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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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December 24, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM: WILLIAM F. MARTIN

Catherine Bergeron
for

SUBJECT: Letter to LT General Daniel O. Graham in Response to his Letter to the President

We have reviewed and concur in the proposed letter (TAB A) prepared by the Department of State to LT General Daniel O. Graham, in response to his letter to the President, concerning the Strategic Defense Initiative and the defense of the United States.

Attachments:

- Tab A Letter to LT General Daniel O. Graham
- Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

s/s 8533922

Date December 6, 1985

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

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: LT Gen Daniel Graham

Date: Nov. 6, 1985 Subject: Writes concerning the

Coalition for the Strategic Defense Initiative and the Defense of the US.

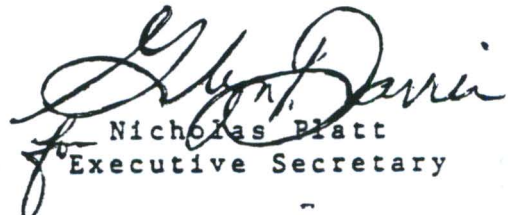
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Department of State

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
Executive Secretary

Dear General Graham:

On behalf of President Reagan, I am replying to your letter of November 6, 1985 in which you urged that the Strategic Defense Initiative not be bargained away and that the option of testing and deployment be retained.

First of all, I want to express our appreciation for your support and that of the Coalition for the Strategic Defense Initiative. You may be sure that your views received the careful attention of the President's experts on arms control prior to the Geneva discussions. Let me also assure you that the President forcefully stated his position on SDI to Secretary Gorbachev, and did not compromise his determination to learn whether a strategic defense is feasible and cost-effective. We believe that the SDI research program as currently structured will be adequate to provide the answers necessary to ensure that a future President will have the

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Coalition for the Strategic Defense Initiative,
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1010 Vermont Avenue, NW,
Washington, D.C.

option of moving toward increased reliance on defense against ballistic missiles as the basis of deterrence. The President remains fully committed to explore thoroughly the potential contribution of strategic defense to deterrence and stability and his vision of a "balance of safety" replacing the "balance of terror".

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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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:

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WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 351150

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1985

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: LT. GENERAL DANIEL O. GRAHAM
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COALITION FOR THE STRATEGIC
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WASHINGTON DC 20005

SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING THE COALITION FOR THE
STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE AND THE DEFENSE
OF THE UNITED STATES

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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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THE WHITE HOUSE
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: NOVEMBER 08, 1985

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: LT. GENERAL DANIEL C. CISHAM

SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING THE COALITION FOR THE STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE AND THE DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES

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COMMENTS:

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Coalition for the Strategic Defense Initiative

1010 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

November 6, 1985

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500


Dear President Reagan:

I'm writing to you on behalf of the Coalition for the Strategic Defense Initiative. I recently organized this Coalition to help safeguard the nation's interests through public education and grass-roots support of your initiative for a true defense of the American people. Our Coalition is composed of over 150 civic, fraternal, veteran, religious and public policy organizations - representing millions of Americans. Eighty two Members of Congress, all of whom applaud your vision and courage in launching SDI, are also members of our Coalition.

However, in reiterating our strong support for you on this issue, I'm obliged at the same time to express the deep concern of the Coalition over an apparent pattern emerging prior to the Geneva Summit. Many leading Administration officials have consistently made strong commitments that SDI is not to be "bargain-chipped" away at the Summit or SALT meetings, and for this we are grateful. But the specific language of these statements has begun to reveal a studious commitment only to research and development. No similar commitment of a clear and unequivocal nature has been offered by the Administration on behalf of a deployment option, or even of testing. Our worry over the lack of any encouraging position on testing and future deployment is exacerbated by the recent conflict at the highest levels of the Administration over the ABM Treaty; and the unfortunate decision to maintain a restrictive interpretation in our unilateral compliance with an oft-violated treaty which clearly jeopardizes our supreme interests.

