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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

October 8, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: PAULA DOBRIANSKY *(m)*

SUBJECT: Letter to President Brezhnev re Shcharansky Case

Attached at Tab A is a draft letter from the President to Brezhnev regarding the Shcharansky case. Basically, it makes an appeal on behalf of Mr. Shcharansky, the imprisoned Soviet dissident who is on a hunger strike. A transmitting memorandum to the President is at Tab I.

Speechwriters and the Department of State have cleared the text. Richard Pipes concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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

Attachments:

- Tab I Memorandum to the President
- Tab A Letter to Brezhnev
- Tab II Memorandum from State

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Letter to President Brezhnev re Shcharansky Case

Per your instructions, attached at Tab A is a letter from you to President Brezhnev which makes an appeal on behalf of Anatoly Shcharansky, the imprisoned Soviet dissident, who is currently on a hunger strike.

Speechwriters and the Department of State have cleared the text.

RECOMMENDATION

OK                      NO

—                      —                      That you sign the letter to President Brezhnev at Tab A.

Attachment:

Tab A              Letter to Brezhnev

Prepared by:  
Paula Dobriansky

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to express my deep personal concern about the condition of Anatoly Shcharansky. His plight has aroused a great deal of sympathy and support in the United States.

Since September 27, Mr. Shcharansky has been on a hunger strike which he has undertaken to protest the denial to him by Chistopol' prison authorities of permission to write letters to his friends and relatives or to receive visits from his mother or brother. After five years of incarceration, his health is said to have deteriorated significantly. The continuation of a hunger strike places his life in jeopardy.

I urge you to give your personal attention to this matter, and I trust that some way can be found to accommodate Mr. Shcharansky's needs for greater communication with his family within the requirements of your penal system.

While I am writing you because of the particular urgency of this situation, I also urge your personal intervention to secure Mr. Shcharansky's release from prison and permission to join his family in Israel.

Sincerely,

His Excellency  
Leonid Ilich Brezhnev  
President of the Presidium of the  
Supreme Soviet of the  
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics  
Moscow

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## United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 14, 1982

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

Subject: Presidential Letter to Brezhnev on Shcharanskiy

Imprisoned Soviet dissident Anatoliy Shcharanskiy began a hunger strike in Chistopol' prison on September 27 to protest the Soviet decision not to allow him to correspond or meet with friends and relatives. In response to this, Mr. Shcharanskiy's wife, Avital, has flown to the U.S. from Israel and has met with a number of U.S. officials, including Bud McFarlane, to discuss what might be done to help her husband (Avital will be in New York City until October 14, then will be in California through the weekend). The President has decided to write President Brezhnev a personal letter about Shcharanskiy and we have been consulting with NSC on what such a letter should say. Attached is the Department's suggested text for the President's letter.

*Katherine Shurey for*  
L. Paul Bremer, III  
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Draft Text of Presidential Letter to Brezhnev

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Dear Mr. President:

I am writing you to express my deep personal concern about the condition of Anatoliy Shcharanskiy. Mr. Shcharanskiy's plight has aroused a great deal of sympathy and support in the United States. Mr. Shcharanskiy is now on a hunger strike, which it seems he has undertaken to protest the denial to him by Chistopol' prison authorities of permission to write letters to his friends and relatives, or to receive visits from his mother or brother.

Mr. Shcharanskiy's treatment was raised by Secretary of State Shultz in his recent conversations with Foreign Minister Gromyko. I speak on behalf of the American Government, Congress and people when I raise this matter with you. The world in general and your nation in particular will be the poorer if an eminent Soviet citizen such as Mr. Shcharanskiy dies because of the intransigence exhibited by the local prison authorities. I urge you to give your personal attention to this matter, and I trust that some way can be found to accommodate Mr. Shcharanskiy's needs for greater communication with his family within the requirements of your penal system.

While I am writing you because of the particular urgency of this situation, may I also express the hope that Mr. Shcharanskiy will soon be released from prison and allowed to join his family in Israel.

Sincerely,

His Excellency  
Leonid Ilich Brezhnev,  
President of the Presidium of the  
Supreme Soviet of the  
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,  
Moscow.

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Summary of VOA Editorial for 12 Oct. 82

Let Shcharansky Go

Anatoly Shcharansky is nearing the end of his second week without food. The hunger strike is to protest the Soviet authorities refusal to deliver his mail and allow visiting rights.

The USG-ed recounts the trumped-up charges which the Soviets used as an excuse to jail Shcharansky for a 13 year term--and then explains what the man's real sin was--in Soviet official eyes.

The editorial concludes observing that if Mr. Brezhnev is really serious about the hopes he expressed for a successful conclusion to the Madrid conference, he should release Anatoly Shcharansky.

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## Let Shcharansky Go

**Annrc:** The Soviet Union has denied the request of a U.S. Senator to visit imprisoned Anatoly Shcharansky, now on a hunger strike as a protest against his treatment in jail. Here is a VOA editorial reflecting U.S. government views on the Shcharansky case:

**Voice:** In New York harbor, facing the ocean, is a ninety-meter statue of a woman holding high a beacon with her outstretched arm. Americans call this the Statue of Liberty and that is exactly what she has meant to millions of immigrants who have come to this country for more than a century. A poem by Emma Lazarus at the base of the statue says: "Give me your poor, your tired, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." Seventy or 80 years ago those words meant a lot more than they do now because the idea of keeping people captive in their own lands had not yet occurred to anyone. Today, because of the policies of the Communist world, which uses walls to keep its own people in, the words of Emma Lazarus' poem fall upon helpless ears.

The fate of Anatoly Shcharansky is proof. Four years ago he was sentenced to thirteen years in Soviet prison and labor camps on trumped up treason charges. Evidence against him consisted of accusations that he had passed information about Soviet sociology, science and genetics to an American correspondent in Moscow. At the time of the trial, President Jimmy Carter and Secretary of State Vance took the unusual step of formally assuring the Soviet government that Mister Shcharansky had no contacts with U.S. intelligence.

Mister Shcharansky's real offense was something quite different.

He was a young computer specialist and a Jew who had applied unsuccessfully for emigration to Israel. Even worse, he was a founding member of a Helsinki watch group -- Soviet citizens who tried to persuade their government to comply with the 1975 Helsinki Final Act, including its pledges on human rights and the freer movement of people.

