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9465	MEMO	MATLOCK TO MCFARLANE RE LETTER TO PRESIDENT REAGAN FROM SHCHARANSKIY'S MOTHER [ 9 - 9 ] <b>R 7/7/2008 NLRRF06-114/7</b>	1	1/23/1984	B1
9466	MEMO	HILL TO MCFARLANE RE IDA MILGROM'S APPEAL TO PRESIDENT REAGAN [ 10 - 11 ] <b>R 7/7/2008 NLRRF06-114/7</b>	2	1/12/1984	B1
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9456	MEMO	LENCZOWSKI TO KIMMITT RE PRESIDENTIAL MEETING WITH AVITAL SHCHARANSKY [ 20 - 20 ] <b>R 7/7/2008 NLRRF06-114/7</b>	1	2/15/1984	B1

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9459	MEMO	MCFARLANE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN RE CABLE ON IMPRISONED SOVIET DISSIDENT [ 34 - 34 ] <b>R 7/7/2008 NLRRF06-114/7</b>	1	4/16/1984	B1
9468	MEMO	ABRAMS TO MCFARLANE RE CABLE IOSIF BEGUN [ 35 - 35 ] <b>R 7/7/2008 NLRRF06-114/7</b>	1	3/23/1984	B1

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9469	CABLE	191518Z MAR 84 [ 36 - 36 ] <b>R 7/7/2008 NLRRF06-114/7</b>	1	3/19/1984	B1
9460	MEMO	LENCZOWSKI TO MCFARLANE RE CABLE ON IMPRISONED SOVIET DISSIDENT [ 37 - 37 ] <b>R 6/25/2009 F2006-114/7</b>	1	4/5/1984	B1
9461	MEMO	SAME TEXT AS DOC #9460 [ 44 - 44 ] <b>R 6/25/2009 F2006-114/7</b>	1	4/5/1984	B1
9462	MEMO	MCFARLANE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN RE CABLE ON IMPRISONED SOVIET DISSIDENT [ 45 - 45 ] <b>R 7/7/2008 NLRRF06-114/7</b>	1	ND	B1

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54754	CABLE	SAME TEXT AS #9469 [ 47 - 47 ] <b>R 7/7/2008 NLRRF06-114/7</b>	1	3/19/1984	B1
9463	MEMO	MATLOCK TO MCFARLANE RE SAKHAROV PLANS FOR HUNGER STRIKE [ 48 - 48 ] <b>R 6/25/2009 F2006-114/7</b>	1	4/19/1984	B1
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9472	MEMO	SHULTZ TO PRESIDENT REAGAN RE SAKHAROV PLANS TO GO ON HUNGER STRIKE [ 49 - 49 ]	1	4/18/1984	B1
		<b>R 7/7/2008 NLRRF06-114/7</b>			
9474	LETTER	PRESIDENT REAGAN TO CHERNENKO RE BONNER [ 50 - 50 ]	1	ND	B1
		<b>R 7/7/2008 NLRRF06-114/7</b>			
9464	MEMO	MATLOCK TO MCFARLANE RE SAKHAROV PLANS FOR HUNGER STRIKE [ 53 - 53 ]	1	4/19/1984	B1
		<b>R 6/25/2009 F2006-114/7</b>			
9473	MEMO	SAME TEXT AS DOC #9472 [ 55 - 55 ]	1	4/18/1984	B1
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9475	LETTER	SAME TEXT AS DOC #9474 [ 57 - 57 ] <b>R 7/7/2008 NLRRF06-114/7</b>	1	ND	B1
9476	LETTER	SAME TEXT AS DOC #9474 [ 63 - 63 ] <b>R 7/7/2008 NLRRF06-114/7</b>	1	ND	B1

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457 West Roslyn Place, Apt.2  
Chicago, Illinois 60614  
January 5, 1984

Ms. Paula Dobriansky  
National Security Council  
Old Executive Office Building  
Washington D.C.

Dear Ms. Dobriansky:

I am a lawyer in Chicago writing to you in the hope that you can help me with a difficult situation about which I care deeply. On February 24, 1982, I married Roman Kuperman, a Soviet citizen, in Moscow. My husband applied for permission to emigrate from the Soviet Union and join me in Chicago. The Soviet authorities denied his requests on March 14, 1983 and again on October 21, 1983 because "departure is undesirable."

My husband has a university degree in Biology and English and was employed as a medical researcher. He was asked to leave his position as a result of our marriage during March, 1982. He is currently living at Leninsky Prospect 73/8, Apt. 246, Moscow, U.S.S.R. 117296.

We have waited to be reunited for almost two years and are extremely frustrated with our situation. We would appreciate any efforts your office can make to encourage resolution of our problem. I would be glad to further discuss the case with you and can be reached (collect) at (312) 886-0612 (work) or (312) 549-0091 (home). Both John Ordway at the Department of State and Cathy Cosman at the Helsinki Commission are very familiar with the matter and can also further discuss it with you.

Thank you very much.