Consequently, I'm writing to urge you and your advisory team involved in the Summit to keep the deployment option open. Clearly, your continued political support and your opportunity for a lasting impact upon history, lie in continuing along the path toward genuine defense and a policy of Mutual Assured Survival; rather than in heeding the appeals of those whose vested interests lie in the perpetuation of Mutual Assured Destruction or basing our security upon illusory agreements with an implacable enemy. We realize there are many pressures being brought to bear, both from within and without the government, for an agreement at any price - even the price of our nation's long-term security against a preemptive Soviet ICBM strike or nuclear blackmail. I want to assure you that an overwhelming majority

of Americans are standing steadfastly with you on SDI - as attested by all recent major polls - and that you are going into the Summit from an unprecedented position of political as well as moral strength. We urge you to keep this in mind, and to make a commitment in your heart and mind - if not publicly - to preserve the deployment option, to preserve our nation's future ability to defend itself. We are indebted to you for your courageous leadership on this and many other issues. Our hopes and prayers are with you as you head for Geneva.

Sincerely,

Daniel O. Graham
Lt. Gen., USA (Ret.)

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We realize, Mr. President, that powerful forces remain at work to derail you from this high purpose; some because they are politically and historically wedded to the old strategy of MAD; some because they fear any course of action that annoys the Soviet Union; some because they see the tattered ABM Treaty often violated by the Soviets as a sort of "sacred" document; and some object simply because SDI is your initiative, not theirs.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

December 19, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. MARTIN

SIGNED

FROM:

JACK F. MATLOCK *JFM*

SUBJECT:

Letter to LT Gen Daniel Graham in Response to his
Letter to the President

I have reviewed and concur in the proposed letter (Tab A) prepared by the Department of State to LT General Daniel O. Graham, concerning the coalition for the Strategic Defense Initiative and the defense of the U.S.

A Sestánovich, *Mar* Linhard, *W.C.* Steiner, *JM* Mandel, *Cal* May, *MD* Donley.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Memorandum at Tab I.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachments:

Tab I Memorandum to Sally Kelley
Tab A Letter to LT General Danial O. Graham
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

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December 24, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLY

FROM:

WILLIAM F. MARTIN

for Catherine Bergeron

SUBJECT:

Letter to Ms. Jane Wales in Response to her Letter to President Reagan

We have reviewed and concur in the proposed response (Tab A) prepared by the Department of State to Ms. Jane Wales, Executive Director of the Physicians for Social Responsibility, concerning the Geneva meeting.

Attachments:

- Tab A Letter to Ms. Jane Wales
- Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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S/S # 8534413

DATE December 6, 1985

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

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

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan FROM: Miss Jane Wales
DATE: November 11, 1985 SUBJECT: Reagan-Gorbachev Meeting

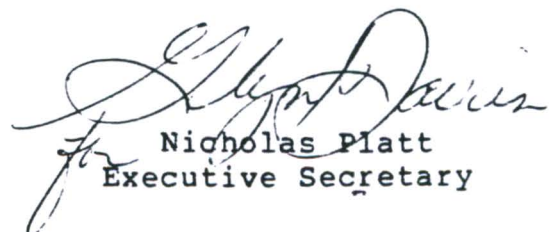
WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: Nov. 20, 1985 NSC # 252226

THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS SENT DIRECTLY
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION TAKEN:

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

REMARKS: Jane Wales is a former Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Therefore, we believe it would be more effective if this reply were signed by a White House staff member.


for Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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SUGGESTED REPLY

Dear Ms. Wales:

I am replying to your November 11 letter to Reagan regarding his November 19-20 summit meeting in Geneva with Soviet General Secretary Gorbachev. We appreciate your comments as we move forward in our efforts to build the foundation for a more stable and constructive relationship with the Soviet Union.

The basis for this summit was set by the firm and realistic policies the President has pursued toward the Soviet Union. For 40 years, the behavior of the Soviet Union has complicated our hopes for peace and the growth of freedom. Through the reestablishment of our political, economic, and military strength and the reinvigoration of our alliances, we were able to establish a dialogue with the Soviet Union based on realism and strength.

Ms. Jane Wales
Executive Director,
Physicians for Social Responsibility,
200 Third Street, S.E.,
Washington, D.C. 20003.

The President called for a fresh start in U.S.-Soviet relations. We have now made that start. In Geneva, the two leaders had an intensive and frank examination of all the issues on our basic four-part agenda: arms control, regional issues, human rights, and bilateral questions. Each made clear where he stands and discussed areas of mistrust and suspicion. The joint statement issued at the end of the meeting frankly recognized that our systems and policies are vastly different. The competitive nature of our relationship will continue.