Since his conviction, Anatoly Shcharansky has been harshly treated, put in solitary confinement, given a minimum diet that impaired his ability to read and write and perform other tasks. Denied mail and visiting rights, he began a hunger strike at the end of September.

Last month at Baku, Leonid Brezhnev expressed hope for the successful conclusion next month of the two-year old Madrid conference reviewing compliance with the Helsinki Final Act. One small step toward that goal would be the release of Anatoly Shcharansky, one of the world's millions who yearn to breathe free. Let Anatoly Shcharansky go.

Annex: You have just heard a VOA editorial which reflects the views of the U.S. government.

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E. O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: SHUM, UR, US, IS  
SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S OCTOBER 16 MEETING WITH AVITAL  
SHCHARANSKIY

1. ~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SECRETARY SHULTZ MET WITH AVITAL SHCHARANSKIY FOR 30 MINUTES AT HER REQUEST MORNING OF OCTOBER 16. MRS. SHCHARANSKIY WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ISRAELI EMBASSY MINISTER-COUNSELOR GUR AND PERSONAL ADVISOR ELIEZER SADAN. SECRETARY WAS JOINED BY BURT, ABRAMS, EUR DAS PALMER, AND SOV ACTING DIRECTOR COMBS (NOTETAKER).

3. MRS. SHCHARANSKIY SAID THAT HER HUSBAND'S SITUATION WAS VERY DANGEROUS, AS HE HAD BEEN ON HUNGER STRIKE SINCE SEPTEMBER 27. LAST YEAR SHE MET WITH THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, AND SECRETARY OF STATE, AND THE PRESIDENT SAID HE WOULD HELP. THE SITUATION WAS EVEN MORE SERIOUS TODAY, AND SHE HOPED THE USG WOULD DO EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO HELP HER HUSBAND, WHO HAD BECOME A SYMBOL FOR MANY IN THE USSR, THE US AND THE ENTIRE WORLD.

4. THE SECRETARY ASSURED MRS. SHCHARANSKIY THE USG WAS FULLY AWARE OF HER HUSBAND'S PLIGHT AND WOULD DO ALL IT APPROPRIATELY COULD TO ASSIST. HE RECALLED HIS RECENT MEETINGS WITH SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO, DURING WHICH -- AT THE PRESIDENT'S DIRECTION AND IN ACCORD WITH THE SECRETARY'S OWN INCLINATION -- HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES WERE AT THE TOP OF OUR AGENDA. THIS MARKED A DEPARTURE FROM PAST MEETINGS WITH GROMYKO, AS DID THE FACT THAT GROMYKO'S RESPONSE WAS MORE SUBSTANTIVE THAN HERETOFORE. THE SECRETARY COULD NOT OF COURSE SAY HOW GROMYKO SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED THE DISCUSSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO HIS POLITBURO COLLEAGUES, NOR COULD HE PREDICT WHAT THEIR REACTION MIGHT BE.

5. THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT JUST PRIOR TO HIS SECOND MEETING WITH GROMYKO AT THE SOVIET UN MISSION, A GROUP OF US CONGRESSMEN GATHERED OUTSIDE OF THAT MISSION AND

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HANDED HIM MATERIAL ABOUT THE SHCHARANSKIY CASE AS HE ENTERED. HE WAS THUS ABLE TO TELL GROMYKO THAT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED NEW MATERIAL ABOUT THE CASE, THAT MRS. SHCHARANSKIY WAS IN THE US TO ASSIST HER HUSBAND AND MANY IN CONGRESS SHARED HER CONCERN.

6. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN JOINED IN THE GROMYKO MEETINGS BY AMBASSADOR HARTMAN AS WELL AS BY UNDER SECRETARY EAGLEBURGER AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY BURT. WE HAD ASKED OUR CSCE AMBASSADOR, MAX KAMPELMAN, TO MEET WITH HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART TO DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES, AND AMBASSADOR HARTMAN WOULD BE FOLLOWING UP IN MOSCOW. IN SHORT, WE HAVE BEEN PUTTING MAXIMUM EMPHASIS UPON THESE ISSUES AND WOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO. BUT AS MUCH AS HE WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE MRS. SHCHARANSKIY THAT OUR EFFORTS WOULD SUCCEED, HE COULD NOT IN GOOD CONSCIENCE DO THIS. THE INHUMANITY OF THE SOVIET SYSTEM WAS SOMETIMES DIFFICULT FOR US TO COMPREHEND, AND DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES IN THAT SYSTEM WERE AT BEST MURKY. ONE THING WAS CERTAIN: THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN TOLD PLAINLY THAT IF THEY DESIRED AN IMPROVED RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES, THEY WOULD HAVE TO IMPROVE THEIR CONDUCT ABOVE ALL IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AREA. WE ALL PRAY THEY WILL HEED THIS MESSAGE, AND THAT MRS. SHCHARANSKIY'S HUSBAND WILL BE SPARED.

7. MRS. SHCHARANSKIY ASKED IF THE U.S. COULD MAKE A SPECIFIC DEAL WITH THE SOVIETS THAT WOULD BRING ABOUT HER HUSBAND'S RELEASE. PERHAPS THIS COULD BE DONE WITH RESPECT TO THE PRESIDENT'S OCTOBER 15 GRAIN OFFER, OR REGARDING OTHER ASPECTS OF TRADE. PERHAPS A PRISONER EXCHANGE COULD BE ARRANGED.

8. THE SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT A NUMBER OF EFFORTS WERE UNDERWAY, ALTHOUGH HE COULD NOT SAY WE HAD FOUND THE MAGIC KEY TO THIS PROBLEM. OUR EFFORTS WILL CONTINUE. CERTAINLY WE DID NOT WANT TO GIVE MOSCOW THE IDEA THAT IT COULD GAIN MAJOR CONCESSIONS FROM THE UNITED STATES BY TORMENTING PROMINENT SOVIET JEWS: THAT IS WHY THE SECRETARY HAD SAID WE WOULD DO ALL THAT WAS APPROPRIATE. HE HOPED IT WOULD SOON BE POSSIBLE TO GIVE MRS. SHCHARANSKIY MORE POSITIVE NEWS, BUT AT THIS MOMENT HE DID NOT WANT TO CREATE FALSE HOPES. WE KNEW THAT GOOD NEWS REGARDING HER HUSBAND WOULD BE WELCOMED MOST OF ALL BY HER, BUT ALSO THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD.