222-9350

Sincerely,

*Fran Pergericht*  
Fran Pergericht

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SOV,  
DISSIDENTS

DANTE B. PASCELL  
CHAIRMAN

COMMISSION ON  
SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE  
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

DOCUMENTATION OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION CASES:

I. APPLICANT

Full Name KUPERMAN, ROMAN GREGOROVICH  
(last) (first) (middle)

Address Leninsky Prospect 73/8, Apt. 246  
Moscow, U.S.S.R. 117296

Telephone 134-7359

Date of Birth May 20, 1957  
(month/day/year)

Nationality Jewish

Educational Background university degree in Biology and English

Occupation or Profession scientist

Name of Employer and Place of Employment .. Moscow Animal Theatre

II. MEMBERS OF APPLICANT'S FAMILY WISHING TO EMIGRATE

	Full Name	Age	Relationship to Applicant	Occupation	Address ( if not above )
1.	None				
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					

If any of the above mentioned family members applied to emigrate separately, provide details i.e. application dates, dates of refusal, grounds of refusal, and any other pertinent information \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ not applicable \_\_\_\_\_

**III. HISTORY**

Date of First Application for Exit Permit Sept. 1982  
(month/day/year)

Dates of Subsequent Applications September 15, 1983; April 18, 1984

Dates of Refusals and Reasons (if given) March 15, 1983, August 4, 1983  
October 21, 1983 "departure is undesirable"

If refused for reasons of state security:

Has applicant or family member ever been involved in classified work and, if so, what type, where, and when? \_\_\_\_\_

What class of clearance does applicant or family member hold? \_\_\_\_\_

If refused for military reasons:

Indicate branch of service, highest rank attained, type of work performed, length of service and date of completion of service \_\_\_\_\_

If refused for financial reasons:

Indicate amount of outstanding debts and person to whom debt is owed \_\_\_\_\_

If refused for any other reason, indicate possible justification or basis for refusal Jewish nationality, father is a retired military officer

(col. in army), poor Soviet-American relations

Provide details of recrimination applicant or family members may have been subjected to after applying for emigration visa:

Has applicant been demoted or dismissed from place of employment? yes

My husband was dismissed because of our marriage during March, 1982.

Has applicant been expelled from any professional organization or academic institution? \_\_\_\_\_

Has applicant been evicted from his residence? no

Has applicant been drafted into the military or threatened with conscription? \_\_\_\_\_

Has applicant been required to appear before a special board? no

Has applicant been detained, arrested, charged with a crime, or threatened with prosecution? no

Please provide details of any additional harassment \_\_\_\_\_

IV. RELATIVE OFFERING INVITATION TO APPLICANT

Full Name Frances Lee Pergericht

Address 457 West Roslyn Place, Apt. 2, Chicago, Illinois 60614

Telephone (312)549-0091

Relationship to Applicant wife

Other relatives living abroad ( list name and addresses ) \_\_\_\_\_

husband's family

V. RELATIVES NOT WISHING TO EMIGRATE

Full Names applicant's mother, father, sister, brother-in-law and nephew

Addresses \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Has applicant any obligation for maintenance of these relatives? no

VI. ADDITIONAL REMARKS

Please detail any pertinent information not covered above and any special circumstances ( illness, etc.) and attach any relevant documentation \_\_\_\_\_

VII. INFORMATION SOURCE

Name of organization supplying information not applicable

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person filling in form Frances L. Pergericht

Date form was completed May 1, 1984



representations to the Soviet government concerning the family reunification  
of Roman Kuperman and Frances Pergericht

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by the United States government through the United States embassy in Moscow  
June 6, 1983  
September, 1983  
November, 1983 -placed on representation list for divided spouses  
April 2, 1984  
April 12, 1984  
May, 1984

by Congressional representatives from Chicago, Illinois where I reside

Senator Charles Percy  
April 12, 1983  
August 15, 1983  
November 23, 1983  
April 2, 1984  
May 2, 1984

Congressman Sidney Yates  
April 8, 1983  
April 28, 1983- letter to General Secretary Andropov signed by  
130 members of the House of Representatives  
December 6, 1983  
May, 1984

Senator Alan Dixon  
April 18, 1983  
February 27, 1984

by Congressional representatives from Cleveland, Ohio where I grew up  
and where my mother resides

Senator John Glenn  
June 6, 1983  
November 18, 1983  
April 26, 1984

Senator Howard Metzenbaum  
June, 1983  
August 18, 1983 - case raised by Senator Metzenbaum in  
meeting with General Secretary Andropov in  
Moscow as member of the Pell delegation  
February 24, 1984

former President Jimmy Carter  
May, 1983

former Vice President Walter Mondale  
May, 1983

Senator William Cohen  
summer, 1983  
March 14, 1984

Senator Alfonse D'Amato  
June 13, 1983

Senator John C. Danforth  
July 13, 1983

Senator Robert Dole  
summer, 1983  
March 1, 1984

Senator Thomas Eagleton  
June, 1983

Senator Edward Kennedy  
June, 1983

Senator Patrick Leahy  
February 17, 1984

Senator George Mitchell  
summer, 1983

Senator Arlen Specter  
August, 1983

Senator Pete Wilson  
March 8, 1984

Senator Edward Zorinsky  
July 11, 1983

Congressman Foley - case raised in Moscow on his trip in June-July, 1983

American Red Cross- case to be raised at next convention in Geneva, Switzerland

U. N. delegation on human rights - February, 1984

Roman Kuperman  
Leninsky Prospekt 73/8, Apt. 246  
Moscow, U.S.S.R. 117296

Frances Pergericht  
457 West Roslyn Place, Apt. 2  
Chicago, Illinois 60614

married February 24, 1982 by Soviet authorities in Moscow, U.S.S.R.

Roman Kuperman's emigration from the Soviet Union was refused on:

March 15, 1983  
August 4, 1983  
October 21, 1983  
application is currently pending in Moscow

Fran Pergericht's request for temporary residence in Moscow was refused on:

August 4, 1983  
March 15, 1984

tourist visas were granted to Fran Pergericht for trips during:

October, 1981  
November, 1981  
February, 1982  
May, 1982  
November, 1982  
May, 1983  
October, 1983

The Soviet government refused to authorize tourist visas for trips in:

April, 1984 and  
May, 1984

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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January 23, 1984

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: JACK MATLOCK *Jaw*

SUBJECT: Letter to President from Shcharansky's Mother

Ida Milgrom, mother of Anatoly Shcharansky, has written the President to express her shock at what she perceives as our having reneged on a promise not to conclude the Madrid review conference on the CSCE without agreement for the release of her son. (There was no such commitment, of course.)

