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9331	MEMO	DOBRIANSKY TO CLARK RE PROPOSED TELEPHONE CALL BY VICE PRESIDENT TO DOBRYNIN <i>R 3/19/2013 F2006-114/6</i>	1	7/13/1982	B1
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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

July 8, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR JUDY VAN REST

FROM: MICHAEL O. WHEELER MW

SUBJECT: Letter on Soviet Emigration Issue

On June 1 Governor Thompson of Illinois wrote the President about Marija Jurgutiene, who is seeking to emigrate from the USSR (Tab B). A proposed reply for White House signature, based on a State draft and including our comments, is at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Proposed response
B Incoming correspondence

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PROPOSED RESPONSE

Dear Governor Thompson:

I am pleased to respond to your letter of June 1 to President Reagan concerning the case of Mrs. Marija Jurgutiene, who has for many years sought to emigrate from the Soviet Union to be reunited with her husband, Mr. Aloyzas Jurgutis, here in the United States.

The United States Government has consistently expressed its concern to the Soviet Government over the obstructions which are encountered by those seeking emigration from the USSR. Denial of such basic rights as freedom of movement and family reunification are matters of international significance, and we have raised these issues with the Soviets both in bilateral talks and in multilateral forums. We have encouraged the Soviet authorities to adopt more flexible and responsive emigration practices, emphasizing the importance of this issue in the context of overall Soviet-American relations.

As you may know, Mrs. Jurgutiene and her daughter are included on the U.S. Government Representation List of Divided Families, which is periodically presented to high Soviet officials as a means of emphasizing to them our great concern for those who are forced to remain in the Soviet Union against their will. The names of Mrs. Jurgutiene and her daughter will remain on the list until their case is successfully resolved.



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STATE OF ILLINOIS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
SPRINGFIELD 62706

JAMES R. THOMPSON
Governor

June 1, 1962


The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to bring to your attention a matter involving Mrs. Marija Jurgutis, a Lithuanian seeking emigration from the Soviet Union so she can join her husband in Chicago.

Since in your travels to Europe over these next few days the subject of emigration from the Soviet Union may come up, I wanted to make you aware of this situation and ask that you do whatever you can to bring this issue to the attention of the Soviet authorities.

This is a matter of concern to myself, the Lithuanian people of Chicago and the rest of the nation, as well.

Sincerely,

James R. Thompson
GOVERNOR

To: Jim Medas

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

July 8, 1982

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL O. WHEELER

FROM: MICHAEL A. GUHIN *MG*

SUBJECT: Letter on Soviet Emigration Issue

The memo at Tab I would forward a proposed reply (Tab A) to Governor Thompson's letter on a Soviet emigration issue (Tab B). The reply is based on State's draft with our editorial changes. Dobriansky concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo to Judy Van Rest at Tab I.

Approve ✓

Disapprove _____

Attachments

- Tab I Memo for signature
- Tab A Proposed response
- Tab B Incoming correspondence

NSC STAFF

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 8, 1982

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SECRETARIAT

*Said to state for
draft response
for both
Spencer
MB*

2.

Brian,

I gave this to you for staffing
on June 2 and now here it is back
to me!

BRIAN MERCHANT
c/o Situation Rm.

3.

Kathy
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 2, 1982

TO: Kathy McGraw/Judge Clark's Office
NSC

FROM: Judy Van Rest/Intergovernmental
Affairs -

I wanted to bring to your attention
the attached letter from Governor
James Thompson of Illinois which
was telecopied to us.

REFERRAL

DATE: 14 JUN 82

MEMORANDUM FOR: STATE SECRETARIAT

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

TO: PRESIDENT

SOURCE: THOMPSON, JAMES R

DATE: 01 JUN 82

KEYWORDS: EMIGRATION

USSR

JURGUTIS, MARIJA

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR MARIJA TO EMIGRATE FM USSR TO US

REQUIRED ACTION: DRAFT REPLY FOR WH SIG

DUE DATE: 18 JUN 82

COMMENTS:

Harold J. West
FOR MICHAEL O WHEELER
STAFF SECRETARY

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82 JUN 14 P2:41
RD

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S/S# 8216611

Date June 29, 1982

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

FOR: Mr. William P. Clark
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan FROM: Gov. Thompson of Illinois
DATE: June 1, 1982 SUBJECT: Emigration of Marija
Jurgutiene from USSR

WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: 6/14/82 NSC# 8204079
(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.
- Other.

REMARKS:

for William M...
L. Paul Bremer III
Executive Secretary

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FOR MICHAEL O WHEELER
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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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July 13, 1982

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: PAULA DOBRIANSKY *PD*

SUBJECT: Proposed Telephone Call by the Vice President
to Ambassador Dobrynin

Attached at Tab I for your signature is a self-explanatory memorandum to the Vice President endorsing State's recommendation (Tab A) that the Vice President place an urgent call to Ambassador Dobrynin -- who departs for Moscow tomorrow -- requesting his intervention in the cases of two hunger-striking spouses of American citizens awaiting exit visas from the Soviet Union. *(c)*

Richard *R* Ripes concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign and forward the memorandum at Tab I to the Vice President.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments:

Tab I Memorandum to the Vice President

Tab A State's memorandum to Clark, July 13, 1982

cc: Guhin
Robinson

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Review July 13, 1988.