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TAGS: PPDC, PEPR, SHUM, UR, US  
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO BREZHNEV ON  
SHCHARANSKIY

REF: STATE 291617

1. ~~A~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.)
2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO BREZHNEV CONCERNING ANATOLIY SHCHARANSKIY. IN VIEW OF SERIOUSNESS OF SHCHARANSKIY'S HEALTH SITUATION, THE LETTER SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE APPROPRIATE SOVIET AUTHORITIES ASAP.

3. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:  
I AM WRITING YOU TO EXPRESS MY DEEP PERSONAL CONCERN ABOUT THE CONDITION OF ANATOLLY SHCHARANSKIY. HIS PLIGHT HAS AROUSED A GREAT DEAL OF SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT IN THE UNITED STATES.

SINCE SEPTEMBER 27, MR. SHCHARANSKIY HAS BEEN ON A HUNGER STRIKE, WHICH HE HAS UNDERTAKEN TO PROTEST THE DENIAL TO HIM BY CHISTOPOL' PRISON AUTHORITIES OF PERMISSION TO WRITE LETTERS TO HIS FRIENDS AND RELATIVES, OR TO RECEIVE VISITS FROM HIS MOTHER OR BROTHER. AFTER FIVE YEARS OF INCARCERATION, HIS HEALTH IS SAID TO HAVE DETERIORATED SIGNIFICANTLY. THE CONTINUATION OF A HUNGER STRIKE PLACES HIS LIFE IN JEOPARDY.

I URGE YOU TO GIVE YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER, AND I TRUST THAT SOME WAY CAN BE FOUND TO ACCOMMODATE MR. SHCHARANSKIY'S NEEDS FOR GREATER COMMUNICATION WITH HIS FAMILY WITHIN THE REQUIREMENTS OF YOUR PENAL SYSTEM.

WHILE I AM WRITING YOU BECAUSE OF THE PARTICULAR URGENCY OF THIS SITUATION, I ALSO URGE YOUR PERSONAL INTERVENTION TO SECURE MR. SHCHARANSKIY'S RELEASE FROM PRISON AND PERMISSION TO JOIN HIS FAMILY IN ISRAEL.

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E. O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: CVIS, CSCE, SHUM, UR, US (LOZANSKAYA, TATYANA)  
SUBJECT: LOZANSKAYA EXIT PERMISSION AT HAND  
REF: STATE 174013

1. (~~C~~ENTIRE TEXT).
2. TATYANA LOZANSKAYA, EX-WIFE OF U. S. PERMANENT RESIDENT EDWARD LOZANSKY, INFORMED CONSUL ON OCTOBER 29 THAT IN A MEETING WITH OVIR OFFICIALS EARLIER IN THE WEEK SHE WAS PROMISED THAT HER EXIT PASSPORT WOULD BE HANDED OVER TO HER DURING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1-5. LOZANSKAYA ACTUALLY SAW THE PREPARED DOCUMENT, AND TURNED IN HER SOVIET INTERNAL PASSPORT AT THE REQUEST OF THE AUTHORITIES.
3. LOZANSKAYA, WHO HAS FOLLOWED THE ADVICE OF HER PARENTS AND LIVED VERY QUIETLY AND CIRCUMSPECTLY SINCE THE CONCLUSION OF HER HUNGER STRIKE IN JUNE, HAS NOT TOLD AND DOES NOT PLAN TO TELL ANY CORRESPONDENTS OF THE DEVELOPMENTS IN HER CASE, NOR WILL SHE REVEAL THIS INFORMATION TO OTHER REFUSENIKS AND/OR FELLOW EX-HUNGER STRIKERS. UNTIL SUCH TIME AS SHE HAS ACTUALLY EXITED THE SOVIET UNION, SHE WISHES NO REPEAT NO PUBLICITY.
4. DUE TO THE DIFFICULTY IN MAKING TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS WITH THE WEST, LOZANSKAYA HAS NOT BEEN ABLE EVEN TO TELL ED LOZANSKY OF THE FAVORABLE TURN HER CASE HAS TAKEN. EUR/SOV IS REQUESTED TO CONVEY TO MR. LOZANSKY THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS TELEGRAM, INCLUDING TATYANA'S DESIRE TO KEEP THE MATTER QUIET FOR THE TIME BEING. MORE CONCRETELY, TATYANA ASKS THAT EDWARD BE REQUESTED TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH PREPAYMENT OF RESERVED SEATS ON ONE OF THE WESTERN AIRLINES FOR HERSELF AND HER CHILD FOR A DEPARTURE FROM THE SOVIET UNION O/A NOVEMBER 10 REPEAT 10. IF POSSIBLE, SHE WOULD PREFER A ROUTING THAT WOULD TAKE HER THROUGH MONTREAL, WHERE EDWARD COULD MEET HER AND ACCOMPANY HER ON THE LAST LEG OF THE JOURNEY TO THE U. S. TATYANA ESTIMATES SHE WILL BE BRINGING 50 REPEAT 50 KILOS OF LUGGAGE, SO THAT EXCESS BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE COULD BE REQUIRED AS WELL.

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5. TATYANA WILL NOTIFY THE EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY UPON HER ACTUAL RECEIPT OF HER EXIT PASSPORT. TO EXPEDITE HER DEPARTURE FROM THE SOVIET UNION, AND TO AVOID A ROME STOP-OVER, EMBASSY PLANS TO UTILIZE PAROLE AUTHORITY EXTENDED IN REFTEL. IF HER EXIT PASSPORT IS ISSUED AS PROMISED, NO DELAYS IN MEETING HER DESIRED DEPARTURE DATE OF NOVEMBER 10 ARE FORESEEN.

6. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT EACH DEVELOPMENT IN THIS CASE. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO INFORM THE EMBASSY OF MR. LOZANSKY'S PROGRESS IN BOOKING TATYANA'S OUTGOING FLIGHT.  
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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: PAULA DOBRIANSKY *PD*

SUBJECT: Brezhnev's Reply to President Letter on Shcharansky

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Richard *R* Pipes concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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

Attachments:

- Tab I Memorandum to the President
- Tab A Translation of Brezhnev's response of October 30
- Tab B President's letter to Brezhnev of October 20
- Tab II Original text of Brezhnev's letter with note from Ambassador Dobrynin to Secretary Shultz

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FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

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Tab A Translation of Brezhnev letter of October 30  
Tab B Text of your letter of October 20

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FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

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Dear Mr. President:

I want to draw your attention to the fact that the question you touched upon in your letter of last October 25, concerns a Soviet citizen, sentenced for espionage and other grave anti-Soviet crimes, and lies within the exclusive competence of the Soviet State. There are neither legal nor any other grounds for resolving it in the manner you would wish.