State believes that Mrs. Milgrom's letter should be answered verbally by Ambassador Hartman, so that there not be a letter which could become public. Accordingly, a message will be sent to Embassy Moscow with appropriate instructions.

I believe that the State recommendation represents an appropriate course of action. State's Memo and the message containing Mrs. Milgrom's letter is at Tab I.

<sup>16</sup>Lenczowski and <sup>12</sup>Raymond concur.

Attachment:

Tab I Memorandum from State with message from Mrs. Milgrom

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United States Department of State

NLRR F06-114/1 #9466

Washington, D.C. 20520

BY CN NARADATE 7/7/08

January 12, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Ida Milgrom's Appeal to the President

Ida Milgrom, the mother of Soviet prisoner of conscience Anatoliy Shcharanskiy, has written to President Reagan to express her shock at what she perceives as our having reneged on our commitment to secure the release of her son before agreeing to the Madrid Concluding Document. In her letter, which was transmitted telegraphically from Moscow (copy attached), she asks for the President's continued help to secure her son's release. She has made a similar appeal to the CDE delegation in Helsinki.

In two separate meetings over the summer between the Secretary and Anatoliy Shcharanskiy's wife, Avital, and between Under Secretary Eagleburger and Mrs. Shcharanskiy, she was told that in the context of the Madrid meetings we were putting pressure on the Soviet Government to release a number of political prisoners, including her husband. She was told that the Soviets had responded that they might consider releasing Shcharanskiy if he applied for a reduced sentence on grounds of ill health, but the Secretary cautioned Avital against becoming overly-optimistic. In July, several weeks before we agreed to the Madrid Concluding Document, Anatoliy decided against requesting an early release. Now the Soviets are saying that we either never had such an understanding, or that the conversations about an early release which took place between our Madrid negotiator and theirs were not authorized by the Soviet Government.

An attempt should be made to correct Mrs. Milgrom's apparent misunderstanding regarding the Madrid Accords, but because her concerns focus on the Kampelman-Kondrashev conversations in Madrid, we feel that it is preferable not to go on record in a letter that might become public. We suggest instead that Ambassador Hartman be instructed to meet with Mrs. Milgrom to assure her that the President remains committed to obtaining her son's release. Since Mrs. Milgrom has just had one of her infrequent meetings with Anatoliy, such a meeting would be particularly timely and would enable us to get her first-hand impressions of his situation.

The Secretary has approved this course of action.

*Charles Hill*  
Charles Hill  
Executive Secretary

- Attachment:  
1. Moscow 14470 (NODIS).

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E. O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: SHUM, UR, US  
SUBJECT: IDA MILGROM APPEALS TO PRESIDENT REAGAN  
--- AND CDE DELEGATES

REFS: (A) MOSCOW 14234, (B) MOSCOW 12647

1. ~~(C~~ - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. SUMMARY: EMBOFFS MET BRIEFLY WITH ANATOLIY SHCHARANSKIY'S MOTHER IDA MILGROM OUTSIDE A MOSCOW THEATRE ON NOVEMBER 10. SHE BRIEFLY TOLD US OF HAVING RECEIVED A LETTER FROM ANATOLIY IN OCTOBER (REF A) AND PROCEEDED TO GIVE US TWO WRITTEN APPEALS ON HIS BEHALF: ONE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN AND ONE TO THE DELEGATIONS OF THE CDE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE IN HELSINKI. EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE LETTERS CONTAINED IN PARAS. 3 AND 4. COMMENT AND SUGGESTED ACTION CONTAINED IN PARA. 5. ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS WILL BE POUCHED TO EUR/SOV. END SUMMARY.

3. BEGIN TEXT.  
TO PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES RONALD REAGAN  
RESPECTED MR. REAGAN!

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- IN JULY OF 1983, WHEN I LEARNED OF THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO THE REFUSAL OF MY SON, ANATOLIY SHCHARANSKIY, TO APPEAL FOR A PARDON, I TURNED TO MR. SHULTZ. IN MY LETTER I TRIED TO REPORT THE TRUTH ABOUT THE SITUATION OF MY SON, INNOCENTLY LANGUISHING IN PRISON, AND ABOUT HIS POSITION AND THE POSITION OF THE SECURITY AGENCIES WITH REGARD TO HIM. THEY ARE THE ONES WHO CREATED THE "SHCHARANSKIY AFFAIR" AND WHO CONTINUE THEIR PRESSURE ON MY SON, TRYING TO SECURE ADMISSIONS OF NON-EXISTENT GUILT FROM HIM. I RECEIVED IN RESPONSE FROM MR. SHULTZ A LETTER IN WHICH HE TOLD ME THAT YOU, RESPECTED MR. REAGAN, ARE CONCERNED BY MY SON'S FATE AND PROMISE TO CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE FOR HIS RELEASE. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS I ALLOW MYSELF TO TURN TO YOU NOW:

- 1. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY HEARTFELT THANKS FOR YOUR SHARING IN MY FAMILY'S GRIEF;

- 2. I WANT TO EXPRESS TO YOU MY PROFOUND SHOCK THAT THE EFFORTS OF THE U.S., DIRECTED IN 1983 AT FREEING ANATOLIY, WERE NOT CARRIED THROUGH TO THE END. I DO NOT KNOW OF ALL THE STEPS TAKEN BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN THIS DIRECTION, BUT THE FACT THAT THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE MADRID MEETING WAS SIGNED AND MY SON REMAINS IN CONFINEMENT, WHEN HIS RELEASE WAS ONE OF THE CONDITIONS FOR SIGNING THE DOCUMENT, HAS SHAKEN THAT GREAT HOPE WHICH HAS FOR MANY MONTHS SUSTAINED MY LIFE'S STRENGTH. HOW TO LIVE ON, HOW TO HELP MY SON SURVIVE UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF THAT BRUTAL REGIMEN, UNDER WHICH HE HAS ALREADY BEEN MORE THAN SIX YEARS. AND HOW MUCH TIME STILL REMAINS! AND HE IS SO VERY ILL!

