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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

W. A. ... MATLOCK

[Handwritten signature]

March 6, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM: RODNEY B. MCDANIEL *Rod M...*

SUBJECT: Presidential Letter for U.S.-Soviet Art Exchange

Attached at Tab A is a draft message prepared by the Department of State to welcome the first major exhibition of art from Soviet museums to come to the United States as a result of the cultural agreement signed in Geneva. The exhibit is scheduled to open April 30 at the National Gallery.

In previous such exhibits (1973 and 1979) Presidents Nixon and Carter provided similar messages for inclusion in the exhibit catalog, as did Brezhnev. Occidental Petroleum, organizer of the exhibit, has asked that President Reagan and Gorbachev provide statements for the current catalog. According to Occidental, Gorbachev has agreed to write.

The NSC sees no problem with the President's providing a message and concurs with the State draft, with changes as noted in the text. Occidental indicates it needs the text of the message by March 7 to meet printing deadlines.

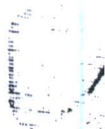
Attachments:

- Tab A State memorandum with proposed message for the President's signature
- Tab B Letter to State from Occidental Petroleum
- Tab C Past letters from Presidents Nixon and Carter and General Secretary Brezhnev
- Tab D Letter from the Director of the National Gallery to the Soviet Minister of Culture

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White House Guidelines, August 23, 1997
By *CS* NARA, Date *7/2/02*





March 4, 1986

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~MEMORANDUM FOR VADM JOHN M. POINDEXTER
THE WHITE HOUSESUBJECT: Presidential Letter for U.S.-Soviet Art Exhibit
Exchange

The Occidental International Corporation has organized an exchange of masterpieces involving the Hermitage and Pushkin museums in the Soviet Union and the National Gallery of Art and the Armand Hammer Foundation. This is the first major exchange of art since the signing of the U.S.-Soviet General Exchanges Agreement last November. The exhibit opens at the National Gallery on April 30, and will later be shown in Los Angeles and New York City.

William F. McSweeney, President of Occidental International, has requested that President Reagan provide a letter for inclusion in the exhibit catalog. For similar exhibits in 1973 and 1979, Presidents Nixon and Carter and General Secretary Brezhnev provided such letters. According to Occidental, Gorbachev has agreed to provide a letter for this exhibit's catalog.

We support the idea of continuing the tradition of including a letter from the President in the catalog, especially in view of the added significance of this exchange. A suggested letter for that purpose is attached. Occidental has indicated that to meet the exhibit catalog's printing deadline, it needs the letter by Friday, March 7.

Nicholas Platt
for Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- Tab A: Suggested Text
- Tab B: Letter from Mr. McSweeney

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Department of State Guidelines, July 21, 1997

By OTS NARA, Date 7/2/02

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SUGGESTED TEXT

I am delighted to extend my congratulations and very best wishes on the occasion of this exhibition -- a truly significant cultural event between the United States and the Soviet Union. An exchange of masterpieces with the renowned ^mHeritage and Pushkin Museums is a most fitting way to inaugurate our agreement in Geneva to expand the cultural and artistic relations between our two countries.

As a result of this exchange, Americans during 1986 will have an exceptional opportunity to enjoy in Washington, D.C., Los Angeles and New York City a magnificent ^{group} collection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist masterworks ^{collections in} from the Soviet Union. I am most pleased that Soviet citizens also will be able to enjoy in Leningrad and Moscow superlative American exhibitions from the National Gallery of Art and the Armand Hammer Foundation.

The fine arts provide a unique avenue for promoting greater understanding and for appreciating that ^{men and women everywhere} we are all bound together by hopes and dreams that transcend national boundaries: ~~As our cultural exchanges multiply, I hope that the Soviet and American peoples will come to see that what we share is far greater than what divides us.~~

Our debt to artists of genius is immense; we can repay it, if at all, only by preserving the conditions in which ^{individual} creativity can flourish.

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I commend the directors and staffs of the Soviet and American museums whose inspiration and hard work made possible this remarkable exchange of exhibits. I extend special thanks to Dr. Armand Hammer for his generosity and energy in coordinating such an extraordinary event.