At the same time, as I understand it, there is no basis for concern in this matter.

Sincerely,

L. Brezhnev

October 30, 1982

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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October 20, 1982

Dear Mr.. President:

I am writing to express my deep personal concern about the condition of Anatoly Shcharansky. His plight has aroused a great deal of sympathy and support in the United States.

Since September 27, Mr. Shcharansky has been on a hunger strike which he has undertaken to protest the denial to him by Chistopol' prison authorities of permission to write letters to his friends and relatives or to receive visits from his mother or brother. After five years of incarceration, his health is said to have deteriorated significantly. The continuation of a hunger strike places his life in jeopardy.

I urge you to give your personal attention to this matter, and I trust that some way can be found to accommodate Mr. Shcharansky's needs for greater communication with his family within the requirements of your penal system.

While I am writing you because of the particular urgency of this situation, I also urge your personal intervention to secure Mr. Shcharansky's release from prison and permission to join his family in Israel.

Sincerely,



His Excellency  
Leonid Ilich Brezhnev  
President of the Presidium of the  
Supreme Soviet of the  
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics  
Moscow

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

The Honorable  
George P. Shultz  
The Secretary of State

November 1, 1982

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am instructed to transmit herewith the letter from President L.I. Brezhnev of October 30, 1982 in reply to the letter of President Reagan of October 25, 1982.

Your forwarding the above letter to the President would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



Anatoly F. DOBRYNIN

Уважаемый г-н Президент,

Хочу обратить Ваше внимание на то, что вопрос, который Вы затрагиваете в своем письме от 25 октября с.г., касается советского гражданина, осужденного за шпионаж и другие тяжкие антигосударственные преступления, и входит исключительно в компетенцию Советского государства. Ни юридических, ни каких-либо иных оснований решать его так, как того хотелось бы Вам, нет.

Вместе с тем, как мне известно, нет и оснований для проявления беспокойства в этой связи.

С уважением,

Л.Брежнев

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

Subject: Brezhnev Reply to President's Letter on Shcharanskiy

Attached at Tab 1 is President Brezhnev's reply to the President's letter on Anatoliy Shcharanskiy. The reply was delivered by Soviet Embassy Minister-Counselor Sokolov to Soviet Desk Director Thomas Simons, on the afternoon of November 1. Attached at Tab 2 is an English translation, agreed to by Simons and Sokolov, as the translation most closely representing the exact meaning of Brezhnev's reply. The reply rejects our right to raise the Shcharanskiy case, since the Soviets view the affair as an internal Soviet matter. However, the reply concludes by offering assurances that in any event there is no cause for concern.

L. Paul Bremer, II  
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Text of Brezhnev Reply (Russian)
2. Text of Brezhnev Reply (English)
3. Bremer-Clark of October 14, 1982 (Suggested Text for Presidential Letter to Brezhnev on Shcharanskiy)

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October 14, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Presidential Letter to Brezhnev on Shcharanskiy

Imprisoned Soviet dissident Anatoliy Shcharanskiy began a hunger strike in Chistopol' prison on September 27 to protest the Soviet decision not to allow him to correspond or meet with friends and relatives. In response to this, Mr. Shcharanskiy's wife, Avital, has flown to the U.S. from Israel and has met with a number of U.S. officials, including Bud McFarlane, to discuss what might be done to help her husband (Avital will be in New York City until October 14, then will be in California through the weekend). The President has decided to write President Brezhnev a personal letter about Shcharanskiy and we have been consulting with NSC on what such a letter should say. Attached is the Department's suggested text for the President's letter.

*Katherine Shuley for*  
L. Paul Bremer, III  
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Draft Text of Presidential Letter to Brezhnev

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Oct 25, 1982

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing you to express my deep personal concern about the condition of Anatoliy Shcharanskiy. Mr. Shcharanskiy's plight has aroused a great deal of sympathy and support in the United States. Mr. Shcharanskiy is now on a hunger strike, which it seems he has undertaken to protest the denial to him by Chistopol' prison authorities of permission to write letters to his friends and relatives, or to receive visits from his mother or brother.

Mr. Shcharanskiy's treatment was raised by Secretary of State Shultz in his recent conversations with Foreign Minister Gromyko. I speak on behalf of the American Government, Congress and people when I raise this matter with you. The world in general and your nation in particular will be the poorer if an eminent Soviet citizen such as Mr. Shcharanskiy dies because of the intransigence exhibited by the local prison authorities. I urge you to give your personal attention to this matter, and I trust that some way can be found to accommodate Mr. Shcharanskiy's needs for greater communication with his family within the requirements of your penal system.

While I am writing you because of the particular urgency of this situation, may I also express the hope that Mr. Shcharanskiy will soon be released from prison and allowed to join his family in Israel.

Sincerely,

His Excellency  
Leonid Ilich Brezhnev,  
President of the Presidium of the  
Supreme Soviet of the  
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,  
Moscow.

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Dear Chairman Fascell:


I am replying further to your October 12 message to President Reagan, cosigned by the members of the CSCE Commission, regarding the plight of Anatoliy Shcharanskiy in the Soviet Union.

Mr. Shcharanskiy's persecution by Soviet authorities is a matter of deep concern to us. His arrest and imprisonment have come to exemplify the repression and persecution to which so many brave individuals have been subjected in the Soviet Union. The United States has spoken out many times, both publicly and through diplomatic channels, against Soviet treatment of Mr. Shcharanskiy. U.S. statements made clear from the beginning the adverse effect his trial and conviction held for U.S.-Soviet relations. The Soviets are well aware of the gravity with which we view this case.

As you know, Mr. Shcharanskiy embarked on a hunger strike on September 27 to protest the denial of his rights to correspondence and visits by relatives. The Department of State has gone on record deploring the Soviet authorities' willful abuse of his rights that led to this desperate measure. Furthermore, we have called upon the Soviet Government to reconsider their treatment of Mr. Shcharanskiy and to allow him to communicate with his family and friends.

We remain in very close touch with many of Anatoliy Shcharanskiy's supporters. In addition, Secretary Shultz met with Avital Shcharanskiy on October 16. We will continue our efforts on behalf of Mr. Shcharanskiy and we will raise his case with Soviet authorities whenever appropriate.