- 3. I APPEAL TO YOU, RESPECTED MR. REAGAN, AND ASK YOU TO SAVE MY SON'S LIFE, AND THIS MEANS TO ACHIEVE

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HIS RELEASE. I AM NOT A POLITICIAN, I AM NOT A DIPLOMAT,  
I AM AN ORDINARY WOMAN, A MOTHER OF SONS. I DO NOT  
KNOW WHICH PATHS MUST BE FOLLOWED TO ACHIEVE MY SON'S  
RELEASE. BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT LEADERS  
OF A GREAT POWER HAVE MEANS AT THEIR DISPOSAL TO HELP  
SAVE THE LIFE OF AN INNOCENT MAN. AND THIS IS WHAT I  
ASK OF YOU. SAVE MY SON! I ENTREAT FATE TO ALLOW ME  
TO MEET ANATOLIY AT LIBERTY IN THIS LIFE. BUT I AM,  
AFTER ALL, AN ELDERLY PERSON, AND THE TIME SPAN OF OLD  
AGE IS SHORT! SO I ASK YOU FOR IMMEDIATE HELP! I  
CALL ON YOUR DUTY TO HUMANITY AND I BELIEVE THAT YOUR  
MIND AND HEART WILL SHOW YOU THE WAYS WHICH WILL RETURN  
MY SON TO FREEDOM. AND THE FIRMNESS OF YOUR WILL AND  
PERSISTENCE ARE A RELIABLE GUARANTEE OF ACHIEVING ONE'S  
AIM. AND I HOPE!!

WITH THE MOST PROFOUND RESPECT,

I. MIL'GROM

NOVEMBER 1983

END TEXT.

4. BEGIN TEXT.

TO THE DELEGATE-REPRESENTATIVES OF 35 COUNTRIES WHO  
HAVE ASSEMBLED IN HELSINKI TO HOLD THE FIRST STAGE OF  
THE CONFERENCE ON MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN TRUST AND  
SECURITY

I AM THE MOTHER OF ANATOLIY SHCHARANSKIY, WHOSE

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
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SUBJECT: IDA MILGROM APPEALS TO PRESIDENT REAGAN

FATE IS WELL KNOWN TO ALL OF YOU. I APPEAL TO YOU AGAIN, NOT FOR THE FIRST TIME, AND ASK YOU TO UNDERTAKE THE DEFENSE OF MY SON, WHO WAS THE VICTIM OF A PROVOCATION. YOU, PARTICIPANTS IN THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT WHO SEALED WITH YOUR SIGNATURES THE FINAL ACT, WHICH PROCLAIMED THE LINK BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL DETENTE AND OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY SON'S LIFE. HE, LIKE MANY OTHER FREEDOM-LOVING AND DARING PEOPLE, ASSUMED THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MONITORING FULFILLMENT OF THE DECISIONS OF THE HELSINKI AGREEMENTS AND OF OPENLY REPORTING TO ALL GOVERNMENTS ON ALL VIOLATIONS. AND THIS WAS UTILIZED BY THE AUTHORITIES TO CREATE THE SO-CALLED "SHCHARANSKIY AFFAIR" AND TO PASS AN ILLEGAL SENTENCE--13 YEARS DEPRIVATION OF FREEDOM. MY SON'S INNOCENCE AND THE ILLEGALITY OF THE SENTENCE PASSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS BY AN "OPEN COURT" HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY CONFIRMED BY INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNALS, AND THIS IS KNOWN TO WORLD PUBLIC OPINION AND TO YOU, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL 35 COUNTRIES. BUT MY SON, WHO BELIEVED IN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE HELSINKI AGREEMENTS, HAS NOW BEEN IN PRISON FOR ALMOST SEVEN YEARS AND HAS

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BEEN SUBJECTED TO CONSTANT TORTURES AND PRESSURES. TODAY HE IS NOT ONLY IMPRISONED, HE IS VERY SERIOUSLY ILL. FREEDOM FOR ANATOLIY IS A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH. NOW YOU HAVE GATHERED AT A PRELIMINARY MEETING... TO STRENGTHEN TRUST... THIS MEETING, WHICH WILL AFFECT THE RESULTS OF THE FUTURE CONFERENCE IN STOCKHOLM, CANNOT AND MUST NOT IGNORE SUCH CASES OF THE CRUEST OF VIOLATIONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND--SIMPLY--FREEDOM TO LIVE. SUCH CASES, WHICH CONTRADICT THE SPIRIT OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE, MUST EVOKE PROTEST FROM YOU, THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING. I WISH TO REMIND YOU THAT MY SON, ANATOLIY SHCHARANSKIY, A JEW, WANTED TO LIVE IN HIS HISTORIC HOMELAND, ISRAEL, TOGETHER WITH HIS WIFE AVITAL SHCHARANSKIY. BUT HE WAS REFUSED THIS, AND SUBSEQUENTLY THEY ANNOUNCED HE WAS A SPY AND IMPOSED THIS OMINOUS SENTENCE THROUGH CRUDE VIOLATIONS OF THE LAW.

- RESPECTED DEPUTIES! YOU ARE NOW PREPARING FOR THE FIRST STAGE OF A MEETING OF A CONFERENCE TO STRENGTHEN TRUST... CONSIDER WHETHER IT IS POSSIBLE TO SPEAK OF TRUST WHEN AN INNOCENT PERSON CONTINUES TO REMAIN IN PRISON? CONSIDER AND TAKE STEPS. I ASK YOU--SAVE MY SON.

