and was there the same time your adopted son Mike was.

I have watched your concern for the peoples of the world for many years with much admiration. My work is based in the north, in what we call the "circumpolar" areas, namely, those regions around the north pole specifically. When I am not lecturing here I travel with the World Health Organization to Greenland, Finland, Denmark, Sweden, Canada and even Siberia.

And it is Siberia that I wish to bring to your attention today. The background of Alaska and Siberia extends rather far in history. You will recall that we are geographically to Siberia than to the rest of our Country, and that our state was once owned by Russia. We share many of the same health and enviornmental problems as they do, and our Native people are related to the eskimos of Chukotka. In fact for years eskimos used to go back and forth across the water trading.

Of course much of that has changed today. We are on good terms with our Canadian neighbors, but cannot reach our Siberian ones. After years of meetings and letter writing, I was able to arrange for the Chancellor of our university, Dr. David Outcalt, his wife Marcia, Dr. Bill Townsend, a local physician and myself to go to Siberia as a delegation hosted by the Medical Workers Union this past June. Going into Irkutsk and Kharbarovsk, we were suprised to find how much the land and the people were just like Alaskans. We found that the russians were doing lots of research with over one hundred different institutes compared to one or two in Alaska.

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Mrs. Nancy Reagan  
10-7-85

I wrote to Mr. Gorbachov to tell him that we wanted permission to work with our neighbors in Siberia in the area of health related subjects such as northern climatological changes (long 22-24 hour nights in the winter, with the opposite extremes in summer); alcoholism and drug use; cancer; heart diseases; diet and adaptation changes. Those are but a few affected all northern inhabitants.

Much to my suprise, Mr. Gorabachov sent us a message through the Minister of Health of the USSR that he wanted Siberia and Alaska to be able to work together and set up meetings with the Siberian Branch of the Academy of Medical Sciences (whom we have been working with for many years) to begin to explore areas of common benefit to both Alaska and Siberia.

I believe that in the area of medical sciences, and especially with Siberia, both countries have much to gain. I am enclosing a letter to me from the First Deputy Minister of Health who is ready to allow us to start working together from their side. The enclosed memorandum outlines the four areas that we want to work in. And when I was in Washington, DC two weeks ago, that is when I found that the only way this can be furthered is at White House level.

I am on the National Advisory Board of the Fogarty International Center of NIH and was at our first meeting in September. I used that time to begin to research from our side what we would have to do to allow us to do health research with Siberia. It turns out that we do have a health exchange agreement in effect between the US and USSR in public health but it cannot be extended into "new" areas until permission is received by NIH from the State Department.

I believe that it is urgent that this be brought to your attention before the upcoming Summit meetings which so many are hoping and praying for. We received word from Mr. Ruben Gregorian, the First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, that they want this health agreement to work as a model of good Soviet-American relations.

You will note in another memo that I have enclosed on the "Federal Position" that everyone I spoke to wants us to succeed but "it was out of their hands." A group of us will be in Washington, DC in November for the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association. I hope that perhaps if we or I can meet with you or any of your staff, we might be able to answer any questions. My office telephone number is (907) 786-4746 and home, (907)243-3103.

Thank you for listening and caring. Warm regards to you and the President.

Sincerely,

Theodore A. Mala, MD, MPH  
Associate Professor



# UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA, ANCHORAGE

3211 Providence Drive  
Anchorage, Alaska 99508

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COLLEGE OF NURSING  
AND HEALTH SCIENCES

## M E M O R A N D U M

Date: June 19, 1985

TO: Chancellor David Outcalt  
UAA

FROM: Dr. Ted Mala  
Associate Professor, Health Sciences  
UAA Native Students Academic Advisor

RE: Notes from meeting with the USSR Minister of Health  
June 13, 1985 Moscow

In a meeting at the Office of the Minister of Health of the USSR, the Alaska Delegation of Chancellor David Outcalt, Associate Professor Ted Mala, Dr. Bill Townsend and Mrs. Marcia Outcalt, all met with First Minister Shepin who spoke to us through an interpreter.

The main points of agreement flow around four areas suggested by Dr. Yuri Nikitin, Deputy of the Siberian Branch of the Academy of Medical Sciences of the USSR.

Those points are:

### 1) EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN ALASKA AND SIBERIA:

-- this is already taking place but needs to be further organized using a central address and a specific individual at both the University and the Siberian Branch who would be responsible for sending a receiving, cataloging and passing on to concerned individuals all scientific materials covered within the exchange.