Sincerely,



OCCIDENTAL INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION 1747 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N. W. WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

WILLIAM F. McSWEENEY
PRESIDENT

February 3, 1986

202 857-3055
TELEX: WU 89-2528

Dear Mark:

The catalogue for the opening of the Hermitage Impressionists is in preparation. As you know, the show opens at the National Gallery on April 30 with a black-tie dinner. The public opening is May 1.

President Nixon and President Carter wrote letters for the other Russian shows of 1973 and 1979, which I attach. The response in those days came from President Brezhnev and the letters appeared on facing pages.

Michael Bruk has telexed reporting that he expects to have a letter from General Secretary Gorbachev shortly. Alexandrov is working on the draft.

We have drafted up something for the President that might be appropriate.

It was our thought that perhaps the starting point for all of this should be with you and Carter Brown, the Metropolitan, the Los Angeles County Museum and, of course, ourselves, would all be very grateful if such a letter could be made possible.

I will get the Gorbachev letter into your hands as soon as it arrives. I have a feeling that this may be later in the month, although we are pressing for an earlier date.

Congratulations on the news I heard this morning.

Best always,

Bill

The Honorable R. Mark Palmer
Deputy Assistant Secretary of State
European and Canadian Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

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PROPOSED REMARKS BY PRESIDENT REAGAN FOR CATALOGUE:

I am pleased to extend my best wishes on this special occasion marking a significant milestone in cultural relations between the United States and the Soviet Union.

It is particularly fitting that a cultural exchange of this quality should be the first to implement the accords signed by Mr. Gorbachev and myself at the Geneva Summit last November.

During 1986, in three cities -- Washington, D.C.; Los Angeles and New York -- Americans will have the opportunity to view and appreciate this unique collection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist masterpieces from the Soviet Union's famed Hermitage and Pushkin Museums. In Leningrad and Moscow, the Russian people will enjoy two outstanding U.S. exhibitions from the National Gallery of Art and the Armand Hammer Foundation.

The arts serve as a great communicator, and it is my hope that as more cultural exchanges follow, the Russian and American people will get to know and understand each other better and realize that we are bound together more by our hopes and dreams than we are separated by our differences. This is an important first step on the road to peaceful relations.

Dr. Armand Hammer is to be commended for arranging this remarkable cultural exchange as are the directors and staffs of the participating Russian and American museums who worked so well together to make it a reality.



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

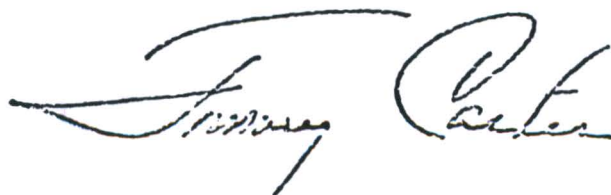
May 4, 1979

The loan of Leonardo da Vinci's Madonna with a Flower from the Hermitage Museum in Leningrad, along with ten other masterpieces of Italian Renaissance art, is an important cultural event.

We are pleased that these exceptional paintings will be seen not only here in the Nation's Capital at the National Gallery of Art, but also at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and at the Knoedler Gallery in New York City.

The American people join me in expressing gratitude to those in both countries who contributed to this outstanding exhibit. In particular, I would like to thank Dr. Armand Hammer for having initiated this loan and the Directors and staffs of the Hermitage Museum and the American museums for their efforts in the organization of the exhibition.

The exhibit is tangible evidence of the benefits from the intensified cultural cooperation between the United States and the Soviet Union that has taken place in the last few years. It demonstrates the important contribution that such endeavors make to increased appreciation of the arts and mutual understanding among nations.



Jimmy Carter



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 26, 1973

Dear Paul:

The generous loan for public exhibition of forty-one great paintings of the late Nineteenth and early Twentieth Centuries from the Hermitage and Pushkin Museums in the Soviet Union is an extraordinary cultural event, and one in which Mrs. Nixon and I take particular personal pleasure.