- I. MIL'GROM  
NOVEMBER 1983  
END TEXT.

5. COMMENT AND SUGGESTED ACTION: MRS. MILGROM'S CONCERNS AS EXPRESSED HERE ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE CONVEYED ORALLY TO EMBOFFS IN OCTOBER (REF B), AND SHE CLEARLY BELIEVES, OR WANTS TO BELIEVE, THAT OUR

SIGNING THE MADRID AGREEMENT WAS MADE EXPRESSLY CONTINGENT ON HER SON'S RELEASE. GIVEN OUR LONG-

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STANDING CONCERN WITH THE SHCHARANSKIY CASE WE FEEL THAT A RESPONSE TO HER APPEAL IS IN ORDER. SUCH A RESPONSE SHOULD, WE BELIEVE, SEEK TO CORRECT MRS. MILGROM'S APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING REGARDING OUR SIGNATURE OF THE MADRID AGREEMENT, AND MIGHT BUILD ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- THE USG SHARES YOUR DEEP SENSE OF GRIEF AND FRUSTRATION OVER THE SOVIET UNION'S CONTINUED INCARCERATION OF YOUR SON.

-- AS YOU KNOW, OUR DELEGATION AT THE MADRID CSCE CONFERENCE REPEATEDLY SOUGHT FROM THE SOVIETS A COMMITMENT THAT ANATOLIY WOULD BE RELEASED. THE SOVIET DELEGATION DID SUGGEST THAT CONSIDERATION WAS BEING GIVEN TO EARLY RELEASE FOR ANATOLIY. WHILE OUR SIGNING THE MADRID AGREEMENT WAS NOT MADE EXPRESSLY CONTINGENT ON HIS RELEASE, WE HAVE MADE CLEAR TO THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES THAT THEIR FAILURE TO RELEASE ANATOLIY WILL HAVE SERIOUS EFFECTS FOR OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

-- THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE YOUR SON'S CASE WITH THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES, MAKING IT CLEAR THAT WE CONSIDER HIS CONTINUED IMPRISONMENT A VIOLATION OF BOTH THE HELSINKI AND MADRID AGREEMENTS.

-- THE CDE PREPARATORY MEETING IN HELSINKI HAS COMPLETED

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ITS WORK. WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT YOUR APPEAL IS  
BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DELEGATES TO THE FULL  
CONFERENCE WHEN IT CONVENES IN JANUARY.  
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SUBJECT: LETTER TO PRESIDENT REAGAN FROM INTERNATIONAL  
SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ABOUT PROFESSOR YURI ORLOV

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A LETTER DATED JANUARY 12  
FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN  
FRANKFURT ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT REAGAN AND ASKING  
HIM TO INTERVENE WITH SOVIET AUTHORITIES FOR THE  
RELEASE OF PROF. YURI ORLOV AND OTHER POLITICAL  
PRISONERS. THE LETTER IS SIGNED BY DR. REINHARD  
GNAUCK, CHAIRMAN, AND BY YURI BELOV OF THE USSR  
DEPARTMENT.

2. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE LETTER:  
"WE TURN TO YOU AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATE WHICH  
HAS SIGNED THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE CONFERENCE FOR  
SAFETY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE AT HELSINKI AS WELL  
AS THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE CSCE-FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE  
IN MADRID.

3. "WHEN THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF HELSINKI HAD BEEN  
SIGNED ON AUGUST 1ST, 1975, IN THE SOVIET UNION ROSE  
A MOVEMENT WITH THE AIM TO OBSERVE THE REALISATION  
OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS, ON WHICH ALSO THE USSR HAD AGREED  
THIS MOVEMENT HAS BECOME KNOWN AS THE HELSINKI-GROUPS  
IN THE WEST. THE ONE WHO STARTED THIS MOVEMENT WAS THE  
PHYSICIST PROF. YURI ORLOV FROM MOSCOW, WHO TODAY  
IS IN PRISON. DETAILED INFORMATION YOU SHALL FIND  
ENCLOSED.

4. "NOT ONLY WE, BUT ALSO MANY OTHER PEOPLE, WHO ARE  
GENUINELY CONCERNED FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS, ARE WORRIED  
ABOUT PROF. ORLOV'S FATE, AND ALSO THAT OF OTHER  
PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN SENT TO PRISON, ONLY BECAUSE THEY  
WERE WORKING FOR THE DECISIONS OF HELSINKI TO COME  
TO LIFE.

5. "YOUR COUNTRY HAS MADE AN ESSENTIAL CONTRIBUTION  
BY DEMONSTRATING AHEAD THE VALUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN  
POINT 9 OF THE PRINCIPLES IN THE CONCLUDING

DOCUMENT OF THE CSCE-FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE IN MADRID  
WHICH WAS SIGNED BY YOUR COUNTRY AS WELL AS BY THE  
USSR, AND BY STRESSING THE PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE  
OF ACTIONS TO FILL IT WITH LIFE.

6. "WE THEREFORE WANT TO ASK YOU, NOT TO FORGET  
PROF. ORLOV AND HIS FELLOW-SUFFERERS PLEASE.  
USE ALL MEANS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU TO REMIND  
SOVIET OFFICIALS OF THEIR FATE AND INTERCEDE FOR  
THEIR RELEASE

7. "WE SINCERELY HOPE, THAT YOU WILL SHARE OUR CONCERN,  
AND WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE YOUR ANSWER."