Sincerely,

  
Powell A. Moore  
Assistant Secretary for  
Congressional Relations

The Honorable  
Dante B. Fascell,  
Chairman,  
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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH SAKHAROV'S WIFE ELENA BONNER

1. (S) - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. SUMMARY. EMBOFFS MET WITH ELENA BONNER ON NOVEMBER 2. SHE CONFIRMED RECENT PRESS REPORTS ABOUT THE THEFT OF SAKHAROV'S AND HER PERSONAL POSSESSIONS AND PAPERS. PARTICULARLY DISTURBED BY THESE INCIDENTS, SHE NOW FEARS FOR SAKHAROV'S LIFE AND BELIEVES THAT SHE MAY NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN AGAIN TO MOSCOW. BONNER CONFIRMED THAT SAKHAROV HAS RECEIVED AN INVITATION FROM A HEART CLINIC IN SWITZERLAND FOR TESTS AND ADDED THAT, AT THIS TIME, HE HAS NO DESIRE FOR SURGERY OF ANY KIND. SHE HERSELF HAS APPLIED FOR PERMISSION TO VISIT ITALY FOR TREATMENT OF HER EYES. END SUMMARY.

3. EMBOFFS MET WITH SAKHAROV'S WIFE ELENA BONNER ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2. BONNER CONFIRMED RECENT PRESS REPORTS THAT A NUMBER OF SAKHAROV'S AND HER PERSONAL POSSESSIONS HAD BEEN STOLEN IN OCTOBER. (EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF SAKHAROV'S LETTER TO FEDORCHUK ABOUT THESE THEFTS FOLLOWS IN PARA. 6.) BONNER SAID THAT SHE WAS PARTICULARLY DISTURBED BY THE MANNER IN WHICH THESE INCIDENTS HAD OCCURRED AND FEARED THAT THE SECURITY ORGANS SOON MIGHT EVEN MAKE AN ATTEMPT ON SAKHAROV'S LIFE. IT WOULD BE EASY, SHE SAID, FOR THEM SURREPTITIOUSLY TO ENTER SAKHAROV'S AND HER BEDROOM IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT AND ENGAGE IN FOUL PLAY. BONNER CONTINUED THAT SHE BELIEVES IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED. BONNER ALSO SAID THAT SHE FEARS THAT SHE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO MOSCOW AFTER SHE GOES BACK TO GOR'KIY, AND, FOR THIS REASON AMONG OTHERS, REQUESTED THAT EMBOFFS RETURN TO HER APARTMENT ON SATURDAY MORNING (NOV. 6) FOR AN EXTENDED CONVERSATION.

4. BONNER ALSO RELATED A STRANGE INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED

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ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, THE DAY ON WHICH SHE RETURNED TO MOSCOW. (SHE HAD GONE BY TRAIN TO LENINGRAD ON OCTOBER 27 AND THEN TOOK THE NIGHT TRAIN TO MOSCOW.) AT DIFFERENT TIMES DURING THE DAY, SHE SAID, TWO MILITIAMEN STOOD OUTSIDE THE DOOR TO HER APARTMENT AND DENIED ENTRY TO VARIOUS FRIENDS WHO STOPPED BY, INCLUDING SHCHARANSKIY'S MOTHER IDA MILGROM AND BROTHER LEONID. AT NO TIME, HOWEVER, DID THE MILITIAMEN ATTEMPT TO INTERFERE WITH BONNER'S INGRESS AND EGRESS, NOR DID THEY RESPOND TO HER INQUIRIES ABOUT THE REASON FOR THEIR PRESENCE. AS OF LATE SATURDAY EVENING, THEY HAD DISAPPEARED, AND THEY DID NOT RETURN. BONNER WAS PUZZLED BY THEIR PRESENCE AND INTERPRETED IT AS ANOTHER INDICATION THAT SHE MIGHT NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO MOSCOW.

5. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ABOUT SAKHAROV'S AND HER HEALTH AND POSSIBLE PLANS TO SEEK MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ABROAD, BONNER SAID THAT SAKHAROV HAD RECEIVED AN INVITATION FROM A HEART CLINIC IN SWITZERLAND TO GO THERE FOR TESTS BUT THAT IT WAS AMONG THE PAPERS STOLEN FROM HIM IN GOR'KIY. SHE ADDED THAT SAKHAROV HAS NO DESIRE TO UNDERGO OPEN-HEART OR ANY OTHER SURGERY AT THIS TIME. (MRS. BONNER DID NOT MENTION HIS ATTITUDE TOWARDS TESTS.) SHE HERSELF, SHE CONTINUED, ALREADY HAD SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION FOR TRAVEL TO ITALY FOR TREATMENT OF HER EYES TO THE LOCAL RAYON OVIR (BONNER STILL IS DOCUMENTED AS A RESIDENT OF MOSCOW.) IN THIS REGARD, SHE NOTED THAT APPLYING TO GO IS ONE THING BUT RECEIVING PERMISSION TO DO SO IS ANOTHER. BONNER COMMENTED THAT SHE HAS BEEN TAKING THE SAME MEDICINE FOR HER EYES FOR THREE AND A HALF YEARS NOW AND BELIEVES THAT SHE SHOULD CHANGE TO ANOTHER.

6. EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF SAKHAROV'S LETTER TO FEDORCHUK FOLLOWS. (A COPY IS BEING POUCHED TO EUR/SOV.) BEGIN TEXT.

- TO THE CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE OF STATE SECURITY OF THE USSR V. V. FEDORCHUK. A COPY TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE USSR A. P. ALEKSANDROV.

- I AM INFORMING (YOU) ABOUT A CRIME COMMITTED AGAINST ME. ON OCTOBER 11, 1982, A BAG CONTAINING DOCUMENTS AND MANUSCRIPTS AGAIN WAS STOLEN FROM ME. A SIMILAR THEFT OCCURRED ON MARCH 13, 1981, AS WELL AS DURING A SECRET SEARCH IN MOSCOW IN 1978. THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND CHARACTER OF THE THEFTS PROVE, I BELIEVE, THAT THEY WERE PERPETRATED BY MEMBERS OF THE KGB. ON OCTOBER 11,  
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APPROXIMATELY 900 PAGES OF A HAND-WRITTEN MANUSCRIPT OF MY MEMOIRS COVERING 60 YEARS OF (MY) LIFE, APPROXIMATELY 500 PAGES OF THE TYPED TEXT OF (MY) MEMOIRS, IN NOTE-BOOKS OF PERSONAL DIARIES, MY PASSPORT, (MY) DRIVER'S LICENSE, AND MY WILL, AS WELL AS PERSONALLY VERY IMPORTANT AND IRREPLACEABLE LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS WERE STOLEN.