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NLR FD 16-114/10 #9331
BY *RW* NARA DATE *3/19/13*

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Proposed Telephone Call to Ambassador Dobrynin
on Behalf of Hunger Strikers

As the plight of the Soviet hunger strikers worsens moment by moment, the Department of State has forwarded to me the attached self-explanatory memorandum at Tab A suggesting that a telephone call from you to Ambassador Dobrynin on the eve of departure for Moscow might help. I endorse this recommendation. (C)

You may recall that in my memorandum to you of June 15, I recommended that you make such a call. The condition of the hunger strikers has now become precarious and a phone call from you may make the necessary difference. (C)

RECOMMENDATION

That you telephone Ambassador Dobrynin.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachment:

Tab A State's memorandum of July 13, 1982.

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BY RW NARA DATE 3/19/13

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Washington, D.C. 20520

July 13, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: INTERVENTION WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN
ON BEHALF OF HUNGER STRIKERS

Sergey Petrov and Yuri Balovlenkov, two Soviet citizens who are married to Americans, have been engaging in hunger strikes to protest the Soviet refusal to grant them exit visas. They wish to come to the United States and be reunited with their families.

On July 9, Soviet authorities publicly announced that their exit applications had again been refused "temporarily" -- i.e., their cases probably will be on hold until the next normal review takes place in six months. The Soviet visa authorities suggested instead that the two American wives, Elena Kusmenko (Balovlenkov) and Virginia Johnson (Petrov), come to live in the USSR. Since hearing this, Petrov and Balovlenkov have declared that they will continue their hunger strikes until death. Quite recently, their health has undergone marked deterioration. Unless the Soviets can be persuaded to relent, it is quite possible that one or both hunger strikers may die.

We have conveyed our serious concerns about this situation to the Soviets on many occasions, most recently in a meeting Acting Secretary Stoessel had with Ambassador Dobrynin on July 9. Unfortunately, our efforts have not put a noticeable dent in Soviet resolve. Chances are slim now that the Soviets can be persuaded to reverse themselves, but we believe that the Vice President's personal intervention might make them think again about their tragic decision. They undoubtedly know of the Vice President's prior support for divided spouses in binational marriage cases (he met with Elena Kusmenko Balovlenkova and three other binational spouses in May) and a personal appeal on his part to Ambassador Dobrynin could not be ignored.

If the Vice President concurs, we would suggest a phone call to Ambassador Dobrynin before his departure for Moscow which is scheduled for the afternoon of July 14. Attached are suggested talking points.

L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Talking Points.

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GDS 07/13/88

BY LOI, NARA, DATE 12/13/07

TALKING POINTS FOR PHONE CALL TO DOBRYNIN

-- Mr. Ambassador, I am calling you about a matter of mutual concern to both our countries, a matter which, if it is not resolved properly, will result in the needless deaths of two of your countrymen.

-- As you may recall, last Friday Acting Secretary Stoessel spoke with you about two Soviet citizens, Yuri Balovlenkov and Sergey Petrov. These two men are currently engaged in a hunger strike to the death. They are protesting the refusal of your government to issue them exit visas so that they might come to the United States and live with their American wives, Elena Kusmenko and Virginia Johnson.

-- Mr. Ambassador, these two men have done nothing to warrant a death sentence. And yet, that is just what the Soviet government has meted out to them by its refusal to let them go.

-- I have met with Elena Kusmenko, the wife of Yuri Balovlenkov. I know what she wants. It is simply to be reunited with her husband in the United States. The same is true for Virginia Johnson, Sergey Petrov's wife.

-- I also know that your government has said that it is observing the Helsinki Accords and that both families can live in the U.S.S.R. if they wish.

-- I don't want to argue about who is right or wrong in this matter, or about who is and who is not observing the Helsinki Accords. In this case, who would win and who would lose such a debating contest does not particularly matter. What does matter is what you and I both know: that if these two men are not allowed to emigrate, it is increasingly likely that they will die, and that the Soviet Union will be held to blame for their deaths.

-- There is one reasonable way out of this problem, one which can do nothing but good for our mutual relations -- a magnanimous gesture is all that is needed.

-- I know you are going back to Moscow on Wednesday. I want you to take a message to your leaders. We wish to make no propoganda out of this situation. All we wish is to save the lives of these two men. Will you pass on that message for me? (Dobrynin response.)

-- Please have a good vacation, Mr. Ambassador, and I hope that before your return you will be able to give me some good news about the fates of these two men.

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BY HDS, NARA, DATE 12/13/07

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

CONFIDENTIAL

July 14, 1982

ACTION

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RECOMMENDATION

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Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachment:

Tab A State's memorandum of July 13, 1982.

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BY RW NARA DATE 3/19/13

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Attachments:

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BY LOS, NARA, DATE 12/13/07

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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July 13, 1982

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FROM: PAULA DOBRIANSKY *PD*

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Richard *Ripes* concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign and forward the memorandum at Tab I to the Vice President.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments:

- Tab I Memorandum to the Vice President
- Tab A State's memorandum to Clark, July 13, 1982

cc: Guhin
Robinson

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The White House

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RESORT TO HUNGER STRIKE

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(U) SOVIET EMIGRATION APPLICANTS RESORT TO HUNGER STRIKES

(LOU) Summary

CURRENT ANALYSES

Two groups of unsuccessful emigration applicants have initiated hunger strikes to dramatize their plight and force Soviet authorities to issue them exit visas. The fast by a group of "binational spouses" has partially succeeded: in this instance, regime sensitivity to unfavorable foreign publicity and the threat it posed to Soviet foreign interests overcame the constraints of domestic considerations. The new hunger strike by members of a Pentecostal family in the US Embassy and their relatives in Siberia stands little chance of success, however, primarily because the Soviets see few advantages in letting them go and do not wish to set an undesirable precedent. The Pentecostalist fast early this year failed for essentially the same reasons.