That the beauty of these pictures can be shared by all Americans through the efforts of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting with the support of the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation gives national prominence and focus to this exhibition.

Dr. Armand Hammer deserves special thanks for everything he has done to make it possible for the paintings to be seen here as well as in New York at the Knoedler Gallery.

The American people are grateful to the leaders of the Soviet Government and the directors and staffs of the lending museums, and we look forward to the continuing cultural awareness and mutual understanding that derive from efforts such as this.

Sincerely,

Honorable Paul Mellon
President
National Gallery of Art
Washington, D. C. 20565

Выставка в США живописи из советских музеев - это одно из конкретных проявлений растущих связей между нашими странами.

Советские люди считают обмены и контакты в области культуры, наряду с сотрудничеством в других сферах, важным фактором укрепления взаимопонимания между народами. Поэтому заслуживает полной поддержки инициатива доктора Арманда Хаммера в налаживании не только экономического сотрудничества, но и обмена художественными ценностями между СССР и США.

Приветствуя посетителей выставки от имени советского народа, выражаю искреннюю надежду, что советско-американские отношения получат дальнейшее развитие в интересах народов обеих наших стран и упрочения мира во всем мире.

Л. Брежнев
Л. БРЕЖНЕВ

Translation of the Statement by General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev

The exhibition in the USA of paintings from Soviet museums is a concrete manifestation of the growing ties between our countries.

The Soviet people regard exchanges and contacts in the field of culture along with cooperation in other areas as important factors in strengthening mutual understanding between nations. Therefore, Dr. Armand Hammer's initiative in promoting not only economic cooperation but also exchanges of artistic value between the USSR and the USA deserves full support.

In extending greetings to the visitors to this exhibition on behalf of the Soviet people, I express my sincere hope that Soviet-American relations will continue to develop in the interests of the people of both our countries and for the benefit of consolidating peace through the world.

To the Visitors of the Exhibitions "Masterpieces of Italian Painting From the Collection of the State Hermitage" and "Treasures of the Museums of the Moscow Kremlin".

The improvement of relations between the Soviet Union and the United States opened to the American public new possibilities to get acquainted with the rich culture of the Soviet people, with our famous ballet and opera art, with our eminent art groups and soloists and the treasures of museums and art galleries. On the other hand, the Soviet people in recent years could better familiarize themselves with the achievements of the American people in different spheres of art and with the prominent cultural monuments kept in your collections.

The Soviet Union welcomes this cooperation. The exhibitions of masterpieces from the collections of the Hermitage and the Kremlin which are opening in Washington and New York will become an outstanding event in the development of ties between our countries, in strengthening mutual understanding between our peoples.

Obviously, mutual understanding and especially confidence depend primarily on the success of joint efforts of the USSR and the U.S. governments in solving such a fundamental contemporary problem as the cessation of the arms race. Our countries are at the crucial point of making important decisions in this domain, the decisions which will give grounds for looking with greater optimism into the future--a peaceful, bright future, as we want to believe and do believe in.

Seeing works of great art always makes one think over the continuity of generations, sharpens the sense of responsibility before history, world culture and the future. This, I would say, is the lofty significance of humanistic culture and art.

May I, dear American citizens, wish for your well-being and happiness.

Leonid I. Brezhnev,
General Secretary of the Central
Committee of the Communist Party
of the Soviet Union,
President of the Presidium of the
Supreme Soviet of the USSR.



National Gallery of Art

Office of the Director

Washington, D.C. 20565
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CABLE TO:

November 21, 1985

MR. PYOTR M. DEMICHEV
MINISTER OF CULTURE
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
ARBAT, 35
MOSCOW
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

Dear Mr. Minister:

I know that you share my delight in the agreement for renewed cooperation in the area of cultural exchange and I would like to proceed without delay to inaugurate this exciting development with an exchange between our national museums.

As you will recall already during my visit to the Ministry of Culture in March 1984, I expressed the hope that the National Gallery of Art could continue its longstanding tradition of collaboration with the Soviet museums.