Nevertheless, President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev agreed they share an overriding responsibility to ensure this competition remains peaceful and to work together to strengthen peace. The two leaders also agreed to meet again and to set up a regular process of summit meetings, in addition to meetings of senior officials of both countries. This new high-level dialogue will provide a framework for intensifying discussions and solving problems.

The meetings in Geneva were characterized by a great deal of give-and-take. On arms control, the President reaffirmed his commitment to securing deep and stabilizing reductions in offensive systems. At the same time, he outlined his goal of moving deterrence toward a greater reliance on defense and away from the threat of nuclear retaliation. The purpose of the

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Strategic Defense Initiative is to determine whether strategic defenses are feasible. The President made clear the United States was not prepared to restrict research legal under the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

We were pleased that the two sides were able to agree on a number of important points relating to arms control in the joint statement:

--In the Geneva Nuclear and Space Talks, both sides agreed to the principle of 50 percent reductions in nuclear arms and an interim agreement on intermediate-range nuclear forces.

--We agreed to study the feasibility of risk reduction centers.

--We agreed to enhanced cooperation in support of the nuclear nonproliferation treaty.

--Both sides endorsed the concept of an effective and verifiable ban on chemical weapons and agreed to experts' meetings on preventing the proliferation of chemical weapons.

-- We emphasized the importance of achieving positive results at the Mutual and Balanced Force Reductions (MBFR) talks in Vienna.

--Both sides reaffirmed the need for a document at the Stockholm Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe

which would include mutually acceptable confidence and security building measures and give concrete expression to the principle of non-use of force.

With regard to human rights, the President stressed to Mr. Gorbachev that respect for the individual and the rule of law is as fundamental to peace as arms control. He pressed for greater Soviet adherence to international agreements, such as the Helsinki Final Act. The Soviets agreed in the joint statement to the importance of resolving humanitarian cases in a cooperative spirit.

On regional issues, the President stressed that in addition to seeking a safer and more stable strategic environment, the United States and the Soviet Union need to work together to end dangerous regional conflicts. The President raised the Soviet Union's continuing intervention, both directly and through proxies, in Afghanistan, Angola, Central America, and Cambodia. He urged an intensified consultative process on regional conflicts. Both sides agreed to regularize the process of discussions by experts of both sides and at the foreign minister level.

In bilateral relations, President Reagan and Soviet General Secretary Gorbachev agreed on the utility of broadening exchanges and strengthening people-to-people contacts. In this connection, Secretary of State Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze signed a new exchanges agreement in Geneva. The two leaders also reviewed progress in a number of other bilateral areas, including the civil aviation agreement.

our new agreement on air safety in the Northern Pacific, expanded people-to-people exchanges, and the opening of new consulates in Kiev and New York. Although these steps are modest, we believe they demonstrate we can work together to resolve problems to our mutual benefit.

Perhaps the most important result of the Geneva meeting was that it allowed both leaders to discuss their differences in a candid and private setting. As the President said at the conclusion of the meeting, the talks also provided an opportunity to explore common concerns in all four areas of our relationship. Where there are differences, we believe they are now better understood. Where shared concerns exist, there is now a more solid foundation for dealing with them. In the end, both leaders agreed that real confidence must be built on deeds, not just words. The Geneva meeting was a very worthwhile beginning to what we hope will be a productive process of resolving problems through concrete action.

Sincerely,

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REFERRAL

NOVEMBER 20, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 252226

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED NOVEMBER 11, 1985

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MISS JANE WALES
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
PHYSICIANS FOR SOCIAL
RESPONSIBILITY
200 THIRD STREET, SE
WASHINGTON DC 20003

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES 1200 CARDS AND 485 LETTERS
REGARDING THE SUMMIT MEETING WITH GENERAL
SECRETARY GORBACHEV

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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: NOVEMBER 15, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MISS JANE VALES

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES 1200 CARDS AND 405 LETTERS
REGARDING THE SUMMIT MEETING WITH GENERAL
SECRETARY GORBACHEV

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PHYSICIANS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

WASHINGTON OFFICE

200 Third Street S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003, (202) 547-7990

November 11, 1985

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

Dear President Reagan,

In anticipation of your historic summit meeting with General Secretary Gorbachev, leaders of American medicine have signed the enclosed appeal, letters and postcards to you and to the new Soviet leader.