Having acceded to some hunger strikers even though it was clear that this would encourage other unsuccessful emigration applicants to resort to desperation tactics, Moscow now feels obliged to adopt an unyielding attitude to keep this trend from getting out of hand, even at the cost of short-term embarrassment.

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Binational Spouses Fast to Force Decisions on Emigration

(U) Soviet prisoners often resort to hunger strikes to protest prison mistreatment, and they occasionally succeed in extracting small concessions. Now, Soviet citizens are resorting to similar tactics to force authorities to allow their emigration.

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pressure would require authorities to hand down some refusals as a matter of tactical necessity and regardless of the merits of individual cases.

(U) Nevertheless, the conflicting pressures of foreign and domestic considerations evidently proved so acute that on July 9 the Soviet Bureau for Visas and Registration (OVIR)--the office in charge of emigration--held an unprecedented press conference to clarify the Soviet position. Deputy chief of the Moscow City OVIR Sergey Fadeyev defended the decision to refuse visas to Balovlenkov and Petrov as conforming with international agreements, including the CSCE Final Act. Fadeyev also:

--reiterated the USSR's "benevolent attitude" toward the marriage of Soviet citizens and foreign nationals;

--pointed out that binational marriages need not necessarily involve emigration of the Soviet party. He cited the case of US citizen Kimberly Pilarski, who received permission to live with his Soviet wife in the USSR, and declared there would be no objection to the spouses of Balovlenkov and Petrov doing the same while their husbands waited to reapply for emigration;

--objected to the alleged interference of the US Embassy in internal Soviet affairs by encouraging Soviet spouses to pursue their emigration efforts in an organized manner and through "anti-social actions."

(LOU) Whether the Soviet position stated at the press conference is a final one remains to be seen. The decisions of Balovlenkov and Petrov to continue their fast forced authorities to keep their options open. While considering whether to reverse their earlier decision, they allowed the wives of the two strikers to come to Moscow, obviously in the hope that they would persuade their husbands to drop the strike. In the meantime, as discussions continue, Soviet doctors--sent at the initiative of the authorities--regularly visit the rapidly weakening strikers to monitor their condition.

(C) The Embassy Pentecostals Try Again

By comparison, the Pentecostals' hunger strike stands little chance of success because:

--The fact that the strikers are in the US Embassy serves to generate further pressure on the US to do more about finding a solution. Moscow does not like the negative press coverage it is getting in the West but, as long as the US is also uncomfortable, it is prepared to wait.

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out of the hands of the emigration bureaucracy. Once again, the authorities tried to fuzz the issues and make a pragmatic accommodation while trying to avoid incurring a new cycle of problems.

(LOU) Moscow's reduction of the emigration flow to a bare trickle has brought many unsuccessful emigration applicants to the point of despair. Thus, from the Soviet standpoint, binational emigration cases may warrant expeditious and flexible handling not only to prevent difficulties on the bilateral level but also to prevent these cases from even reaching the stage requiring a public surrender to such extreme tactics as hunger strikes. Already, unofficial sources report an increasing number of Soviets announcing their determination to take actions ranging from fasting, to renouncing Soviet citizenship, to self-immolation. Thus Soviet authorities are under pressure to maintain an unyielding attitude, even at the cost of embarrassment in the short term.

Prepared by Igor Belousovitch
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Approved by Martha Mautner
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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
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August 4, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK *wpc*
SUBJECT: Your Intervention with Soviet Charge Bessmertnykh
on Behalf of Hunger Striker Yuri Balovlenkov

With the rapidly deteriorating condition of hunger striker Yuri Balovlenkov, it is hoped that you will make one more effort on his behalf by placing a telephone call to Soviet Charge Bessmertnykh. The talking points at Tab A prepared by the Department of State are comprehensive and self-explanatory.

RECOMMENDATION

OK No That you place a telephone call to Soviet Charge
— — Bessmertnykh.

Attachment:

Tab A Talking Points

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TALKING POINTS FOR PHONE CALL TO BESSMERTNYKH

-- Mr. Bessmertnykh, I am calling you about a matter of mutual concern to both our countries, a matter which, if it is not resolved properly and promptly, will result in the needless death of one of your countrymen.

-- As you may know, our Government has discussed the case of a Soviet citizen, Yuri Balovlenkov, with officials of your government on several occasions. I believe Acting Secretary Stoessel spoke with your Ambassador about the matter before his departure for the Soviet Union.

-- This is one case among many. We continue to be strongly interested in the resolution of all divided family and fiance cases, but I am calling you in particular about this one because of its urgency and humanitarian character. A case of this sort should not end with a tragic death.

-- Mr. Balovlenkov is engaged in a hunger strike to protest the refusal of your government to issue him an exit visa so he might come to the United States to live with his American wife, Elena Kusmenko, and his two-year old daughter.

-- I have met with Elena Kusmenko. I know what she wants at this moment. It is simply for the life of her husband to be preserved. When she was in Moscow, local authorities refused to cooperate with her attempts to save her husband's life -- either through the granting of an exit visa, or through medical treatment, as she had requested.

-- I cannot understand this attitude on the part of the local authorities.

-- I am asking you to request your government to reexamine this entire matter with the greatest care with a view to saving the life of Yuri Balovlenkov. I would appreciate personally any efforts you or your Government could make that would result in saving his life.