Building upon these earlier discussions, I would like to receive your earliest possible response to the following proposal for an immediate exchange. As you may know, we had hoped to receive the exhibition of Impressionist and Post Impressionist paintings from the Hermitage and Pushkin museums which was lent to the Villa Favorita in Lugano, Switzerland in 1983. If you could make this exhibition available to the National Gallery from May 1 through August, 1986, in exchange

PHOTOCOPIES HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) His Excellency
Anatoliy F. Dobrynin
Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic
1125 - 16th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20036
- 2) Mr. Valery P. Sorokin
Councillor
Bilateral and Cultural Affairs
Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic
1125 - 16th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20036
- 3) Ambassador Daniel Terra
Room 7246
NS
Department of State, S/CL
Washington, D.C. 20520
- 4) Mr. Charles Wick
Director
U.S.I.A.
301 - 4th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20547
- 5) Ambassador Jack F. Matlock, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
for European and Soviet Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20506
- 6) ✓ Mr. Max Robinson
Office of Soviet Affairs
Room 4225
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20510
- 7) Mr. Rick A. Ruth
U.S.S.R. Country Officer
U.S.I.A.
European Area
301 4th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20547


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the National Gallery could send a similar selection of our Impressionist and Post Impressionist masterpieces to the Hermitage and Pushkin museums from January to April, 1986.

We would also like to continue our discussion about the loan of paintings by Edouard Manet for exhibition in the Soviet Union in exchange for the loan of paintings by Paul Gauguin in 1988.

I look forward to renewed conversations with you as soon as possible about this and other shared future projects.

Sincerely,



J. Carter Brown
Director
NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART
TELEX: 7108229585

PLEASE SEND TELEX OR CABLE COPIES TO THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) Ambassador Arthur A. Hartman
AMERICAN EMBASSY - MOSCOW
TELEX: 413160 USGSO SU

- 2) Madame Alla A. Boutrova
Chief of the American and Western European Department
Ministry of Culture
Koubisheva 10
Moscow
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

- 3) Professor Boris Piotrovsky
Director
The State Hermitage Museum
Dworzowaja Nabereshnaja 34/36
Leningrad, 19 2065
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

- 4) Madame Irina Antonova
Director
Pushkin Museum
Volchenka 12
Moscow
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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March 5, 1986

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR RODNEY B. MCDANIEL

FROM: JACK F. MATLOCK *R. J. M.*

SUBJECT: Letter for U.S.-Soviet Art Exhibit Exchange

Attached at Tab I is a memo to Sally Kelley forwarding a draft message prepared by the Department of State for the President's signature. The message welcomes the first major exhibition of art from Soviet museums to come to the United States as a result of the cultural agreement signed in Geneva. The exhibit is scheduled to open April 30 at the National Gallery.

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I see no problem with the proposal that the President provide a message and concur with the State draft, with changes as noted in the text. Occidental indicates it needs the text of the message by March 7 to meet printing deadlines.

SRS Steve Sestanovich and *n.a.* Judyt Mandel concur.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments:

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Tab A	State memorandum with proposed message for the President's signature
Tab B	Letter to State from Occidental Petroleum
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Tab D	Letter from the Director of the National Gallery to the Soviet Minister of Culture

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White House Guidelines, August 18, 1997
By *OWJ* NARA, Date *7/2/02*

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Prepare Memo For Poindexter / Fortier

Prepare Memo McDaniel to Elliott

Prepare Memo Rodney McDaniel to Sally Kelley
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

March 6, 1986

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM: JACK F. MATLOCK *JFM*

SUBJECT: Letter to David Gergen

Attached at Tab I is a letter to David Gergen, Senior Managing Editor of U.S. News & World Report, acknowledging his letter to you of February 14. Gergen wrote to advise you of U.S. News's impending publication of letters from Andrey Sakharov describing the difficult conditions of his exile in Gorky.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter to David Gergen at Tab I.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments:

Tab I Letter to David Gergen
Tab II Letter from David Gergen



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Dave:

Many thanks for your letter of February 14 on the Sakharov letters. I appreciated the advance notice.