8. THE "DETAILED INFORMATION" MENTIONED IN PARA THREE  
ABOVE REFERS TO A SHORT HISTORY OF "HELSINKI GROUPS" IN  
THE SOVIET UNION AND TO SHEETS OF INFORMATION ON  
RELATED SUBJECTS. THEY SEEM TO CONTAIN NO NEW  
INFORMATION. WE WILL FORWARD THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT  
ON REQUEST

9. WE ARE SENDING GNAUCK A BRIEF LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDG-  
MENT.

10. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE INTERNATIONAL  
SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS HAS BEEN ACTIVE FOR QUITE  
SOME TIME IN CALLING PUBLIC ATTENTION TO HUMAN  
RIGHTS ABUSES IN THE SOVIET UNION. IN LATE 1982  
AND EARLY 1983 IT PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS ON THE  
USE OF FORCED LABOR ON THE NEW SOVIET GAS PIPELINE

11. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT SEND GNAUCK  
A REPLY SIGNED BY A SENIOR OFFICIAL  
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FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

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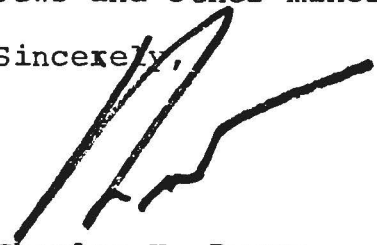
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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March 16, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM: STEVEN E. STEINER *SES*

SUBJECT: Commemoration of Sakharov Day

As reflected in the earlier scheduling proposal attached at Tab I, it was requested some time ago that as part of our commemoration of International Sakharov Day on May 21 a concert be given at the White House in May by the Soviet Emigre Orchestra. This request went forward from Whittlesey's office with NSC and State support.

My understanding is that a decision has been deferred until April. Orchestras are extremely hard to schedule, however, and considerable advance notice is needed. This is a first class orchestra which has received very favorable publicity on the CBS Sunday Morning program and in a film which has been shown at the Kennedy Center. They are giving a performance in Carnegie Hall in New York in connection with Sakharov Day and will then undertake a long European tour supported by USIA. We therefore need to decide promptly whether to invite them to give a White House performance in May.

*SES* Walt Raymond, *SES* Jack Matlock and I all continue to feel that this is a good idea. The orchestra is excellent, and the President is committed to Sakharov's cause. Although we could have a concert without an appearance by the President, our recommendation would be that he make at least a brief appearance.

State (Elliott Abrams and Mark Palmer) and USIA (Deputy Director Lenkowsky) concur that we should move forward on this.

RECOMMENDATION

That you seek to expedite a favorable decision on scheduling the Orchestra.

Approve

Disapprove

Attachment

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Tab I Schedule Proposal, Jan 25, 84

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SUBJECT: FWDS CY OF CABLE RE IMPRISONED JEWISH DISSIDENT BEGUN

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April 16, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE *RCM*

SUBJECT: Cable on Imprisoned Soviet Dissident

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Tab A Cable from Embassy Moscow No. 03269

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cc Vice President

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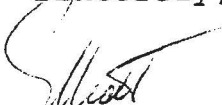
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Mr. Robert McFarlane  
National Security Advisor  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Sincerely,



Elliott Abrams  
Assistant Secretary for Human  
Rights and Humanitarian Affairs

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Confidential State Cable, Moscow 03269

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
March 28, 1984

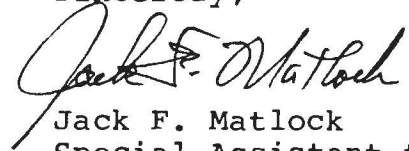
Dear Mr. Yankelevich:

I appreciated your letter of February 28 and was much touched by our meeting.

Academician Sakharov's letter has been brought to the President's attention, and you can rest assured that we are doing all we can to get a humane resolution to the tragic situation forced upon both Mrs. Bonner and Dr. Sakharov. We understand the urgency of the situation and are doing all we can to draw attention to it.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,



Jack F. Matlock  
Special Assistant to  
the President

Mr. Efrem Yankelevich  
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Ambassador Jack F. Matlock Jr.  
National Security Council

February 28, 1984

Dear Ambassador Matlock:

Thank you for seeing me on such a short notice.

After having an opportunity to reflect on our conversation, I came to the conclusion that a personal letter from the President to Mr. Chernenko, asking him to allow Mrs. Bonner-Sakharov to seek medical help abroad, has, at the present situation, the best chance to succeed.

Of course, if there is an indication that the Soviet side is willing to make the first step toward improvement of the US-Soviet relations, then there would have been other possibilities to pursue. For instance, the exit visa for Mrs. Bonner-Sakharov could be asked for as an indication of the Soviet intentions.

Unfortunately, however, Mrs. Bonner-Sakharov's heart condition is such that we cannot afford to wait until the Soviet intentions become clear enough. Therefore, again, in these circumstances a personal letter from the President, appealing to Mr. Chernenko on humanitarian grounds, seems to present the only opportunity to intervene effectively on behalf of Mrs. Sakharov.

This approach would have also an advantage of placing the problem of Mrs. Sakharov's medical treatment, to a degree, outside the current general problems of the US-Soviet relations.

About a month ago, I sent to the President a letter, which Dr. Sakharov asked me to convey to President Reagan as well as to a number of other Western leaders. Please find enclosed a copy of this letter.

Sincerely yours

*E. Yankelevich*



Ronald Reagan  
President of the United States

Sir:

I appeal to you with a request which is purely personal in character, but is of grave importance to me.

I ask you to help my wife obtain permission to travel abroad. The purpose of the trip is, first of all, to be treated for heart disease, which directly threatens her life, and for an eye operation and treatment, and also to visit her children and grandchildren, and to take her mother back to the USSR.