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TO: JOHN POINDEXTER

Urgent decision required. (COB - Aug. 3)

Paula Dobriansky

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RCM:

Re package recommending Vice President
call the Soviet Charge regarding
Hunger Striker Yuri Balovlenkov:

Moscow cable today said hunger striker
has at the most 6 days to live -- his
heart and liver and in bad shape now.
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August 3, 1982

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: RICHARD PIPES *RP*SUBJECT: Intervention with Soviet Charge Bessmertnykh
on Behalf of Hunger Striker Yuri Balovlenkov

I concur with the State Department's recommendation at Tab II that the Vice President telephone Soviet Charge Bessmertnykh on the rapidly deteriorating condition of Yuri Balovlenkov. State has provided talking points for the Vice President's use at Tab A.

RP
Dobriansky, Guhin, Lord and Robinson concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the Vice President at Tab I.

Approve ✓ Disapprove _____

Attachments:

- Tab I Memorandum for your signature to the Vice President
- Tab A Talking Points
- Tab II State Department memorandum of July 30, 1982

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Intervention with Soviet Chargé Bessmertnykh
on Behalf of Hunger Striker

Yuri Balovlenkov, a Soviet citizen married to an American, Elena Kusmenko of Baltimore, has been engaging in a hunger strike to protest the Soviet refusal to grant him an exit visa. He wishes to come to the United States and be reunited with his wife and two-year old daughter.

Mr. Balovlenkov's physical condition is rapidly deteriorating and it is unlikely that he will live much longer should he continue his present fast. He is apparently determined to continue his course of action until the Soviets relent or he dies. His wife, who has just returned from a ten-day visit to the U.S.S.R., was unsuccessful in her attempt to convince him to end the strike. She was rebuffed in her efforts to convince Soviet authorities to force feed her husband in a effort to save his life.

On her return from Moscow, Ms. Kusmenko, noting that Vice President Bush has met with her and other spouses of Soviet citizens in similar circumstances, complained to the media that despite assurances that the White House was doing "everything", she did not know what "everything" was.

We have conveyed our serious concerns about this situation to the Soviets on many occasions, most recently in a meeting Acting Secretary Stoessel had with Ambassador Dobrynin on July 9. In addition, our Embassy in Moscow on July 28 transmitted Ms. Kusmenko's plea to have her husband force fed. To date, these efforts have not put a noticeable dent in Soviet resolve. Chances are slim now that the Soviets can be persuaded to reverse themselves, but we believe that the Vice President's personal intervention might make them think again about their tragic decision. They undoubtedly know of the Vice President's prior support for divided spouses in binational marriage cases and a personal appeal on his part to Chargé Bessmertnykh could not be ignored.

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If the Vice President concurs, we would suggest a phone call to the Chargé at the earliest opportunity. Attached are suggested talking points.

L. Paul Bremer, III
L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Talking Points.

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2. VICE PRESIDENT BUSH TELEPHONED SOVIET CHARGE BESSMERTYKH EVENING OF AUGUST 5 TO EMPHASIZE US CONCERN ABOUT THE CASE OF YURI BALOVLENKOV, WIFE OF AMERICAN CITIZEN ELENA KUSMENKO BALOVLENKOV. THE VICE PRESIDENT DREW UPON THE FOLLOWING POINTS PROVIDED BY DEPT.:

3. BEGIN QUOTE MR. BESSMERTNYKH, I AM CALLING YOU ABOUT A MATTER OF MUTUAL CONCERN TO BOTH OUR COUNTRIES, A MATTER WHICH, IF IT IS NOT RESOLVED PROPERLY AND PROMPTLY, WILL RESULT IN THE NEEDLESS DEATH OF ONE OF YOUR COUNTRYMEN.

AS YOU MAY KNOW, OUR GOVERNMENT HAS DISCUSSED THE CASE OF A SOVIET CITIZEN, YURI BALOVLENKOV, WITH OFFICIALS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. I BELIEVE ACTING

SECRETARY STOESEL SPOKE WITH YOUR AMBASSADOR ABOUT THE MATTER BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE SOVIET UNION.

THIS IS ONE CASE AMONG MANY. WE CONTINUE TO BE STRONGLY INTERESTED IN THE RESOLUTION OF ALL DIVIDED FAMILY AND FIANCE CASES, BUT I AM CALLING YOU IN PARTICULAR ABOUT THIS ONE BECAUSE OF ITS URGENCY AND HUMANITARIAN CHARACTER. A CASE OF THIS SORT SHOULD NOT END WITH A TRAGIC DEATH.

MR. BALOVLENKOV IS ENGAGED IN A HUNGER STRIKE TO PROTEST THE REFUSAL OF YOUR GOVERNMENT TO ISSUE HIM AN EXIT VISA SO HE MIGHT COME TO THE UNITED STATES TO LIVE WITH HIS AMERICAN WIFE, ELENA KUSMENKO, AND HIS TWO-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER.

I HAVE MET WITH ELENA KUSMENKO. I KNOW WHAT SHE WANTS AT THIS MOMENT. IT IS SIMPLY FOR THE LIFE OF HER HUSBAND TO BE PRESERVED. WHEN SHE WAS IN MOSCOW, LOCAL AUTHORITIES REFUSED TO COOPERATE WITH HER ATTEMPTS TO SAVE HER HUSBAND'S LIFE -- EITHER THROUGH THE GRANTING

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OF AN EXIT VISA, OR THROUGH MEDICAL
TREATMENT, AS SHE HAD REQUESTED.