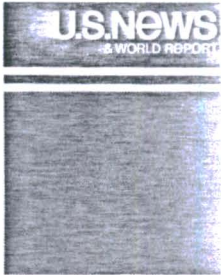
As you indicated, the letters reveal the stark truth behind Soviet claims that Sakharov is leading a normal life in Gorky.

Sincerely,

Mr. David R. Gergen
Senior Managing Editor
U.S. News & World Report
2400 N Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037



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body if appropriate*

February 14, 1986

Vice Admiral John M. Poindexter
Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear John:

U.S. News & World Report is publishing this weekend the first written evidence of Andrei Sakharov's mistreatment by the KGB in his exile in Gorky. The letters, smuggled to his family in the U.S., appearing in this issue and next, stand in stark contrast to the official Soviet version of his exile.

Sincerely,

Dave

David R. Gergen
Senior Managing Editor

DG/crs

John -

*We thought you and your
colleagues might find this material
especially interesting.*

Hope all goes well,

Dave

~~Mallock~~

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

March 7, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM:: RODNEY B. MCDANIEL *Rob for*
SUBJECT: Proposed Response to William P. Stiritz re
Gorbachev's Visit to the United States

We have reviewed and concur in the proposed letter to Mr. William P. Stiritz, Chairman, Ralston Purina Company, St. Louis, Missouri suggesting ways to show General Secretary Gorbachev America's resource-efficient food and agricultural operations during his visit to the United States.

Attachments;

- Tab A Proposed Draft Letter to Mr. Stiritz
- Tab B Henkel-Palmer Memorandum
- Tab C Incoming Letter from Mr. Stiritz

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8605863

Date February 26, 1986

For: VADM John M. Poindexter
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: William Stiritz
Date: January 30, 1986 Subject: Wants Gorbachev
to visit St. Louis and Illinois, Iowa or Kansas during US visit
Referral Dated: February 24, 1986 ID# 375785
(if any)

 The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State

Action Taken:

- XX 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:

See Memorandum
Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
SUGGESTED REPLY

Dear Mr. Stiritz:

We appreciate very much your letter to the President suggesting ways to show General Secretary Gorbachev America's resource-efficient food and agricultural operations during his visit to the United States. As you pointed out, the President wants to ensure that the General Secretary has an opportunity to learn as much about our country as possible, and suggestions such as yours are quite welcome.

Since the Soviets have not as yet responded to our suggestions for dates for Mr. Gorbachev to come, it is a bit premature to start planning a detailed itinerary. We have, however, given some preliminary thought to the possibilities, and want to consider carefully a range of activities which might be suitable.

Please give me a call at your convenience to discuss possibilities. Again, I want to thank you for your generous offer to be of assistance.

Sincerely,

William Henkel
Assistant to the President

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Checkerboard Square,
St. Louis, Missouri.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 21, 1986

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FROM: WILLIAM HENKEL

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FEBRUARY 24, 1986

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JANUARY 30, 1986

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. WILLIAM P. STIRITZ
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RALSTON PURINA COMPANY
CHECKERBOARD SQUARE
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January 30, 1986
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8605863

Date February 26, 1986

For: VADM John M. Poindexter
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: William Stiritz
Date: January 30, 1986 Subject: Wants Gorbachev
to visit St. Louis and Illinois, Iowa or Kansas during US visit
Referral Dated: February 24, 1986 ID# 375785
(if any)

 The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State

Action Taken:

- XX 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:

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Nicholas Platt
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

March 4, 1986

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR RODNEY B. MCDANIEL

FROM: JACK F. MATLOCK *JFM*

SUBJECT: Letter to William P. Stiritz re Gorbachev's Visit to the United States

I have reviewed and concur in the proposed draft response to Mr. William P. Stiritz, Chairman, Ralston Purina Company, St. Louis, Missouri suggesting ways to show General Secretary Gorbachev America's resource-efficient food and agricultural operations during his visit to the United States. Attached at Tab I is a Memorandum to Sally Kelley for your signature.