It seems to us dangerous to seek medical treatment for my wife in the USSR. She is the person portrayed by Soviet propaganda as the instigator of my public activity. Only this year these allegations (laced with the most vicious and refined slander) were repeated in three publications with a total circulation of more than 10 million copies. The responsibility for my public statements, in particular for my writings on the problems of war and peace, is placed, against any common sense, upon my wife. A hate campaign has been provoked against her. In thousands of letters, on the streets, in the train she is accosted and accused of being a Zionist, a traitor to the Motherland, who may bring a thermonuclear death upon the Soviet people and the world, of being a murderer. We have reasons to fear that a plan for her physical elimination exists, and has already been set in motion. But even if it is not so, it is nevertheless impossible to obtain effective medical treatment for her in the USSR considering the current hate campaign and the constant interference of nonmedical forces in her treatment.

Some details. In 1974, my wife has experienced a flare-up of eye disease, which had been caused by a concussion she suffered at the front during World War 2. After the long struggle, with help from world public opinion, and at the cost of a partial but permanent loss of her vision, she obtained permission to travel abroad for eye treatment in 1975, 1977, and 1979. In 1981-1982, the need arose for another trip abroad for eye treatment. In September 1982, my wife applied for the trip. The usual term to consider such an application is not more than 2 months, but up to now she has not received a reply. In 1983, my wife's health sharply deteriorated. She still requires treatment for her eyes, but now more urgent problem has developed. On April 25, she suffered a massive myocardial infarct. Her condition is still not stable and remains dangerous. Our attempts, in May and June of this year, to gain admission to the hospital of the Academy of Sciences for both of us, which would have alleviated to some degree the

apprehensions I have mentioned, proved to be unsuccessful, despite the conclusion of a medical commission who visited me in Gorky and has confirmed that I, too, require hospitalization. My wife is practically left without medical assistance. Our Moscow apartment is guarded by police (just as in Gorky, only there are six policemen on duty). There is no telephone in the Moscow apartment, and no public phone on the street, so she cannot call an ambulance in case of a sudden heart attack. Doctors hesitate to visit her for fear of the consequences. Now, the only acceptable solution for her is to travel abroad for medical treatment. Only this can save her life!

Our children and grandchildren became hostages of my public activity and were forced to emigrate, in 1977-1978. A tragic separation of our family occurred. They live in the United States. Since 1980, my 83-years-old mother-in-law, Ruth G. Bonner, has been visiting them. In 1981, the hungerstrike held by my wife and myself has secured the possibility for my daughter-in-law, Liza Alekseva, to join her husband in the United States. The tragedy of separation is made worse by the almost complete lack of communications. On November 10 1983, I asked the Head of Soviet State, Yuri V. Andropov to allow my wife to travel abroad. I ask you to support my request in the form you find appropriate.

Save my wife!

November 1983

Respectfully

Andrei Sakharov

*Dissidents*

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

April 4, 1984

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM: JACK MATLOCK

SUBJECT: Mrs. Shcharansky's Request for Meeting with Baker

Avital Shcharansky has telephoned Jim Baker's office to request a meeting to discuss "new information on her husband's situation." Jim Cicconi, who received the call, has the impression, however, that she would be satisfied to meet with someone from the NSC.

Although I see no objection to Mr. Baker meeting with Mrs. Shcharansky, I believe it would be sufficient for me to meet with her, given the pressures on his schedule. Therefore, I would recommend that she be told that although Mr. Baker's calendar is full before her departure May 10, I would be available to discuss her husband's situation with her.

Recommendation

That Mrs. Shcharansky be offered a meeting with me in lieu of Mr. Baker.

Approve \_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_

Attachment:

Tab I Cicconi-Kimmitt Memorandum of May 3, 1984

cc. Dr. Lenczowski

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 3, 1984

3610

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT KIMMITT

FROM: JAMES W. CICCONI *JWC*

SUBJECT: Phone call from Mrs. Anatoly Scharansky

As we discussed earlier today, I received a phone call from Avital Scharansky, whose husband Anatoly has been persecuted and imprisoned in the Soviet Union. She will be in the U.S. until May 10, and has requested a meeting with Jim Baker to discuss new information on her husband's situation.

We would appreciate it if NSC could advise on whether such a meeting should be held. It is my impression that Mrs. Scharansky would probably be satisfied to meet with someone from NSC in lieu of Mr. Baker. If you wish to contact her directly, she can be reached at (212) 884-0930 or (212) 884-4617.

Thanks.

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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April 5, 1984

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM: JOHN LENCZOWSKI: JL

SUBJECT: Cable on Imprisoned Soviet Dissident

Elliott Abrams has sent you a note recommending that you share with the President a cable from Embassy Moscow. The cable (Tab A) reports that the President's remarks in support of Iosif Begun reached members of the imprisoned dissident's family, who testify that such Presidential support does have beneficent effects.

Jack Matlock concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward the memorandum at Tab I with the attached cable to the President.

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

Attachments:

- Tab I Memorandum to the President
- Tab A Letter from Elliott Abrams with attached cable

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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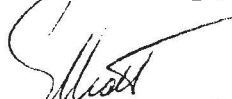
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Assistant Secretary for Human  
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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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April 19, 1984

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

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SUBJECT: Sakharov Plans for Hunger Strike

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I concur in this recommendation. The fact is that it will be most difficult to refuse Mrs. Bonner refuge without considerable adverse publicity, yet her taking refuge in the Embassy would make it much more difficult for the Soviet authorities to grant her exit permission. She and Sakharov might be dissuaded from this course if she could be told that the President had sent a personal message on her behalf. And it cannot be excluded that the Soviets would in fact see the wisdom in letting her go before the whole issue becomes even more of a cause célèbre.

Recommendation:

That you forward Secretary Shultz's memorandum to the President with the recommendation that he sign the letter.