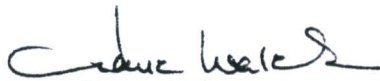
The appeals urge you to pursue what is both possible and desirable in protecting the longterm national security interests of the United States. We applaud your efforts to seek deep reductions in nuclear weapons and to seek regular summit meetings. We urge you to seriously pursue arms control which will keep the arms race from escalating into new territories and technologies.

The appeal signature campaign was coordinated by the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) and Physicians for Social Responsibility, its American affiliate. As you know, IPPNW will be awarded the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize on December 10 in Oslo.

We are simultaneously delivering copies of this material to the Soviet embassy in the hopes that General Secretary Gorbachev will also take our views into account before the summit meeting.

Our hopes and prayers are with you.

Sincerely,



Jane Wales
Executive Director

cc: Anne Higgins, Director of White House Correspondence
Office of Public Liaison

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PHYSICIANS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

CAMBRIDGE OFFICE

639 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139, (617) 491-2754

AN APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
AND THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE
SOVIET UNION

Dear Mr. President and Mr. General Secretary:

We address you as physicians and medical scientists who believe with you, that "a nuclear war can never be won and must never be fought."

On November 19, in Geneva, you will have the opportunity to change the course of human history.


First, you can begin the process of deep cuts in the nuclear arsenals of your two nations.

Second, you can agree to preserve outer space for peaceful purposes.

Third, you can proclaim a mutual moratorium on all nuclear explosions to begin on January 1, 1986, and can resume negotiations on a permanent treaty to end nuclear explosions forever.

The world will long remember the leaders of two great nations who took an historic step back from the precipice. We urge you to make this summit the landmark event that it can be.

Respectfully,



Roy W. Menninger, M.D.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
November 12, 1985

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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(202) 861-1212

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

December 19, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. MARTIN

SIGNED

FROM: JACK F. MATLOCK *JFM*

SUBJECT: Letter to Ms. Jane Wales in Response to her Letter
to President Reagan

I have reviewed and concur in the proposed response (Tab A) prepared by the Department of State to Ms. Jane Wales, Executive Director of the Physicians for Social Responsibility, concerning the Geneva meeting. Attached at Tab I is a memorandum to Sally Kelley for your signature.

S Sestanovich and *JM* Mandel concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to Sally Kelley.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments:

- Tab I Memorandum to Sally Kelley
- Tab A Letter to Ms. Jane Wales
- Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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FILE

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

December 24, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM: WILLIAM F. MARTIN

for Catherine Bergeron

SUBJECT: Letter to Mr. William K. Prebel re Samantha Smith Memorial

We have reviewed and concur in the proposed draft letter as amended (Tab A) prepared by the Department of State to Mr. William K. Prebel, teacher of Samantha Smith, requesting information re establishing a student exchange program in memory of Samantha Smith.

Attachments:

- Tab A Proposed Draft Response
- Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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Classification

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8534542

Date DEC 17 1985

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

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Mr. William K. Preble

Date: October 30, 1985 Subject: Teacher of Samantha Smith wishes to start a memorial to her thru student exchange with Russia and tree planting.

WH Referral Dated: November 19, 1985 NSC ID# 360655
(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:

Joanna H. Albay
Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Suggested Reply

Dear Mr. Preble:

I am replying to your letter of October 30 to the President in which you requested information regarding an exchange of living memorials in memory of Samantha Smith, and information regarding initiating a student exchange program between your school and one in the Soviet Union.

The tragedy of Samantha and Arthur Smith's deaths has been felt by us all, and we are heartened by the energy and enthusiasm displayed by the Maranacook Community School in dealing with this loss in such a positive manner. The enclosed letters from your students were also appreciated.

The President has stated on numerous occasions, most recently in his speech to the nation on November 14 prior to his departure for Geneva, his support for increased people-to-people contacts between the United States and the Soviet Union. Your proposed exchange of American and Soviet students is certainly worthy of further consideration. Such a proposal would give both American and Soviet children an excellent opportunity to learn about the other's way of life.