Steve Sestanovich and Judyt Mandel concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward the Memo at Tab I.

Approve *JFM*

Disapprove _____

Attachments:

TAB I Memorandum to Sally Kelley

- Tab A Proposed Letter to William P. Stiritz
- Tab B Memorandum from William Henkel to Mark Palmer
- Tab C Incoming Letter from William P. Stiritz to the President

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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March 7, 1986

ACTION

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SUBJECT: Presidential Meeting with Ambassador Hartman

Art Hartman will be in Washington March 12 - 20. This will provide an excellent opportunity to brief the President on the results of the just-concluded Communist Party Congress and current Soviet thinking on a summit for this year.

Judyt^{M.} Mandel, John^{M.}athan Miller, and Steve^{SRS} Sestanovich concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize the schedule proposal to Fred Ryan at Tab I for Art Hartman to meet with the President.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachment:

Tab I Schedule proposal
Tab II State Department memo requesting a meeting with the President for Ambassador Hartman

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, Director
Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: RODNEY B. MCDANIEL

REQUEST: Meeting with Arthur Hartman, U.S. Ambassador
to the Soviet Union.

PURPOSE: To brief the President on the results of the
just-concluded Communist Party Congress and
current Soviet attitudes toward a 1986 summit.

BACKGROUND: The Ambassador will be in Washington for
consultations March 12 - 20. He has met with
the President on previous visits.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: Most recently he participated in the
President's meetings with Gorbachev in
November and Shevardnadze in
September.

DATE & TIME March 12-14 or 17-20.
DURATION: 30 minutes - as in past
meetings.

LOCATION Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS: The Vice President, Secretary Shultz, Donald
Regan, John Poindexter, and Jack
Matlock

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: The President greets Ambassador Hartman,
solicits his views on the current situation
in Moscow, and discusses the issues as
appropriate.

REMARKS REQUIRED: None

MEDIA COVERAGE: None

PROPOSED "PHOTO": White House photo

RECOMMENDED BY: ADM Poindexter, Department of State

OPPOSED BY: None

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DUE: 10 MARCH

- Prepare Memo For President
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- Prepare Memo _____ to _____
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United States Department of State

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March 5, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR VADM JOHN M. POINDEXTER
THE WHITE HOUSESUBJECT: Appointment Request, Arthur A. Hartman,
U.S. Ambassador to the USSR

^{Mr. Platt}
Ambassador Arthur Hartman will be in Washington for consultations March 12-24 and would very much appreciate an appointment with the President. Ambassador Hartman would like to review recent developments in the US-Soviet relationship and thoughts on a possible upcoming meeting between the President and General Secretary Gorbachev. The Department recommends that the appointment be approved.

Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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Embassy of the United States of America

London

March 7, 1986

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Ambassador Jack Matlock, Consultations with:

Timothy Renton, Minister of State, FCO
Derek Thomas, FCO Political Director
Christopher Mallaby, Deputy Secretary, Cabinet Office
David Ratford, FCO Assistant Under Secretary
Malcolm MacIntosh, Advisor on Soviet Affairs, Cabinet Office

Wednesday, March 5, 1986

Geneva Talks

Both Mallaby and Matlock agreed that zero-zero has certain costs; however, the benefits outweigh them. In fact, if we were somehow to reach a 0-0 agreement with the Soviets, we should, in the words of Matlock, "break out the champagne." Mallaby agreed, and pointed out that 0-0 can be used as a political weapon. In discussing the recent U.S. INF proposals, Derek Thomas stressed that his government appreciated the comprehensive consultations beforehand terming them "exemplary." He hopes that we will be able to do this in a similar way in the future.

Comprehensive Test Ban

Both Timothy Renton and Derek Thomas stated that the U.S. and UK need to do a lot of work to counter the argument that verification now is technically possible, and that we are hiding behind a smokescreen. Renton is particularly bothered by the possibility that some people - he mentioned at Livermore specifically - would reveal how technical verification is now possible. Thomas noted that the UK had pinned its reservations on verification, and was now concerned that they could lose that as a legitimate reservation. He observed that the British are no more prepared than the U.S. for a comprehensive test ban, although there may be a small amount of daylight between the U.S. and UK on presentation.