I CANNOT UNDERSTAND THIS ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF THE
LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

I AM ASKING YOU TO REQUEST YOUR GOVERNMENT TO REEXAMINE
THIS ENTIRE MATTER WITH THE GREATEST CARE WITH A VIEW
TO SAVING THE LIFE OF YURI BALOVLENKOV. I WOULD
APPRECIATE PERSONALLY ANY EFFORTS YOU OR YOUR
GOVERNMENT COULD MAKE THAT WOULD RESULT IN SAVING HIS
LIFE. END QUOTE

4. BESSMERTYKHX INFORMED THE VICE PRESIDENT THAT MRS.
BALOVLENKOV WAS FLYING TO MOSCOW THAT EVENING WITH A
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THE VICE PRESIDENT'S CONCERNS TO HIS GOVERNMENT. THE
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5 ACTION REQUESTED: THE VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE HAS
ASKED THAT YOU INFORM MRS. BALOVLENKOV OF THE CALL TO
BESSMERTYKHX, THAT IT WAS CORDIAL IN TONE, THAT THE VP
REGISTERED HIS CONCERNS, AND THAT BESSMERTYKHX
UNDERTOOK TO CONVEY THEM TO MOSCOW.

6. THE VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE HAS ASKED THAT THIS
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

September 3, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL O. WHEELER

FROM: WILLIAM L. STEARMAN

SUBJECT: Third International Conference on Soviet Jewry

Judy Pond sent you a memorandum (Tab A) asking for an NSC recommendation on Larry Eagleburger's addressing the Third International Conference on Soviet Jewry. Your reply is at Tab I.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I and check the "recommend accept" box on the memorandum at Tab A.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Paula Dobriansky and Bob Sims concur.

Attachments:

Tab I Memorandum to Judy Pond

Tab A Incoming request, dated August 25, 1982

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

September 3, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR JUDY POND

FROM: MICHAEL O. WHEELER

SUBJECT: Third International Conference on Soviet Jewry

We have reviewed your memorandum of August 25, 1982 (Tab A) and recommend that Larry Eagleburger accept the invitation to address the Third International Conference on Soviet Jewry to be held in Paris, October 24-26, 1982.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 25, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL WHEELER

FROM: JUDY POND

SUBJECT: Speaking Request

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION AND COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Event: Third International Conference on Soviet Jewry

Date: October 24-26

Location: Paris, France

Background: Larry Eagleburger has been requested to speak. Pending your recommendation, I will send the request to the State Department for further action.

RECOMMEND ACCEPT _____

RECOMMEND WHITE HOUSE STAFF _____

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RECOMMEND CABINET MEMBER _____

RECOMMEND SUBCABINET _____

COMMENTS:

Your response is needed by: August 31.



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August 12, 1982

Mr. Michael Gale
Office of the Public Liaison
Old Executive Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Michael:

The Third International Conference on Soviet Jewry will take place in Paris from October 24-26, 1982. Two previous conferences, held in Brussels in 1971 and 1976, were historic events in the annals of Western advocacy on behalf of Soviet Jewry, each bringing together more than 1,000 delegates from several dozen countries.

The Paris Conference, like its predecessors, has been designed to involve major figures from political life, arts and sciences, academia, jurisprudence and many other fields, joined by Jewish community leadership from many parts of the world. Several hundred Americans will be among the delegates.

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

It is our earnest hope that a high-level Administration figure will come to Paris to address this important gathering. The presence of such a representative from the U.S. Government would not only signal this country's enduring commitment to the cause of Soviet Jewry, but would also send powerful messages to the Soviet Union, to Soviet Jews and to the international community.

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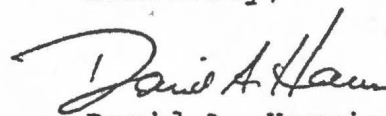
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Should you need additional information about the
Conference, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,



David A. Harris
Director, NCSJ Washington
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FOR: Mr. William P. Clark
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: Ken Duberstein FROM: Senator Lawton Chiles
DATE: 9/17/82 SUBJECT: Anatoliy Shcharanskiy

WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: 9/21/82 NSC# 8206575
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ACTION TAKEN:

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

REMARKS:

L. Paul Bremer III
L. Paul Bremer III
Executive Secretary

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OCTOBER 5 - 1982

Dear Senator Chiles:


I have been asked to respond to your letter of September 8 to the White House enclosing correspondence from Mr. Richard Barnett concerning Anatoliy Shcharanskiy.

As you may be aware, Mr. Shcharanskiy's mother, Ida Milgrom, announced on September 27 (Yom Kippur) that her son had embarked on a hunger strike because he had been prevented by the Soviet authorities from corresponding or meeting with his friends and relatives. We are deeply concerned about the possible effects that such a hunger strike will have on Mr. Shcharanskiy, who is reported to be in very poor health. We wish to emphasize how strongly we deplore the Soviet authorities' willful abuse of Mr. Shcharanskiy's rights, which has led to this desperate course.

We have raised the case of Anatoliy Shcharanskiy at high levels with Soviet authorities, and we are pursuing a number of avenues aimed at helping him. At present, there is no summit scheduled between Presidents Reagan and Brezhnev. I would like to assure you, however, that we will continue to raise Mr. Shcharanskiy's case at all appropriate opportunities, as well as other humanitarian issues, in our meetings with Soviet officials.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,


Powell A. Moore
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations

Enclosure:
Correspondence Returned.