Mr. William K. Preble,

Project S.A.M.E.,

Maranacook Community School,

Readfield, Maine.

The President's Exchanges Initiatives office is being established within the United States Information Agency to coordinate new exchanges initiatives, and we will bring your ideas to the attention of this office. For your future use, their address is 400 C St. S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547.

In the meantime, we suggest that you contact an established organization involved with U.S.-Soviet exchange programs. For a list of these organizations, you may write to the Institute for Soviet-American Relations, 1608 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009 and ask for their handbook on organizations participating in Soviet-American exchanges. You may also wish to contact the Soviet Embassy in regard to establishing the living memorial exchange of trees or seed. Their address is 1125 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

We thank you for bringing these memorial efforts to our attention and wish you well in your efforts to establish both a student exchange and a living memorial in memory of Samantha Smith.

Sincerely,

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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 19, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF:
WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 360655

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED OCTOBER 30, 1985

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. WILLIAM K. PREBLE
MARANACOOK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

READFIELD ME 04355

SUBJECT: TEACHER OF SAMATHA SMITH WISHES TO START A
MEMORIAL TO HER THRU STUDENT EXCHANGE WITH
RUSSIA AND TREE PLANTING

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

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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- I - INCOMING

Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 85/11/02

Name of Correspondent: William Prober

MI Mail Report User Codes: (A) _____ (E) _____ (C) _____

Subject: Teacher of Aquatic Smith writes to ask a manual to see the student exchange w/ Russia of her students

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Comments: _____

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Maranacook Community School

Readfield, Maine 04355

Manchester - Mt. Vernon - Readfield - Wayne



Judith M. Lucarelli
Principal
685-4923

John H. Reinsborough
Guidance & Counseling
685-4861

October 30, 1985

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The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

and

Secretary General Mikhail Gorbachev
The Kremlin
Red Square
Moscow, U.S.S.R.

Dear Mr. President and Secretary General Gorbachev:

It has been my great pleasure to have been a teacher of middle school social studies at Maranacook Community School for the past seven years. Last year I served as the student advisor and teacher of a very special young woman named Samantha Smith. I have told a number of Sam's classmates that I would help bring their message to you both.

As you know, last August we all suffered a terrible loss. This tragedy deeply troubled Samantha's friends and brought a group of them together to try to make some sense of it. We have met regularly since the beginning of school and the result has been the formation of an exceptional group of students who share some lofty goals. I think that after reading their letters you may agree.

It is my hope that as the leaders of the two most powerful nations in the world today, you might, in some small way, help them in accomplishing their goals. It would please them greatly if you would take a moment to read their letters.

Thank you for caring about the future of our children. It is one thing I hope we can all agree on and work together to ensure.

Any information that your offices can provide on who we should contact to implement an exchange of living memorials (trees or seeds) or to discuss the possibilities of a student exchange would be greatly appreciated.

Also enclosed are the remarks which I made on behalf of these students at Samantha's memorial service. We want to share them with you both.

Good luck at the Summit!

Sincerely,

William K. Preble
and the Students of Project S.A.M.E.
(Soviet-American Memorial Exchange)

General Secretary Gorbachev and President Reagan.

A group of students at Maranacook Community School, the school that Samantha Smith attended, have joined to find ways of remembering Samantha. We call ourselves Project S.A.M.E. meaning Soviet/American Memorial Exchange.

We have two major projects that we are working on which we hope you will be able to help us with.

The first being an exchange of Soviet and American trees. We would like to exchange a tree from Maine for a tree from the Soviet Union. We could plant these trees in small gardens, one at Maranacook Community School and the other at a school in the Soviet Union. These trees would be living reminders to Samantha Smith.

Our second goal is to have an exchange of American and Soviet students. Samantha's life had come to stand for world peace and cooperation. We believe that to have an exchange between American and Soviet students would be one of the best ways we could carry on Samantha's dream of peace.

Any help that either of you could give us in making these exchanges happen more easily would be appreciated very, very much.

Sincerely,
Susan Warner

S. A. M. E.

A Proposal.

A proposal from S.A.M.E. (Soviet American Memorial Exchange) to Premier Gorbachov and President Reagan.

In a cooperative effort between students in the Soviet Union and Maranacook to encourage world peace through a dream inspired by Samantha Smith, the following plans are suggested.