### 2) EXCHANGE OF SPECIALISTS:

--Dr. Ted Mala was proposed under this agreement to return to Siberia next year for the period of a month to spend that time working with Soviet Medical Scientists on common problems of a public health nature. As this must be done in the Russian language, Mala will have to complete an intensive Russian speaking course before leaving for Siberia.

### 3) JOINT MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES:

--Five Russian individuals were presented to the Minister for consideration to come to Alaska in 1986 to participate

in a joint UAA-Siberian Branch AMS Public Seminar on the theme of "Man and Adaptation to the North." The conference would be arranged by UAA and would be held on campus.

-- A similar conference would be held in Novo Sibirsk in 1988 (one year after the 1987 Circumpolar Health Conference to be held in Umea, Sweden). This conference would involve a larger number of UAA related individuals who would travel to Siberia to take part in a conference there. Participation would be on an invitational basis.

4) JOINT PROGRAMS OF WORK:

-It was felt that after the completion of Numbers 1,2, and 3, that the eventual outcome would be joint major research and study programs that would involve both Alaska and Siberia.

Provisional agreement was made orally pending the presentation of written documents which would confirm the above and would be formally signed off on within the next month.

First Minister Shepin stressed that this was an agreement with a university and not an inter-governmental agreement. He expressed the desire that the flow of scientists both ways would increase in the near future once US-USSR Intergovernmental agreements are renewed.

Dr. Lydia Novak, President of the Soviet Medical Workers Union, set up this meeting for us and mentioned that the Union would like to continue to play an active part in bringing both Alaskan and Siberian medical workers closer together.

Dr. Nikitin mentioned that US-USSR agreements already exist in the areas of Cardiology and Oncology and that we should consider also proposing research in those areas.

First Minister Shepin said that the idea in general was good and that the Office of the Minister of Health would support the proposals. He stressed the need to do real research and not just involve "people with big names." "We welcome the results of your work to date and no doubt many people here are interested in working with you."

T.M. Gill



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COLLEGE OF NURSING  
AND HEALTH SCIENCES

## M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Dr. David Outcalt  
Chancellor

FROM: Dr. Ted Mala *Ted*  
Associate Professor, Health Sciences  
UAA Native Students Academic Advisor

DATE: September 21, 1985

RE: UAA-USSR Relations: The Federal Position

Washington, DC Week of September 16-20, 1985.

While in Washington for meeting this week at the National Institutes of Health, I made it a point to educate others as well as myself to our efforts to cooperate with the Soviet Union. To that end, I can report the following meetings:

- Ms. Debroah Wince, White House Policy Analyst, Office of Science and Technology (set up by Mr. Bruce Abel, Assistant to Mr. Keyworth). Their reaction was very positive and encouraging and they sent me over to the State Department for further briefing.
- Drs. Jack Blanchard, US State Dept. Director of Cooperative Science and Technology Programs and Dr. John Thomas, Soviet Area Specialist, who were extensively briefed. Again, much enthusiasm to persue our efforts. They would like to schedule a meeting with both of us in November in Washington.
- Soviet First Secretary Ruben Gregorian at their Embassy sends you his regards and thanks for the letter and gift. He advises us to have Dr. Lydia Novak check on the agreement with the Ministry of Health for us. He looks forward to seeing us in November in Washington at their new embassy building.
- While many agencies and individuals are interested in the agreement, the key negotiators of Inter-Governmental Agreements are located at the Fogarty International Center in the National Institutes of Health. As part of their newly constituted Advisory Board, I found I had easy access to the principals involved in the area who furnished me with copies of the two agreements referred to us by the Soviet First Deputy Minister of Health, Dr. Oleg Shepin. Signed by Secretaries Kissinger and Rogers as well as Soviet Ministers Gromyko and Petrovsky, they are attached

Chancellor Outcalt

9-21-85

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attached for your information. (Attachments A,B). Note that Attachment C is a list of NIH specialists assigned to handle questions about specific areas of the agreement with the USSR.

FIC Chief of International Coordination and Liason, Dr. Jack Schmidt, advises that in essence all new expansions of these agreements (which would include what we are doing with the Siberian Branch of the Academy) are on hold by order of the US State Department. Russian area specialist Irene Kuraeff said that they would be most happy to work with us but that our efforts will have to continue on a private party basis until State allows them to continue. NIH is ready and willing to resume relations once they get the ok to do so.