- ALSO STOLEN WERE A CAMERA AND A RADIO (THEY WERE IN OUR HOME), A SAVINGS BANK PASSBOOK, AND 60 RUBLES-- ONLY A FEW THINGS WHICH COULD BE OF INTEREST FOR ORDINARY THIEVES, EVERYTHING REMAINING THEY WOULD HAVE TOSSED OUT.

- THE THEFT OCCURRED AT 4 PM IN A SQUARE NEAR THE (RIVER) LANDING IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY OF GOR'KIY WHEN MY WIFE WAS OBTAINING A TRAIN TICKET. I WAS SITTING IN (OUR) CAR IN THE FRONT SEAT, THE BAG CONTAINING THE DOCUMENTS WAS ON THE FLOOR BEHIND THE DRIVER'S SEAT. SOMEONE PEERING THROUGH THE WINDOW ASKED ME A QUESTION. I ANSWERED THE QUESTION. AT THIS POINT, MY MEMORY FAILS. THE GLASS IN A REAR WINDOW WAS BROKEN, WHICH I NEITHER NOTICED NOR HEARD ALTHOUGH MANY (GLASS) SLIVERS FELL ON THE CAR AND ON THE PAVEMENT, DOUBTLESSLY CAUSING QUITE A DIN. I SUGGEST, ALTHOUGH I CANNOT LEGALLY PROVE IT, THAT AN INSTANTANEOUS NARCOTIC WAS USED ON ME. I REMEMBER ONLY THAT I SAW THE BAG BEING DRAGGED OUT THROUGH THE WINDOW. FOR A FEW MINUTES, I WAS IN SUCH A STATE THAT I COULD NOT OPEN THE CAR DOOR. WHEN I GOT OUT, THREE WOMEN WERE STANDING NEAR THE CAR, ONE WITH A SMALL CASE RESEMBLING A MEDICAL (BAG). THEY ASKED ME WHY I HAD TAKEN SO LONG TO GET OUT OF THE CAR. THEN, ONE SAID, "THEY (I. E., THE THIEVES) JUMPED OVER THE BALUSTRADE WITH YOUR SUITCASE. THEY BROKE YOUR WINDOW. DO YOU KNOW THAT? WE ALREADY HAVE CALLED THE POLICE; THEY WILL ARRIVE SOON." THIS MENTION OF CALLING THE MILITIA WAS A LIE. I SUGGEST THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE DOCTORS--THEIR TASK WAS TO GIVE ME ASSISTANCE IN CASE OF NECESSITY AS WELL AS TO KEEP ME FROM QUICKLY GOING TO THE POLICE AFTER THE CRIME. AFTER MY WIFE'S ARRIVAL, I WENT TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION AND MADE A DEPOSITION THERE ABOUT THE CRIME (NO ONE HAD ASSISTED ME AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME.) IT IS NECESSARY IN CONCLUSION TO NOTE THAT NOT ONLY IS A MILITIAMAN STATIONED AT MY DOOR AROUND THE CLOCK BUT THAT, DURING MY TRIPS AROUND TOWN OR WALKS ON THE STREETS,

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MEMBERS OF THE KGB ALWAYS FOLLOW ME IN ONE OR TWO CARS OR ON FOOT. NO ONE CAN APPROACH ME TO TALK WITHOUT BEING NOTICED BY THEM, BUT, IF A "COMMON" THIEF HAD STOLEN MY BAG, I SUPPOSE THAT THEY WOULD HAVE QUICKLY APPREHENDED HIM. I APPEAL TO YOU AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE FOR STATE SECURITY OF THE USSR, I INSIST ON THE IMMEDIATE RETURN TO ME OF EVERYTHING STOLEN, ON GUARANTEES THAT THERE WILL BE NO REPETITION OF SIMILAR OR OTHER CRIMINAL ACTIVITY BY YOUR SUBORDINATES. I REQUEST THAT YOU GIVE THE CORRESPONDING INSTRUCTIONS.

- I AM SENDING A COPY OF THIS LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE USSR.

- I WOULD LIKE TO DEVOTE THE GREATEST PART OF MY ENERGY TO SCIENTIFIC WORK. HOWEVER, IN CONDITIONS OF (1) CONTINUAL THEFT OF MY MANUSCRIPTS, INCLUDING SCIENTIFIC ONES, (2) THE NECESSITY TO MANY TIMES RESTORE THAT WHICH HAS BEEN STOLEN AND THEREBY EXPEND ENORMOUS ENERGY, (3) ILLEGAL EXILE AND ISOLATION, ONE CANNOT EVEN TALK ABOUT ANY KIND OF CONDITIONS OF "QUIET SCIENTIFIC WORK." (PARENTHETICAL NUMBERS ADDED BY TRANSLATOR FOR CLARIFICATION.) I WANT YOU AND MY COLLEAGUES IN THE USSR AND ABROAD TO KNOW ABOUT THIS. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO YOU, ANATOLI PETROVICH, IF YOU WOULD SUPPORT MY DEMAND FOR THE RETURN TO ME OF THE ITEMS STOLEN ON NOVEMBER 29, 1978, MARCH 13, 1981, AND OCTOBER 11, 1982.

- FOUR AND ONE-HALF YEARS AGO, HAVING BEGUN TO WRITE MY MEMOIRS, I VIEWED THEM AS PURELY PERSONAL AND I DID NOT THINK ABOUT THEIR PUBLICATION. NOW, AFTER THE THEFT, I FEEL DUTY-BOUND TO RESTORE (VOCSTANOVIT') THEM AND PUBLISH THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. /SIGNED A. SAKHAROV, ACADEMIC. OCTOBER 23, 1982. /

7. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT EUR/SOV PASS THE CONTENTS OF THIS CABLE TO ED KLINE ASAP. HARTMAN  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK *wpc*  
SUBJECT: Brezhnev's Reply to Your Letter on Shcharansky

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

November 3, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

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FROM: PAULA DOBRIANSKY *PD*

SUBJECT: Brezhnev's Reply to President Letter on Shcharansky

Attached at Tab A is the translation of Brezhnev's response to President Reagan's letter (Tab B) concerning the plight of Anatoly Shcharansky. The letter is brief, curt in tone and offers minimal hope that his release will be secured. It admonishes the U.S. for allegedly interfering in Soviet internal affairs and even fails to mention Shcharansky by name. The President's request that Mr. Shcharansky be permitted to communicate with his family is also ignored. The only positive aspect of the response is Brezhnev's inference that Shcharansky's life is not in danger. At Tab I is a memorandum from you to the President forwarding Brezhnev's reply. At Tab II is the original text forwarded by Ambassador Dobrynin to Secretary Shultz.