As classmates of Sam, we would like to exchange living symbols such as native trees to be planted in each other's country for a memorial for Sam.

We further suggest establishing an exchange of students between Maranacook and a Soviet middle school. The students will be required to learn part of each other's language and state why they would like to visit the other country.

To raise money for world peace efforts and these exchanges conducted by the Samantha and Arthur Smith Foundation, we will ask children starting in Maine and expanding to the rest of the world to donate ten cents to the Foundation.

Pulling the children of the world together will pull

They represent the other side of the coin and peace will
come from both the side people and nations together.

Sincerely,

Mike
Hastings

Mike Hastings

Dear Samanthas' Mother and Father -
 We are a group of students
 at Maranacook Community School in
 Readfield, Maine U.S.A. Our group is called
 S.A.M.E., Soviet American Memorial Exchange.
 This group was started to do things
 in Samantha Smith's name

As you may already know- Samantha
 attended Maranacook when she was
 not busy traveling and being on T.V.

We would like to do many
 things such as make a living memorial
 of Samantha here at school. One way
 to do that would be to have an
 exchange of trees. We would like to
 have a Russian tree and put it in
 a rock garden or near a bench and
 have a plaque about Samantha.

We will need your cooperation in
 getting the tree exchange done. When
 we have accomplished getting the
 living memorial done we will work on
 fund raising and possibly a student
 exchange.

Your help will be needed to help
 us get a Russian tree imported easier.
 Use for us to send a Maine White
 Pine tree to Russia. We could get the
 memorial done much faster if there
 were no delays in sending the tree.
 With your help the memorial will be
 finished and we can move on to
 bigger projects.

Dear Friends,

Soviet
American
Memorial
Exchange

I'm sure you remember the eleven year old girl who went to Russia named Samantha Smith and I'm sure that you were as touched as us by her tragic death. We, a group of students from Maranacook Community School, have formed project S.A.M.E in her memory and we need your support to make it work. I feel that the biggest tribute we could pay to her is to continue where she left off. Both the Russians and Americans want peace and that's why this should work. We would really appreciate your cooperation.

I feel that the biggest step towards peace would be to establish a foreign exchange program between Russia and the United States. This "would" work because we, the children, don't care about a persons political beliefs. We just want the fighting to come to an end.

As Samantha once wrote-
"God created us to live together
in peace and not to fight."

- Samantha Reed Smith

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Our main goal is for the children of our two countries to know each other. There should be no politics involved. We're not doing this for praise or publicity but, for peace.

Thank-you.

Cindy Bryant
Box 600
Readfield, Me. 04355
U.S.A.

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REMARKS MADE BY WILLIAM H. PEEBLE
AT SAMANTHA'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

At Maranacook Community School, we have an Advisor/Advisee System. Because of the time that these advisees spend together, from 7th grade through 12th grade, a close family bond is formed within the groups. These are the kids that in one year have learned and grown together, they have lost one of their fellow advisees and now are trying to make some sense of this terrible loss.

Yesterday we met to talk about the loss of Sam and her Dad, and to put down on paper some of our feelings and memories of Sam. We talked about our sadness and then we talked about life a little. We made a list of some things that we think we'd all want to accomplish by the time our lives were over. Here are some things we came up with together:

1. We agreed, when we are gone, we'd want someone to notice that we're not around anymore.
2. Most of us agreed we'd like to have done a lot of traveling to far away places in our lifetimes, that we'd seen a lot of the world, and met many different and interesting people, and maybe that we'd come to understand them a little better.
3. We'd all want to have made some kind of special contribution to the world in our lifetimes.
4. We also thought that if we were lucky enough to have accomplished all these things, we wouldn't want to get stuck up or conceited because of our success. We'd want to remain friendly and easy-going, and always psyched and ready for more adventures.

In her 13 years, we agreed that Samantha had accomplished all of these things and more. She had, what most of us would consider, a full life.

All of you coming here to celebrate her life is a clear message to us that Sam did make a tremendous contribution to this world. She saw many new and wonderful places that most of us will never see. She met many new people and understood them for what they were. Better than many of us ever will. And we know that Sam never got stuck up or conceited; she remained humble, giggley and as her friend Liz said, "always friendly and nice to people." I remember her wispering secrets about boys, I think with Kim and Karen during my social studies lectures. She was always on the go and full of spunk and life. Those are some of the things that we will always remember about Sam.