Chemical Weapons

Thomas stated that he was willing to send Michael Jenkins to explain in layman's language what UK concerns are regarding Article X on verification and how it could be workable. He

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said that the British have done a lot of thinking and work on this. Thomas added that the UK agreed that any Western proposal must be very intrusive and initially unworkable to the Soviets to allow us some scope for flexibility in negotiations.

Regional issues

Matlock stressed with Renton, as did Michael Novak last week, that in dealing with the Soviets, one cannot neglect other concerns such as regional conflicts, particularly the use of force abroad, and the closed nature of Soviet society. The Soviets, in his view, only want to discuss nuclear and space arms. That is not acceptable to us. He noted that both pro and anti-SALT forces in 1979 had agreed that the vote on SALT II would have been about 69 or 70 in favor of ratification. Afghanistan changed that overnight, with six votes immediately lost, followed by more. While we do not insist upon absolute linkage between Soviet behavior in other areas of the world and arms talks, the two areas are interrelated and impact upon one another.

Human contacts

Renton asked about human contacts and whether our willingness to expand them had slackened or cooled since Geneva. Matlock responded that it had taken a bit of time for the bureaucratic machinery to set up a new office to handle increased exchanges. But we now have Stephen Rhinesmith on board to head the office, with the rank of ambassador. He will go to the USSR in two weeks, and the U.S. is quite eager to move ahead. When Renton asked if there were going to be exchanges of orchestras and student groups, Matlock said that we already have a new cultural exchange agreement, and do not want simply to expand visits of Soviets in areas that are already agreed. The U.S. wants to innovate -- particularly with younger (under-25) people, and broader citizen-to-citizen contacts. We want to get outside the normal institute channels (e.g. USA Institute), where we already have enough exchanges.

Matlock said that in addition, the U.S. was also interested in greater access to Soviet media. We consider President Reagan's New Year's message on Soviet television to be a landmark. What was important about it, in Matlock's view, was that Soviet leaders allowed Reagan on television after five years of vilification.

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Soviets in Asia

Mallaby and Thomas said they saw a bit of novelty in Soviet relations with Japan and China. Mallaby stressed that while the Soviets could not be expected to retreat from positions of principle, such as the Northern Territories with Japan, or the three obstacles regarding China, they could offer just enough or make the right noises to interest the Japanese or Chinese. For example, the Soviets could keep the pot boiling and unfreeze the Japanese part of the global board to allow more maneuvering room elsewhere, and to maintain pressure on us. Matlock agreed, noting that Gromyko had been interested only in the U.S. and Western Europe. He cautioned, however, that the Soviets can only go so far until matters of principle are indeed challenged.

New Soviet Defense Minister

MacIntosh discussed at length why he believed Marshal Kulikov will be the next Soviet Defense Minister, succeeding Sokolov. He said that his biggest advantage is that having been Chief of the General Staff, he has wide military experience. He is also experienced in dealing with the Warsaw Pact Allies and has done a good job in Soviet eyes as CINC of the Warsaw Pact. Further, he has the advantage of being comparatively young. MacIntosh dismissed Marshal Ogarkov as a likely succession for Sokolov because he is relatively old and has no significant constituency outside the Soviet military.

27th CPSU Congress

Matlock and all of his interlocutors were disappointed with Gorbachev's performance at the Congress. Because in their view, he really did not display anything new. Even, the attacks on corruption had been heard at previous party Congresses.

Gorbachev and his Trip to the U.S.

Matlock and all his British interlocutors agreed that Gorbachev was a typical, traditional Soviet leader. While Gorbachev is younger, more vigorous, wears nicer clothes, and has a prettier wife, he is no more westernized than any of his predecessors. 3/4 of his congress speech was devoted to ideology. Renton

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said he hoped that when Gorbachev goes to the U.S., we will show him modern industry and what it can produce, which could make an impact on him and hopefully create doubts regarding some of the cliches about the West that some of his underlings are probably feeding him. Matlock agreed and noted that Gorbachev may indeed have a pragmatic streak.