The Honorable
Lawton Chiles,
United States Senate.

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2. EMBOFFS MET WITH SAKHAROV'S WIFE ELENA BONNER AND ANATOLIY SHCHARANSKIY'S MOTHER IDA MILGROM AND BROTHER LEONID FOLLOWING THEIR PRESS CONFERENCE (REFTEL). THEY GAVE EMBOFFS A COPY OF THE "STATEMENT TO THE PRESS" ANNOUNCING SHCHARANSKIY'S HUNGER STRIKE WHICH THEY HAD GIVEN TO THE SEVEN CORRESPONDENTS (U. S., FRENCH, AND BRITISH; BOTH WEST GERMAN CORRESPONDENTS INVITED WERE OUT OF THE COUNTRY) WHO HAD ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE. MILGROM ASKED THAT A COPY OF THIS "STATEMENT" BE PASSED TO AMBASSADOR KAMPELMAN FOR HIS USE IN MADRID AND TO MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS. (EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE "STATEMENT" FOLLOWS IN PARA. 4; A COPY OF IT IS BEING POUCHED TO EUR/SOV.)

3. EMBOFFS EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN FOR SHCHARANSKIY AND ASSURED MRS. MILGROM THAT THEY WOULD PASS THE "STATEMENT" AS REQUESTED. SHE REPEATEDLY ITERATED THAT ONLY WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY ABROAD WOULD ALLEVIATE ANATOLIY'S PLIGHT BUT EXPRESSED HER FEAR THAT ITS EFFECTS MIGHT BE FELT TOO LATE TO SAVE HIM. MRS. BONNER SEVERAL TIMES TOLD HER THAT HER RESPONSIBILITY WITH REGARD TO ANATOLIY'S DECISION TO BEGIN A HUNGER STRIKE IS TO "BE STRONG" AND TO SUPPORT HIM NO MATTER WHAT HER OWN VIEWS MAY BE.

4. EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF MILGROM'S "STATEMENT" FOLLOWS. BEGIN TEXT.

STATEMENT FOR THE PRESS
AS IT HAS BECOME KNOWN TO ME, ON SEPTEMBER 27, 1982.

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THE DAY OF THE JEWISH HOLIDAY YOM KIPPUR, THE DAY OF ATONEMENT, MY SON, ANATOLIY SHCHARANSKIY, PROCLAIMED IN CHISTOPOL PRISON A HUNGER STRIKE IN PROTEST AGAINST THE DENIAL OF HIS CORRESPONDENCE WITH RELATIVES. SINCE DECEMBER, 1981, ANATOLIY'S LETTERS HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO HIM WITH THE DEMAND THAT THEIR CONTENTS BE CHANGED. THEY REFUSE TO ALLOW HIM TO WRITE THE TRUTH ABOUT THE CONFISCATION OF LETTERS SENT TO HIS ADDRESS. SUCH INFORMATION IS LEGAL AND PROVIDED FOR BY EXISTING REGULATIONS AND RIGHTS. HOWEVER, THE PRISON ADMINISTRATION, PERHAPS NOT JUST ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE, FORBIDS MY SON TO WRITE THE TRUTH TO HIS MOTHER. BUT ANATOLIY WILL NOT WRITE LIES! DESIRING TO JUSTIFY THEIR OWN UNLAWFUL ACTS, THE AUTHORITIES HAVE USED THE PRETEXT OF HIDDEN MESSAGES AND ILLEGAL INFORMATION AS A HANDY

EXCUSE FOR THE CONFISCATION OF ANATOLIY'S LETTERS. IN HIS SIXTH YEAR OF CONFINEMENT, ANATOLIY (ALLEGEDLY) HAS BEGUN TO RESORT TO CODED MESSAGES IN HIS LETTERS TO HIS MOTHER. I PERSONALLY HEARD SUCH ABSURD DECLARATIONS IN THE PRISON AND IN THE OFFICES OF THE HEADS OF THE HIGHER ORGANIZATIONS OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS (MVD) OF THE TATAR ASSR AND THE USSR. THESE ABSURD REASONS FOR THE ABSENCE OF MY SON'S LETTERS HAVE ONLY ONE PURPOSE -- TO CONCEAL THE CONTINUING TORTURES OF MY SON: HIS CONFINEMENT IN A CELL, THE DENIAL OF MEETINGS, THE CURTAILMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE, AND OTHER CRUEL METHODS OF PRESSURE. ANATOLIY SPENT THE MAJORITY OF HIS STAY IN CAMP LAST YEAR IN ITS PRISON. THEY KEPT HIM IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT FOR 185 DAYS, 85 OF THOSE IN A ROW! WHEN THE STATE OF HIS HEALTH HAD BECOME CATASTROPHIC, WHEN HE HAD FAINTED FROM HUNGER AND HAD BECOME UNCONSCIOUS, HE WAS TAKEN TO THE PRISON HOSPITAL SUFFERING FROM SERIOUS CARDIO-VASCULAR PROBLEMS, VEGETATIVE NEUROSIS, AND HYPERTENSION. AFTER 33 DAYS

THEY BROUGHT HIM BACK FROM CRITICAL CONDITION. AND AFTER THAT THEY PUT HIM IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT AND THEN

CONDUCTED FURTHER REPRISALS AGAINST HIM. BECAUSE HE IS NOT "REFORMING" AND CONTINUES TO CONSIDER HIMSELF INNOCENT OF THE CHARGES OF ESPIONAGE BROUGHT AGAINST HIM, THEY INSTITUTED A CRUELLER REGIME -- THEY SENT HIM TO PRISON FOR THREE YEARS. FIVE AND A HALF YEARS DEPRIVED OF FREEDOM, A CONSTANTLY WORSENING REGIME, AND FINALLY THE LAST TORTURE -- DEPRIVATION OF CONTACT WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD, THE DENIAL OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH
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HIS WIFE, MOTHER, WITH HIS BROTHER, WITH HIS FRIENDS --
THERE IS THE ARSENAL OF REFINED METHODS OF PRESSURE
WHICH ACCOMPANY THE LIFE OF MY INNOCENT SON, WHO HAS
BECOME A CASUALTY OF PROVOCATION.