- The Public Health Service through FIC has encouraged us to apply for travel funding to return to Siberia to work with the Soviets on new possible areas of mutual collaboration. They have special funds just for that purpose which are awarded by a jury of specialists once documentation is received from both countries agree that if the USPHS supports an individual with round trip travel funds, that the host country will pick up the costs once he/she has arrived.
- President Reagan has made a statement encouraging bilateral health cooperation between our countries but has not removed sanctions against them. Still State reinforces that private initiative may and should continue between both countries. Once established, they may easily be expanded with federal support once sanctions are lifted.
- Senator Stevens Health Specialist Susan Arnold has assured us that they will continue to support our efforts. They also wrote to the Defense Dept. about my learning russian in their California facility but Defense has not responded yet. I also met with Senator Frank Murkowski who instructed his aide Gene Schmiel (on loan to his office from the State Dept.) to assist us in every way possible. Schmiel says that the Gregorian application will not be approved until several days prior to the visit. That is the word from State's Russian Visa Desk Officers Ken Hillas and Jim Elliott (632-8671). Approval is based on current US-Soviet relations.
- The overall impression I have is a very positive one from our federal government. I was assured that the US Embassy reception we received in Moscow is not indicative of their enthusiasm and that we met with an aide to the new US Science Officer who had not yet arrived there and that she like in any big organization, was not on top of things as she might have been. Also note that the FIC brings all the science officers from all our Embassies in once a year to brief them on all NIH activities. More on that when we meet with State in November.
- I presented a slide show and talk on Siberia to FIC which was met with much enthusiasm. Director Dr. Craig Wallace looks forward towards meeting you in November.

- Dr. Jerry Brown, Head of the Arctic Research and Policy Staff, Division of Polar Programs of the National Science Foundation, is most interested in our work with Siberia and would like to meet with you and me on Monday, September 23rd, on his way to Fairbanks for the annual Science Conference. He and the Polar Board are most interested in working with us and supporting our efforts.
- Ms. Dalee Sambo, Anchorage Representative of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference, informs me that the US Dept. of the Interior is most interested in any contact we might have with Siberia.

Suggested follow-up:

- That we send a telegram to Dr. Lydia Novak requesting her assistance in checking on the agreement with the Ministry of Health.
- That you and I meet in reference to your appointment calendar for November (see separate memorandum) that might include a brief tour and reception by the Fogarty International Center for the Soviet Delegation and you and I in November.

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17 сентября 1985 № 22/20-92/85-42 Профессору Геодору А. Мала  
на № \_\_\_\_\_ Помощнику профессора  
\_\_\_\_\_ Университет Аляски  
\_\_\_\_\_ г. Анкоридж  
С Ш А

Уважаемый профессор Мала,

Искренне благодарю Вас за направленный мне меморандум и за те выражения заинтересованности в дружбе и сотрудничестве между советским и американским народами, которые Вы передали в Вашем письме.

Я согласен с Вами, что юридической основой для сотрудничества по новой теме между заинтересованными советскими и американскими учреждениями может явиться Соглашение между Правительством СССР и Правительством США о сотрудничестве в области медицинской науки и здравоохранения от 23 мая 1972 г.

Для включения новой темы в сотрудничество между СССР и США в области медицинской науки необходимо предварительное обсуждение этой темы на очередном заседании Совместной советско-американской комиссии, которая может принять это новое направление сотрудничества, наметить план и утвердить координаторов сотрудничества с каждой стороны.

Министерство здравоохранения СССР поддержит Ваше предложение при рассмотрении его на Комиссии, что будет способствовать расширению советско-американских научных контактов и, несомненно, послужит делу укрепления духа дружбы и взаимопонимания между нашими народами.

С уважением,

О.П.ЩЕПИН  
Первый заместитель Министра  
здравоохранения СССР

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

November 4, 1985

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: JACK F. MATLOCK *JFM*

SUBJECT: Proposed Alaskan-Siberian Health Research

Attached at Tab I is a Martin/Platt memorandum forwarding to State a letter from Theodore Mala, Associate Professor of Health Sciences at the University of Alaska, to the First Lady. Dr. Mala has asked the First Lady to raise the possibility of joint U.S.-Soviet research into health and environmental problems of the far north when she meets Gorbachev and his wife in Geneva.

The idea is an interesting one, but will need to be considered carefully in light of the Soviet Union's continued unacceptable treatment of Andrey Sakharov and his wife.