When Sam was a fifth grader, with a simple letter she took initiative which changed her life, and the lives of every one of us in this room.

We in this advisee group knew Sam as one of us because we studied, played sports, danced and joked together. And yet you, and people all over the world knew Sam too, because somehow she managed to capture and express our collective fear of war and our desire for peace and global understanding. This little girl did more than our governments have had the courage or the will to do. We think that people saw the things they love about life in Sam. She gave us hope and that made her very special.

It is our sincere hope that the message that Arthur so carefully helped Sam to communicate will somehow ring even louder as a result of this great tragedy.

But this group here will never forget the Sam that was sort of shy, nappy and always psyched, brave and always nice to people, who was caught in a whirlwind of adventure, and who lived a full and meaningful life in 13 years.

We pledge to work to make sure that the work that Sam and Arthur had begun will not cease as a result of their deaths.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

December 19, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. MARTIN

FROM:

JACK F. MATLOCK *JFM*

SIGNED

SUBJECT:

Letter to William K. Preble re Samantha Smith
Memorial

I have reviewed and concur in the proposed draft letter as amended (Tab A) prepared by the Department of State to Mr. William K. Preble, teacher of Samantha Smith, requesting information regarding initiating a student exchange program in memory of Samantha Smith. Attached At Tab I is a memorandum to Sally Kelley for your signature.

ss Sestanovich and *JFM* Mandel concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Memorandum to Sally Kelley.

Approve _____ - Disapprove _____

Attachments:

Tab I Memorandum to Sally Kelley
Tab A Proposed Draft Response
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

~~Matlock~~

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

FILE

December 24, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM:

WILLIAM F. MARTIN

Catherine M. Bergeron
for

SUBJECT:

Letter to Vladas Velza

We have reviewed and concur in the proposed draft response as amended (Tab A) prepared by the Department of State to Mr. Vladas Velza, Chairman, President, Lithuanian American Community of the USA, Santa Monica, California, concerning the Reagan-Gorbachev meeting in Geneva.

Attachments:

Tab A Proposed Draft Response
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

S/S # 8534103

DATE December 13, 1985

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

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

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan FROM: Mr. Vladas Velza
DATE: October 9, 1985 SUBJECT: Reagan-Gorbachev
Meeting: Baltic States

WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: Nov. 18, 1985 NSC # 360500

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
- Other

REMARKS:


Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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Dear Mr. Velza:

I am replying to your October 9 letter to President Reagan regarding his November 19-20 summit meeting in Geneva with Soviet General Secretary Gorbachev. We appreciate your comments as we move forward in our efforts to build the foundation for a more stable and constructive relationship with the Soviet Union. I regret the delay in this response.

The basis for this summit was set by the firm and realistic policies the President has pursued toward the Soviet Union. For 40 years, the behavior of the Soviet Union has complicated our hopes for peace and the growth of freedom. Through the reestablishment of our political, economic, and military strength and the reinvigoration of our alliances, we were able to establish a dialogue with the Soviet Union based on realism and strength.

The President called for a fresh start in U.S.-Soviet relations. We have now made that start. In Geneva, the two leaders had an intensive and frank examination of all the issues on our basic four-part agenda: arms control, regional

Mr. Vladas Velza,
President,
Lithuanian American Community of the USA,
Santa Monica-West Los Angeles Division,
901 5th Street,
Santa Monica, California.

issues, human rights, and bilateral questions. Each made clear where he stands and discussed areas of mistrust and suspicion. The joint statement issued at the end of the meeting frankly recognized that our systems and policies are vastly different. The competitive nature of our relationship will continue.

Nevertheless, President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev agreed they share an overriding responsibility to ensure this competition remains peaceful and to work together to strengthen peace. The two leaders also agreed to meet ^{twice} again and to set up a regular process of summit meetings, in addition to meetings of senior officials of both countries. This new high-level dialogue will provide a framework for intensifying discussions and solving problems.