Richard Pipes concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Approve ✓ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments:

- Tab I Memorandum to the President
- Tab A Translation of Brezhnev's response of October 30
- Tab B President's letter to Brezhnev of October 20
- Tab II Original text of Brezhnev's letter with note from Ambassador Dobrynin to Secretary Shultz

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MADRID FOR AMB. KAMPELMAN

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 SUBJECT: SAKHAROV'S WIFE FEARS FUTURE KGB MOVES AGAINST HIM

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1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. SUMMARY: SAKHAROV HAS BEEN WARNED OFFICIALLY BY THE GORKIY PROCURATOR THAT HE IS IN VIOLATION OF THE "REGIME

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ESTABLISHED FOR HIM." ELENA BONNER FEARS THAT THE KGB MAY BE PREPARING A MOVE TO FORBID HER TO RETURN TO MOSCOW AND THUS CUT OFF SAKHAROV'S CONTACTS WITH THE WEST. WE URGE THAT THE SAKHAROV CASE BE RAISED AT MADRID. END SUMMARY.

3. IN A NOVEMBER 6 CONVERSATION WITH ELENA BONNER, EMBOFFS LEARNED THAT ON NOVEMBER 4, PROCURATOR FOR GORKIY CITY AND OBLAST PERELYGIN CALLED IN SAKHAROV AND ISSUED HIM AN OFFICIAL WARNING THAT HE WAS IN VIOLATION OF "THE REGIME WHICH HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR HIM BY UKAZ OF THE PRESIDIUM OF THE SUPREME SOVIET." THE WARNING (PREDUPREZHDENIYE) WAS WRITTEN, OF THE TYPE WHICH UNDER SOVIET LAW AND PRACTICE MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON BEING WARNED. IT CAN BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PROSECUTION IF THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT ADHERE TO THE CONDITIONS SPELLED OUT IN THE DOCUMENT.

4. SAKHAROV REFUSED TO SIGN THE WARNING. BONNER CONTENDS THAT THE UKAZ THE PROCURATOR REFERRED TO WAS ACTUALLY THE ONE IN WHICH SAKHAROV WAS DEPRIVED OF SOME OF HIS DECORATIONS. AS FAR AS SHE (OR WE) IS AWARE, THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY FORMAL STATEMENT OR GOVERNMENTAL DECREE ESTABLISHING THE REASONS FOR AND CONDITIONS OF SAKHAROV'S EXILE. THUS, BONNER CLAIMS, THE EXILE IS STILL LAWLESS AND THE PROCURATOR'S FALSE REFERENCE TO A SUPREME SOVIET PRESIDIUM UKAZ IS JUST ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO GIVE A VENEER OF LEGALITY TO A GROSS VIOLATION BY THE SOVIETS OF THEIR OWN LAWS. SO FAR, NO FURTHER MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN AGAINST SAKHAROV.

5. BONNER TOLD EMBOFFS THAT SHE FEARS THAT THE KGB IS PREPARING MORE MEASURES WHICH WILL RESULT IN BOTH SHE AND SAKHAROV BEING CUT OFF ENTIRELY FROM WESTERN REPORTERS AND DIPLOMATS. WHEN SAKHAROV'S BAG WAS STOLEN, ALL OR MOST OF THEIR PERSONAL DOCUMENTS WERE LOST. THUS BONNER IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF APPLYING FOR A NEW DRIVER'S LICENSE (COMMENT: WITH THE STATE OF HER EYESIGHT, THERE IS SERIOUS QUESTION WHETHER SHE WILL PASS. END COMMENT) AND FOR PAPERS DOCUMENTING HER RIGHT TO LIVE IN MOSCOW. SHE FEARS THAT THE KGB WILL USE THIS CHANCE TO DENY HER

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PERMISSION TO RESIDE IN MOSCOW (BY PREVENTING REISSUANCE OF THE NECESSARY AUTHORIZING DOCUMENTATION) AND WILL THEN NOT PERMIT HER TO TRAVEL TO MOSCOW. THUS, HER CONTACT WITH THE WEST, AND SAKHAROV'S ALONG WITH IT, WOULD BE EFFECTIVELY CUT OFF.

6. BONNER ATTRIBUTES THE RECENT BOLDNESS OF THE KGB TO A NUMBER OF FACTORS, BUT SHE IS ESPECIALLY DISAPPOINTED WITH THE FAILURE OF A RECENT DELEGATION FROM THE U.S. ACADEMY OF SCIENCES TO MEET WITH HER. ALTHOUGH MRS. BONNER WAS IN MOSCOW AT THE TIME, THE MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION, HERE TO DISCUSS ARMS CONTROL WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOVIET ACADEMY, APPARENTLY DECIDED AGAINST A MEETING WITH HER. BONNER BELIEVES THAT THIS DECISION, WHICH SHE IS SURE MUST BE KNOWN TO SOVIET AUTHORITIES, HAS BEEN INTERPRETED AS A SIGNAL THAT WESTERN ACADEMICS ARE NO LONGER TROUBLED ENOUGH BY SAKHAROV'S POSITION TO MAKE ANY FUSS IF FURTHER MEASURES ARE TAKEN AGAINST HIM. (COMMENT: THE CHARGE HAD RECOMMENDED TO THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES GROUP THAT THEY MEET WITH MRS. BONNER.)