I suggest that we forward the Mala correspondence (Tabs A and B) to State for further staff work.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the Martin/Platt memo at Tab I forwarding the Mala correspondence to State.

Approve *um*

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments

- Tab I Martin/Platt memo
- Tab A Letter to the First Lady from Theodore Mala
- Tab B Enclosures with Dr. Mala's letter to the First Lady

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TO PRESIDENT

FROM MAKIAN, ZARIK

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SUBJECT: LTR TO PRES FM MANKIAN RE REQUEST FOR AID IN REUNITING W/ HUSBAND WHO HAS BEEN DENIED EXIT PERMISSION FM RUSSIA

ACTION: MEMO MARTIN TO KELLEY

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

December 11, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM: WILLIAM F. MARTIN *WFM*

SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to Mrs. Mankian re Husband's  
Unsuccessful Efforts to Obtain Exit Visa from the  
USSR

We have reviewed and concur in the proposed Presidential letter to Mrs. Mankian (Tab A) regarding the unsuccessful efforts of her husband to obtain an exit permit from the Soviet Union.

Attachments:

Tab A Proposed Presidential Letter  
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8533920

Date December 5, 1985

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane  
National Security Council  
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Mrs. Zarik Mankian

Date November 7, 1985 Subject: Seeks help to be reunited with her husband, Mihran, who has been denied exit permission from Russia.

WH Referral Dated: November 15, 1985 NSC ID# 360176  
(if any)

\_\_\_\_\_ The attached item was sent directly to the Department of State.

Action Taken:

- A draft reply is attached.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A draft reply will be forwarded.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A translation is attached.
- \_\_\_\_\_ An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- \_\_\_\_\_ We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other.

Remarks:

*Nicholas Platt*  
Nicholas Platt  
Executive Secretary

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STATE DEPARTMENT SUGGESTED REPLY

Dear Mrs. Mankian:

I have been asked to reply to your recent letter to President Reagan concerning the unsuccessful efforts of your husband, Mihran Mankian, to obtain permission to emigrate from the Soviet Union. We share your concern about the unwillingness of the Soviet Union to respect such basic human rights as freedom of movement, particularly in light of the USSR's undertaking in the Helsinki Final Act "to deal in a positive and humanitarian spirit with the applications of persons who wish to be reunited with members of their family."

Unfortunately, the Department of State does not have sufficient information on the status of your husband's application for exit permission. We are enclosing a questionnaire requesting important information concerning this case. The completed questionnaire should be returned to the Bilateral Relations Section, Office of Soviet Union Affairs, Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520.

Mrs. Zarik Mankian,  
1844 North Harvard Boulevard,  
Apartment 118,  
Los Angeles, California.

The reunification of separated spouses is given great importance at the highest levels of the U.S. Government. Although the number of individuals involved is few, each case is a matter of serious concern to us.

Our Embassy in Moscow is willing to make representations on behalf of your husband when he applies for exit permission. We encourage him to stay in contact with the American Embassy in Moscow or the Consulate General in Leningrad so that they can be of assistance.

If I can be of assistance to you in this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins

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1. Name of Applicant in USSR: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Address in USSR: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Others in Family Applying in USSR and their Relationship:  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Date and Place of Last Application for Exit Permission with OVIR (if known): \_\_\_\_\_
5. Date and Place Last Refused Permission to Emigrate:  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Number and Dates of Earlier Refusals (if known):  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Date of Applicant's Last Contact with U.S. Embassy: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Official Country of Destination:  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Date of Last Letter of Invitation ("Vyzov") to Applicants:  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Name of Sponsor (Relative): \_\_\_\_\_
11. If Sponsor is Immigrant from USSR, was Soviet exit permission for US \_\_\_\_\_ Israel \_\_\_\_\_
12. Sponsor's Address: \_\_\_\_\_
13. Sponsor's Telephone: Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_
14. Sponsor's Citizenship Status: (Check One) \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Citizen  
\_\_\_\_\_ Conditional Entrant \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Resident Alien
15. If Permanent Resident Alien, Indicate Green Card No. (I-151)  
A - \_\_\_\_\_ and Date Green Card Issued \_\_\_\_\_
16. Sponsor's Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_
17. Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: **Bilateral Relations  
Office of Soviet Union Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20520**

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REFERRAL

NOVEMBER 15, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF:  
ANNE HIGGINS