Approve

Disapprove

Attachments:

Tab I - Shultz-President Memorandum of April 18, 1984

Tab A - Letter to Chernenko for President's Signature

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

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April 18, 1984

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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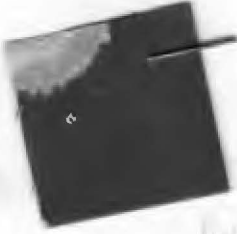
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Mrs. Bonner has been permitted to travel abroad twice before for medical reasons. I urge you to intervene personally to ensure that her present request receives a favorable response. Let me assure you, Mr. Chairman, that in making this personal request I am thinking only of the welfare of Andrei Sakharov and Elena Bonner and of my desire to see an improvement in the relations between our two countries. The United States government will not publicize this letter and would not seek to take any political advantage of Mrs. Bonner's presence in the West.

Sincerely,

His Excellency  
Konstantin Ustinovich Chernenko  
Chairman of the Presidium of the  
Supreme Soviet of the Union of  
Soviet Socialist Republics  
Moscow

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*Jack. Larry should call in Doherty re: should seek on behalf of couple. When at the embassy call her up with letter. Pres. better if we have result. The reason for getting this proceeding is to avoid bringing up getting this back up because we are direct to the top*



THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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To Amb. Matlock

May 8, 1984

TO: SITUATION ROOM

Please LDX to:

Ray Smith  
Department of State  
EUR/SOV  
Room 4219  
632-8671

Steiner (5697)

Jack,  
Attached statement  
did go out yesterday.  
I read it to Ray  
Smith + sent copy.

Ray agreed to do  
Dept. statement today on Mrs. Bonner  
and then to get cable to posts trying  
to activate other Western countries.  
Any thing else you'd like to have done?

Steve

*Statement Issued 5/7/84 File  
Sakharov*

STRAIGHT WIRE - OR TELEX - MAY 7, 1984

TELEX: 429 439 FREEDOM

Mr. Ed Lozansky  
Freedom House  
20 West 40th Street  
New York, New York 10018

Nancy and I are delighted to join all those gathered to pay homage to Dr. Andrei Sakharov on this special occasion.

When judged against the backdrop of world events, Andrei Sakharov, it is clear, is one of those rare individuals who has transcended difficult challenges to become part of history. A renowned physicist, Dr. Sakharov has repeatedly demonstrated his overriding commitment to international peace and the human rights of the peoples of the Soviet Union. In recognition of these singular qualities, Dr. Sakharov was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace.

Exiled to the closed city of Gorky in 1980, he and his wife have been subjected to continuous harassment and attempted intimidation. Even in the face of his declining health, the Soviet government has refused to permit him to enter the Academy of Sciences Hospital in Moscow. Nor have the Soviets allowed him to emigrate to another country.

In his strivings for peace and freedom, his life and work serve as testimony to the power of moral courage to inspire people around the globe. By forcefully speaking out and aiding the victims of severe repression, he has with his valor brought light and meaning to the very heart of liberty.

At this critical time in history, it is incumbent upon us to bring deserved attention to the plight of the Sakharovs. It is easy to identify with their fate, for they seek the fundamental freedoms that all Americans cherish.

As Andrei Sakharov approaches his sixty-third birthday, we fervently hope that the coming years will see the realization of the progress and liberty he has so devotedly sought.

RONALD REAGAN

RR:Wells:vs

cc: K. Osborne/D. Livingston/B. Kimmitt, NSC/L. Speakes(FYI)/CF

EVENT: MAY 8

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\* Andrei Sakharov  
World Renowned Physicist  
Peace Nobel Laureate  
Exiled to Gorki, U.S.S.R. Since 1980

March 19, 1984

Ms. Carolyn Sundseth  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Carolyn:

It was a pleasure to talk to you on the phone. I am sending you the information about our project and the request for a Presidential Proclamation on the occasion of the International Andrei Sakharov Day.

If this proclamation will be issued I think that it should be addressed to four major groups which are doing this project:

Dr. Edward D. Lozansky, Executive Director,  
Andrei Sakharov Institute

Rev. Hans Stuckelberger, President  
Christian Solidarity International

Mr. Vladimir Bukovsky, President  
Resistance International

Mr. David H. Barron, Chairman of the Board  
The Jefferson Educational Foundation

I think that the proclamation should mention not only Sakharov but all persecuted christians and jews fighting for their basic religious and other human rights.

Thank you very much for your support. Please do what you can to make sure that we will have the Andrei Sakharov Day in the White House on May 16 or 17. Linas is working on that. Hoping to see you at this day in the White House I remain,

Sincerely,

*Edward D. Lozansky*  
Edward D. Lozansky

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I mentioned to you in my letters of March 6 and April 16 the need for some positive steps in the area of human rights, a matter of great concern to the Western public. We may be facing developments involving Andrei Sakharov which could greatly complicate our efforts to develop a more constructive dialogue. It appears that Sakharov is seriously considering beginning a hunger strike in the near future in an attempt to obtain permission for his wife to travel abroad for medical treatment. A drastic step such as that would, of course, receive world-wide attention. I must tell you frankly that no one in this country would understand a decision to allow him to endanger his health, or to subject him to force-feeding.

Mrs. Bonner has been permitted to travel abroad twice before for medical reasons. I urge you to intervene personally to ensure that her present request receives a favorable response. Let me assure you, Mr. Chairman, that in making this personal request I am thinking only of the welfare of Andrei Sakharov and Elena Bonner and of my desire to see an improvement in the relations between our two countries. The United States government will not publicize this letter and would not seek to take any political advantage of Mrs. Bonner's presence in the West.

Sincerely,

His Excellency  
Konstantin Ustinovich Chernenko  
Chairman of the Presidium of the  
Supreme Soviet of the Union of  
Soviet Socialist Republics  
Moscow