7. BONNER WAS ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT SHE AND SAKHAROV MIGHT EMIGRATE. HER RESPONSE NOW IS "TO WHERE?" COMMENT: WE KNOW FROM PAST DISCUSSIONS WITH HER THAT SHE WOULD BE WILLING TO LEAVE AND JOIN HER MOTHER AND CHILDREN IN THE U.S., BUT SHE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE REGIME WILL LET SAKHAROV GO, AND SHE WILL NOT LEAVE HIM BEHIND. THERE IS NOW ALSO THE PROBLEM THAT SAKHAROV HAS LOST IN THE THEFT THE INVITATION FROM A SWISS MEDICAL CLINIC, WHICH UNDER SOVIET LAW HE MUST HAVE BEFORE HE CAN APPLY TO LEAVE TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY. WE BELIEVE THAT SAKHAROV AND BONNER WOULD LEAVE TOGETHER IF GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO, EVEN IF ONLY

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FOR A BRIEF TRIP. ONCE OUT, OF COURSE, THE SOVIETS COULD DEPRIVE HIM OF CITIZENSHIP, KEEP HIM FROM RETURNING, AND BE RID OF HIM.  
END COMMENT.

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8. BONNER IS PROLONGING HER CURRENT STAY IN MOSCOW UNTIL ALMOST THE END OF NOVEMBER, SINCE SHE BELIEVES THAT SHE MAY NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO MOSCOW ONCE SHE DEPARTS THIS TIME FOR GORKIY. EMBOFFS WILL SEE HER AGAIN WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, AND PROBABLY SOMETIME AGAIN AFTER THAT, IF SHE INDEED DOES REMAIN IN MOSCOW.

9. COMMENT: WE SHARE MRS. BONNER'S APPREHENSION, ESPECIALLY IN THE WAKE OF THE OFFICIAL WARNING TO SAKHAROV. IT IS EXTREMELY POSSIBLE, AND PERHAPS EVEN LIKELY, THAT SOME MOVE AGAINST HER AND THUS AGAINST SAKHAROV IS BREWING. IN THIS LIGHT, WE URGE IMMEDIATE, HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION TO THE CASE, PARTICULARLY IN THE CSCE FORUM, IN THE HOPES THAT A TOTAL CUT-OFF OF CONTACT WITH SAKHAROV AND BONNER MAY BE AVERTED, AND THAT IN THE LONG RUN, THEY MAY BE ALLOWED EITHER TO EMIGRATE OR AT LEAST TO RETURN TO MOSCOW. END COMMENT.  
HARTMAN

END OF MESSAGE

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November 17, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM: PAULA DOBRIANSKY (P)

SUBJECT: Shcharansky Case

Per your instructions (Tab I), I spoke to Mrs. Shcharansky. Given the leadership changes in the Soviet Union, she suggested that there may be a new opportunity to secure her husband's release. I discussed her request with State (Deputy Assistant Secretary Mark Palmer) and we agreed that I should apprise her of the following:

- Before leaving for Moscow, both Vice President Bush and Secretary Shultz were briefed on human rights developments in the Soviet Union and specifically, the Shcharansky case.
- If an appropriate opportunity arose, the Vice President, the Secretary of State, or Ambassador Hartman would mention his case to the Soviet authorities.
- Others planning to be in Moscow (William Verity, Senator Dole) were also asked to make appeals on behalf of Anatoly Shcharansky.

I called Mrs. Shcharansky and informed her of the above on November 16.

*Paula Mary Shanks*  
*Bud*

Attachment:

Tab I Wilma's memorandum to you of November 15

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RCM:

Mrs. Schransky called --

In light of Brezhnev's death and the release of Walesa, she believes there is a new opportunity to get her husband released and feels that it is urgent that she speak with you.

I explained that you have an incredibly hectic schedule full of meetings today; I would inform you of her call but she should speak directly also with Paula Dobriansky who was working on her case on a day-to-day basis.

She agreed to call Paula but still would like to speak with you.

Wilma

*Paula  
handle it.*

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MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER, III  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State

SUBJECT: Mr. Vashchenko's Letter to the President

We have reviewed and concur with the assessment of the Department of State that the President should not respond to Peter Vashchenko's letter of September 8 and, that in view of Richard Burt's response to Mrs. Vaschenko's letter to the President of August 28, no further response is necessary.

*Michael O. Wheeler*  
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Staff Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter to the President from Mr. Peter Vashchenko

Mr. Vashchenko is one of six Russian Pentecostalists who have been in refuge at our Embassy in Moscow since June 1978. Earlier this year, from July 1 until September 11, his wife Augustina and daughter Lilia staged a hunger strike to protest the continued Soviet refusal to permit the family to emigrate. During that strike, on August 30, Mrs. Vashchenko wrote the President. Because that letter was accusatory in tone and misleading in some of the facts it reported, the Department of State recommended that the President himself not respond to it. Instead, Assistant Secretary-Designate for European Affairs Burt sent an answer to Mrs. Vashchenko, emphasizing continued US Government concern for the Pentecostalists' plight.

Mr. Vashchenko's letter is far more moderate in tone than his wife's. Although many of the concerns it raised were addressed in Assistant Secretary-Designate Burt's letter to Mrs. Vashchenko, the Assistant Secretary-Designate intends to send a slightly-reworded version of his earlier note to Mr. Vashchenko as well, in order to demonstrate that we continue to pay close attention to the Embassy Pentecostalists' situation and are doing what we can to alleviate it.

  
L. Paul Bremer, III  
Executive Secretary

## Attachments:

1. Letter from Richard Burt to Mr. Vashchenko.
2. Letter from Mr. Vashchenko to the President.

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United States Department of State

*Assistant Secretary of State  
for European Affairs*

*Washington, D.C. 20520*

Mr. Peter Vashchenko  
United States Embassy  
Moscow, USSR

Dear Mr. Vashchenko:

I am replying to your letter of September 8 concerning your wife's well-being and the continuing efforts of your family to emigrate from the Soviet Union.

The health of your wife and of your entire family is a matter of great concern to the United States Government. Our Embassy medical personnel will continue to provide you with the best treatment at their disposal. We share your desire to see your wife make a speedy recovery to full health, and we will take every appropriate step to help bring that about.

We likewise remain firm in our commitment to seek a favorable resolution to your emigration request. As I emphasized in my September 16 letter to your wife, the President and the Administration will continue to support your efforts. Also, we wish to reassure you that we will not compel you to leave the Embassy against your will.

I wish your wife a speedy recovery, and assure you once again that the United States is unwavering in its commitment to your emigration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. Burt".

Richard Burt, Designate



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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 PROFOUNDLY 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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SUBJECT : LETTER FROM PETER VASHCHENKO TO PRESIDENT REAGAN

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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, LIVBA 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.

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