On human rights, the President stressed to Mr. Gorbachev that respect for the individual and the rule of law is as fundamental to peace as arms control. The President believes a continuing dialogue on human rights is necessary. The status of the Baltic states is an important element of this dialogue. The President has consistently expressed U.S. support for the right of the people of each nation to define their own destiny. Based upon that principle, we refuse to recognize the forcible incorporation of the Baltic states into the Soviet Union. In Geneva, the President articulated the global need

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for individual freedom and human rights -- issues of profound importance to the Baltic states. In addition, he pressed for greater Soviet adherence to international agreements, such as the Helsinki Final Act.

Perhaps the most important result of the Geneva meeting was that it allowed both leaders to discuss their differences in a candid and private setting. As the President said at the conclusion of the meeting, the talks also provided an opportunity to explore common concerns in all four areas of our relationship. Where there are differences, we believe they are now better understood. Where shared concerns exist, there is now a more solid foundation for dealing with them. In the end, both leaders agreed that real confidence must be built on deeds, not just words. The Geneva meeting was a very worthwhile beginning to what we hope will be a productive process of resolving problems through concrete action.

Sincerely,

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

NOVEMBER 18, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF:
ANNE HIGGINS

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 360500

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED OCTOBER 9, 1985

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. VLADAS VELZA
PRESIDENT
LITHUANIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY OF
THE USA, INC.
901 5TH STREET #A
SANTA MONICA CA 90403

SUBJECT: CONCERNING BALTIC STATES AND RESTORATION OF
FREEDOM FOR LITHUANIAN AND OTHER BALTIC
PEOPLE

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

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

O - OUTGOING

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I - INCOMING

Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD): 85/10/19

Name of Correspondent: Mr. Mrs. Miss Vladas Velze

MI Mail Report User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: Concerning Baltic States and restoration of freedom for Lithuanian and other Baltic people

ROUTE TO:		ACTION	DISPOSITION
Office/Agency	(Staff Name)	Action Code	Tracking Date YY/MM/DD
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FOR OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

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- Code = "A"
- Completion Date = Date of Outgoing

Comments: _____

Lithuania - American Community
of the USA, Inc.

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SANTA MONICA - WEST LOS ANGELES DIVISION
Santa Monica, California 90405

901 5th Street

213 395-0240

Executive Committee

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Juozas Kojelis

Vladas Velza
President

*Chairman,
Lithuanian Affairs Committee
747 23rd Street
Santa Monica, California 90401*

Simas Kudirka
Executive Vice President

October 1, 1985

Mrs. Monica Lembertas
Vice President

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

Mrs. Marcele Vaičius
Vice President

Zdislovas Korius
Secretary

Mrs. Elena Kojelis
Treasurer

Dear Mr. President:

From the beginning of 13th century till the end of 18th century, and again after the end of WWI Lithuania was free and independent nation. In June, 1940, the Soviet Union, in collaboration with Nazi Germany, attacked, military occupied and annexed Lithuania and the other two Baltic republics of Estonia and Latvia.

Today, the Lithuanian people are among the most actively resistant to the Russian destruction of the national nature of the population in their homeland. They continue to protect the integrity of schools, churches, and other social institutions which are in danger of being converted into tools of Soviet subjugation.

Support of the Lithuanian struggle for national freedom must go beyond the championing of human rights and mere rhetoric. Lithuania deserves the right of self-determination and the right to retain its identity as a free and independent nation.

Please, Mr. President, during your summit meeting with Mr. Gorbachev remind him that the question of the Baltic states is an international problem, and urge him to abandon the policy of aggression and to restore freedom to the Lithuanian and the other Baltic people.

Respectfully,

Vladas Velza
President

Copy - Mr. Linas Kojelis, Office of Special Liaison

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

December 19, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. MARTIN

FROM: JACK F. MATLOCK

SUBJECT: Letter to Vladas Velza re Reagan-Gorbachev Meeting

I have reviewed and concur in the proposed draft response as amended (Tab A) prepared by the Department of State to Mr. Vladas Velza, President, Lithuanian American Community of the USA, Santa Monica, California, regarding the Reagan-Gorbachev meeting in Geneva. Attached at Tab I is a memorandum to Sally Kelley for your signature.

Sestanovich and Mandel concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Memorandum at Tab I.

Approve Disapprove

Attachments:

Tab I Memorandum to Sally Kelley
Tab A Proposed Draft Response
Tab B Incoming Correspondence