US-Soviet Summit

All of Matlock's interlocutors were very interested in whether the summit is still likely to take place. Matlock assured the British that indeed it would, that in his view Gorbachev needed to be seen meeting with Reagan, as much as Reagan needed to be seen meeting him. Admittedly, the Soviets have been doing a bit of posturing, trying to see what they can get from us regarding arms control. Matlock opined that trying to pressure us on arms control showed a perverse misunderstanding of the U.S. by the Soviets.

In Matlock's view, odds are that the Soviets will not accept a summer summit; they recognized problems we had with the fall, and so an end-of-year meeting was most likely. David Ratford, Michael Jenkins' recent replacement, said that the more the British are seen talking to the Soviets, the better it is for HMG's public diplomacy as well.

Derek Thomas says he shared the U.S. view that summits do not have to always produce something. He did not know why Thatcher, after Geneva, said the next summit must produce something, because that is not like her. He noted that she has not said it again. He added that at the '87 summit in the Soviet Union, the Soviets could probably play one of two hands: 1) they will try to get maximum concessions on SDI and elsewhere, or 2) simply sit out Reagan until after 1988. Thomas expects a lot of expectations to be generated for '87.

Drafter: POL/E:HMNeighbour *MN*
Clearer: POL/D:AVershbow *AV*

Dist: Amb, DCM, POL/L, E/MIN, PAO, Amb Matlock(NSC), EUR/SOV, INR/SEE, Amembassy Moscow

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 10, 1986

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, Director
Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: RODNEY B. MCDANIEL *Rod*

REQUEST: Meeting with Arthur Hartman, U.S. Ambassador
to the Soviet Union.

PURPOSE: To brief the President on the results of the
just-concluded Communist Party Congress and
current Soviet attitudes toward a 1986 summit.

BACKGROUND: The Ambassador will be in Washington for
consultations March 12 - 20. He has met with
the President on previous visits.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: Most recently he participated in the
President's meetings with Gorbachev in
November and Shevardnadze in
September.

DATE & TIME: March 12-14 or 17-20.
DURATION: 30 minutes - as in past
meetings.

LOCATION: Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS: The Vice President, Secretary Shultz, Donald
Regan, John Poindexter, and Jack
Matlock

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: The President greets Ambassador Hartman,
solicits his views on the current situation
in Moscow, and discusses the issues as
appropriate.

REMARKS REQUIRED: None

MEDIA COVERAGE: None

PROPOSED "PHOTO": White House photo

RECOMMENDED BY: ADM Poindexter, Department of State

OPPOSED BY: None

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MEMORANDUM FOR RODNEY B. MCDANIEL

FROM: JACK F. MATLOCK *JFM*

SUBJECT: Presidential Meeting with Ambassador Hartman

Art Hartman will be in Washington March 12 - 20. This will provide an excellent opportunity to brief the President on the results of the just-concluded Communist Party Congress and current Soviet thinking on a summit for this year.

Judy^{M.} Mandel, John^{M.} Nathan Miller, and Steve^{SRS} Sestanovich concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize the schedule proposal to Fred Ryan at Tab I for Art Hartman to meet with the President.

Approve *JFM*

Disapprove _____

Attachment:

- Tab I Schedule proposal
- Tab II State Department memo requesting a meeting with the President for Ambassador Hartman

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MEMORANDUM FOR VADM JOHN M. POINDEXTER
THE WHITE HOUSESUBJECT: Appointment Request, Arthur A. Hartman,
U.S. Ambassador to the USSR

Ambassador Arthur Hartman will be in Washington for consultations March 12-24 and would very much appreciate an appointment with the President. Ambassador Hartman would like to review recent developments in the US-Soviet relationship and thoughts on a possible upcoming meeting between the President and General Secretary Gorbachev. The Department recommends that the appointment be approved.

Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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