ANATOLIY'S HEALTH HAS BEEN UNDERMINED, AND IN THIS GRAVE
PHYSICAL CONDITION MY SON, BROUGHT TO DESPERATION BY THE
SITUATION WHICH HAS DEVELOPED IN RESPECT TO CORRESPONDENCE
WITH HIS RELATIVES, ANNOUNCES A HUNGER STRIKE UNTIL THAT
TIME WHEN HIS RIGHT IS RESTORED -- THE RIGHT OF A
PRISONER TO WRITE AND RECEIVE LETTERS FROM HIS RELATIVES
WHAT AWAITS MY SON IN THE PROCESS OF HIS HUNGER STRIKE,
WHEN HIS ORGANISM WILL HAVE WEAKENED COMPLETELY, WHEN ALL
RESISTANCE IS GONE? ONLY THE COMPLETE PHYSICAL
ANNIHILATION OF THE MAN! ONLY DEATH!

TODAY I HAVE APPEALED BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HEADS OF THE
MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS OF THE TATAR AND USSR MVDS. I
REQUESTED AN IMMEDIATE MEDICAL INVESTIGATION AND
HOSPITALIZATION. I APPEALED TO THE MINISTER OF INTERNAL
AFFAIRS OF THE USSR AND REQUESTED HIM TO INTERVENE AND
ORDER THE PRISON ADMINISTRATION TO RESTORE MY SON'S
RIGHT TO CORRESPOND WITH HIS RELTIVES.

I NOW APPEAL TO PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL OF THE WHOLE WORLD,
TO THE STATESMEN OF ALL COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT ME AND TO
RAISE THEIR JUST VOICES IN MY SON'S DEFENSE. HELP ME SAVE
ANATOLIY'S LIFE! IT CANNOT WAIT, EACH DAY OF MY SON'S
FAST BRINGS HIM NEARER TO DEATH!

MIL' GROM, MOTHER OF ANATOLIY SHCHARANSKIY 27 SEPTEMBER
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WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT McFARLANE

FROM: RED CAVANEY *RC*

SUBJECT: Request for meeting with
Avital Sharansky

It is my understanding that members of your staff have recommended your meeting with Avital Sharansky who will be in Washington, D.C. today and tomorrow.

Michael Gale of our staff serves as liaison to the Jewish community and would be most willing to assist you in the scheduling of such a meeting. If you would like Michael's assistance, please provide us with available times for this afternoon and tomorrow.

Michael Gale can coordinate the meeting with Howard Teicher and Paula Dobriansky of your staff.

*Thank you,
Good!*

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REF : (A) MOSCOW 10969 (B) MOSCOW 10444

1. CONSOFF SEPTEMBER 30 DELIVERED ASSISTANT SECRETARY-
DESIGNATE RICHARD BURT'S REPLY TO AUGUSTINA VASHCHENKO'S
LETTER TO PRESIDENT REAGAN OF AUGUST 28, 1982 (REF B).
DURING THE MEETING, THE VASHCHENKO FAMILY CONFIRMED THE
REPORT IN REF A THAT THEY HAVE SENT ANOTHER LETTER TO
PRESIDENT REAGAN. THE LETTER, DATED SEPTEMBER 8 AND
SIGNED BY PETER VASHCHENKO, IS MUCH Milder IN TONE THAN
AUGUSTINA'S MISSIVE, BUT EXPRESSES THE SAME CONCERNS.
WE BELIEVE
THAT IT HAS BEEN ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED BY AS BURT'S
REPLY AND WOULD SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT NO RESPONSE
IS NECESSARY.

2. TEXT OF PETER'S LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 8 FOLLOWS:
QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,
AS YOU KNOW, I, ALONG WITH MY WIFE, AUGUSTINA, AND TWO
OF MY DAUGHTERS, LIUBA AND LILIA, AM RESIDING IN THE
AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW BECAUSE THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT
WILL NOT PERMIT US TO EMIGRATE. THE OTHER PART OF MY

FAMILY OF 12 CHILDREN LIVES IN CHERNOGORSK.
WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU PERSONALLY, MR. PRESIDENT, AND
TO YOUR GOVERNMENT FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO REACH AN AGREEMENT
WITH THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES SO THAT WE MAY FINALLY LEAVE
FOR THE WEST.

I AM AWARE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY TO FIND A SOLUTION TO
THIS TERRIBLY DIFFICULT PROBLEM. THE FACT THAT MY COUSIN,
GRIGORII VASHCHENKO, HAS BEEN PERMITTED TO EMIGRATE TO
THE FRG IS A VERY HELPFUL SIGN AND A POSITIVE INDICATION
THAT AN ANSWER CAN BE FOUND.