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 360176

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED NOVEMBER 7, 1985

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MRS. ZARIK MANKIAN  
1844 NORTH HARVARD BOULEVARD  
APARTMENT 118  
LOS ANGELES CA 90027

SUBJECT: SEEKS HELP TO BE REUNITED WITH HUSBAND  
MIHRAN WHO RESIDES IN RUSSIA AGAINST HIS WILL

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN  
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE  
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE  
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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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Name of Correspondent:  Mr.  Mrs.  Miss Zarik Markian

MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Seeks help to be reunited with husband, Mikran who resides in Russia against his will

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November 7, 1985

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I've just read the article in the L. A. Times dealing with U.S. - Soviet couples who are separated for political reasons. Since I find myself in the same position with a husband who has been trying to get out of the Soviet Union for the last two years without success, I would like to add our names to any list that may become subject to discussions at your forthcoming meeting with the Soviet leader, Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

My name is Zarik Mankian and my husbands name is Mihran Mankian. We would appreciate any help you can give us so we can be reunited. Thank You.

Sincerely,

*Zarik Mankian*

Zarik Mankian  
1844 N. Harvard Blvd. #118  
Los Angeles, Ca. 90027

Mihran Mankian  
Markarian 43 Apt. 66  
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

December 9, 1985

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. MARTIN

FROM:

JACK F. MATLOCK 

SUBJECT:

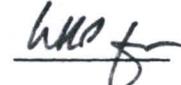
Letter to Mrs. Mankian re Husband's Unsuccessful Efforts to Obtain Exit Visa from the USSR

I have reviewed and concur with the proposed Presidential letter (TAB A) to Mrs. Zarik Mankian concerning the unsuccessful efforts of her husband to obtain permission to emigrate from the Soviet Union. Attached at Tab I is a memorandum to Sally Kelley for your signature.

<sup>SS</sup> Sestanovich, <sup>SH</sup> Mandel and <sup>n.a.</sup> Raymond concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Memorandum at Tab I to Sally Kelley.

Approve 

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments:

Tab I Memorandum to Sally Kelley  
Tab A Proposed Presidential Letter  
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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TO PRESIDENT

FROM JOHNSON, PATRICIA H  
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DOCDATE 14 SEP 85  
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KEYWORDS: USSR  
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AFGHANISTAN

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SUBJECT: LTR TO PRES FM JOHNSON RE SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN

ACTION: MEMO MARTIN TO KELLEY

DUE: 11 DEC 85 STATUS S FILES WH

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

December 11, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM: WILLIAM F. MARTIN *WFM*

SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to Ms. Patricia Johnson  
Regarding the Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan

We have reviewed and concur in the proposed Presidential draft letter (Tab A) prepared by the Department of State regarding U.S. policy toward Afghanistan.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8534537

Date December 5, 1985

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane  
National Security Council  
The White House

Reference:

To: The President From: Ms. Patricia H. Johnson  
Date: September 14, 1985 Subject: Soviet Invasion of  
Afghanistan Concerns

WH Referral Dated: November 21, 1985 NSC ID# 361224  
(if any)

           The attached item was sent directly to the  
Department of State

Action Taken:

- X   A draft reply is attached.
- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason  
cited below.
- The Department of State has no objection to the  
proposed travel.
- Other.

Remarks:

  
Nicholas Pratt  
Executive Secretary

Dear Ms. Johnson:

The White House has asked me to reply to your recent letter about U.S. policy toward Afghanistan.

Our policy on Afghanistan embodies a strategy which calls for support to victims of Soviet tyranny, in addition to maintaining pressure on the Soviets to negotiate a political solution to the problem. Critical in this effort to help victims of the war has been our \$430 million in assistance to international organizations aiding the millions of Afghans who have sought refuge in Pakistan and elsewhere. Also important is a growing program of humanitarian assistance to Afghans inside their own country, begun last year with some \$8 million worth of food and medical supplies and destined to grow in the coming year to nearly double that amount. In close cooperation with the government of Pakistan, the United States is establishing a long-term program to carry this out as efficiently as possible.

The consistent course of United States policy towards Afghanistan since the Soviet invasion indicates to all concerned this government's commitment to seeking the speedy removal of Soviet forces. President Reagan put the matter bluntly in his recent address to the United Nations General Assembly: "until such time as ... negotiations result in definitive progress, America's support for struggling

democratic resistance forces must not and shall not cease."

We appreciate and share your interest in and support for the Afghan cause.

Sincerely,

Ann Higgins

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REFERRAL

NOVEMBER 21, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF:  
ANNE HIGGINS

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 361224

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 1985

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MS. PATRICIA H. JOHNSON  
ROUTE 38, BOX 2232  
LIVINGSTON MT 59047

SUBJECT: SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN CONCERNS

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN  
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SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
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# WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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Name of Correspondent:  Mr.  Mrs.  Miss Patricia A. Johns

MI Mail Report User Codes: (A) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Soviet invasion of Afghanistan  
Concerns

ROUTE TO:		ACTION	DISPOSITION		
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- ACTION CODES:**
- A - Appropriate Action
  - C - Comment/Recommendation
  - D - Draft Response
  - F - Furnish Fact Sheet to be used as Enclosure
  - I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary
  - R - Direct Reply w/Copy
  - S - For Signature
  - X - Interim Reply

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  - B - Non-Special Referral
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 Code = "A"  
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## PRESIDENTIAL REPLY

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- CPn - Presidential Correspondence
  - n - 0 - Unknown
  - n - 1 - Ronald Wilson Reagan
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  - n - 3 - Ron
  - n - 4 - Dutch
  - n - 5 - Ron Reagan
  - n - 6 - Ronald
  - n - 7 - Ronnie
- CLn - First Lady's Correspondence
  - n - 0 - Unknown
  - n - 1 - Nancy Reagan
  - n - 2 - Nancy
  - n - 3 - Mrs. Ronald Reagan
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  - n - 2 - Ron - Nancy

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- O - Memo
- P - Photo
- R - Report
- S - Sealed
- T - Telegram
- V - Telephone
- X - Miscellaneous
- Y - Study

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September 14, 1985

Dear President Reagan,

I recently had the opportunity to hear a lecture given by Karen McKay who heads up the "Committee for a Free Afghanistan." I was very impressed by her first-hand knowledge of conditions in that war-torn country. She has very recently been there, in fact last Spring, visiting the Mujahedin and conferring with General Safa.

Even before I heard Karen McKay's lecture, I had read a great deal concerning the plight of these brave people.

Mr. President, the American people need to know that the Afghan Freedom Fighters are fighting for us, here in America. If they lose this war to the Soviets, we, as a free nation will be in even greater peril than we already are.

I seriously object to the handling of this situation by the biased American press; and also I deplore the inaction of the State Department.

These brave people need weapons, food, medical assistance, warm clothing and other items in order to face this coming winter.

I wonder how our State Department would react if the same atrocities which are being performed on the Afghan people were taking place here in the United States, upon their wives and children. Then, the shoe would be on the other foot, wouldn't it?

Did you know that the Soviets have forcibly taken Afghan children to the Soviet Union in order to indoctrinate them, teaching them to hate their families, their nation, and to become spies?

The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan almost six years ago was

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one of the most outrageous attacks on world freedom in this century, and yet our "brave nation" did nothing.

I implore you to take this plea for Afghan assistance to the State Department. Congress has already shown that they favor assisting these people. The tie-up is the State Department.

I sincerely feel that it is in our best interest as a nation which is still free, by God's Grace, to support freedom for Afghanistan. You are a believer in God, and I know that you care, so I want you to know that I care also. I daily pray for your protection; for the protection of your office as president also, just as I daily pray for the nation of Afghanistan and its dear people.

Most sincerely,

Patricia A. Johnson

Rt. 38, Box 2232

Livingston, Mt 59047

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You are no believe in God and  
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I pray you, for your protection,  
as the protection of your office as  
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Most sincerely  
Richard D. Johnson  
Rt. 3 Box 2232  
Farmington ME

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

December 9, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. MARTIN

FROM: JACK F. MATLOCK *JFM*

SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to Ms. Patricia Johnson  
Regarding the Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan

I have reviewed and concur in the proposed Presidential letter (TAB A) prepared by the Department of State to Ms. Patricia Johnson about U.S. policy toward Afghanistan. Attached at Tab I is a memorandum to Sally Kelley for your signature.

*Ar* Sestanovich, *MS* Covey, *SH* Tahir-Kheli, *DM* Mandel, Raymond and Cannistraro *VC* concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Memorandum at Tab I to Sally Kelley.

Approve *JFM*

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments:

- Tab I Memorandum to Sally Kelley
- Tab A Proposed Presidential Letter
- Tab B Incoming Correspondence