IN ADDITION TO EXPRESSING MY APPRECIATION TO YOU IN
THE LETTER I ALSO WISH TO INFORM YOU ABOUT A FURTHER
COMPLICATION IN THE LIFE OF MY FAMILY, THAT IS, THE
SERIOUS ILLNESS OF MY WIFE. AS YOU MAY KNOW, MY WIFE
SUFFERS ULCERATED COLITIS AND FIBROMA. DOCTOR HAS TOLD
US IN THE PAST (THREE YEARS AGO) THAT SHE REQUIRES
SURGERY. IN RECENT MONTHS HER CONDITION HAS DETERIORATED,
AND THE NEED OF SURGERY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE HAS BECOME
QUITE PRESSING. ANY STEPS THAT YOU AND YOUR ADMINISTRATION
CAN TAKE TO HELP US OUT OF THIS HORRIBLE SITUATION SO THAT
WE CAN EMIGRATE TO THE WEST, OBTAIN THE NECESSARY MEDICAL
TREATMENT FOR MY WIFE, AND FINALLY FIND PEACE OF MIND AND
THE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM TO RAISE OUR CHILDREN ACCORDING
TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BIBLE, WILL BE PRDFOUNDLY
APPRECIATED BY EVERY MEMBER OF MY FAMILY.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND GIVE YOU STRENGTH IN THESE DIFFICULT
TIMES. SINCERELY YOURS, PETER VASHCHENKO. END QUOTE.
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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM: WILLIAM L. STEARMAN

SUBJECT: Avital Shcharansky Appointment

Avital Shcharansky, wife of hunger-striking Anatoly Shcharansky, saw me this morning accompanied by Baruch Gur of the Israeli Embassy. Gur is apparently trying to make appointments for Avital with the President, Judge Clark and Ed Meese.

State (SOV) has asked Secretary Shultz to raise the Shcharansky case with Gromyko today. When I get the results of this discussion, I will do a memorandum for the Judge. This memorandum is merely to alert you to Gur's efforts to make White House appointments.

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October 4, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: PAULA DOBRIANSKY (P)

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State and Bill Stearman concur.

RECOMMENDATION

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Approve _____ Disapprove _____

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cc: Paula Dobriansky ✓

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM: PAULA DOBRIANSKY (PD)

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with Avital Shcharansky
(Wednesday, October 6, 1982, 9:00 a.m.)

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Below for your reference is background on U.S. Government initiatives made over the years and in this Administration on behalf of Mrs. Shcharansky's husband, Anatoly. Attached at Tab I is background on Shcharansky's case.

Meetings:

-- On May 13, 1981, former Secretary of State Haig met with Mrs. Shcharansky who called on him to appeal for Administration efforts to obtain the release of her husband.

-- On May 28, 1981, President Reagan met with her to discuss her husband's condition and to hear firsthand her recommendations for securing his release (i.e., prisoner exchanges). The White House released a press statement after the meeting which asserted, "The President expressed deep sympathy for the persecuted Jewish and other religious communities in the Soviet Union, as well as for the plight of Mrs. Shcharansky's husband, and promised to do all in his power to help alleviate the situation."

-- On January 14, 1982, Secretary Haig met with Mrs. Shcharansky in Israel.

Statements: Many statements have been made about Mr. Shcharansky's condition and unjust imprisonment over the years. These statements have highlighted his case, have roused domestic and international indignation at Soviet authorities and have condemned the USSR for not granting Shcharansky his basic human rights. On September 27, the day her husband went on a hunger strike, the Department of State released a statement which criticizes the Soviet government for its inhumane treatment of Shcharansky.

International Fora: Ambassador Kampelman has raised the case at least eight times over the years in the CSCE.

Other: In addition to the above, demarches have been issued on his behalf, and Ambassador Hartman has appealed the case to Soviet authorities both last year and this year. Most recently, Secretary of State Shultz addressed Shcharansky's situation with Gromyko in their discussion at the UNGA. I was told by State that the Secretary is exploring every avenue (i.e., prisoner exchanges) to secure her husband's release.

Attachment: Tab I Background on Shcharansky's case

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Background: Shcharansky Case

Avital Shcharansky is the wife of imprisoned Soviet dissident, Anatoly Shcharansky, who together with Iurii Orlov (also presently in a Soviet jail) in 1976 founded the Moscow Helsinki Watch Group. This organization is dedicated to monitoring Soviet compliance with the terms of the Helsinki Final Accords. Prior to that time, Shcharansky has been primarily interested in securing permission to emigrate to Israel.

The Shcharanskys were married in 1973, one day before she was allowed to leave the Soviet Union for Israel; at the time the couple was told that his exit visa would be issued soon. In fact, they have not seen each other since. Anatoly was arrested in March 1977, and given a show trial in July 1978. Accused of serving U.S. secret services, he drew an unusually severe sentence of 13 years imprisonment to be followed by five years of internal exile. At the time of the trial, President Carter emphatically denied that Shcharansky had any connection with U.S. intelligence.

Shcharansky's case is unusual in that he is a martyr for the cause of Judaism as well as that of human rights in the USSR (the two movements usually march their separate ways). He is presently reported to be confined to the "strict regime" barracks of the Perm prison complex where he receives sub-standard rations of food and clothing, and is allowed virtually no contact with the outside world. His health is said to be deteriorating. On September 27, he went on a hunger strike to protest his unjust imprisonment.

Mrs. Shcharansky, who resides in Israel, has worked indefatigably for the past nine years to secure the release of her husband of one day.

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cc: Paula Dobriansky

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