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1. RADM JOHN POINDEXTER / Los Angeles

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*We have already given the Shultz memo to the President. Unless you want to give Pres info in last paragraph of your memo to him, recommend we just hold*

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By AS NARA, Date 7/19/02

MEMORANDUM

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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March 2, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

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Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove ✓

*Judge discussed with President on  
3/4/83. J*

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Tab I Memorandum to the President  
Tab A Memorandum from Secretary Shultz, February 28

cc: John Lenczowski  
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Roger Robinson  
William Stearman

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Soviet Message on Embassy Pentecostalists

George Shultz forwarded you a memorandum (Tab A) concerning a message on the Pentecostalists delivered to State by the Minister-Counselor at the Soviet Embassy, Sokolov. The message reiterates the standard Soviet position that the U.S. bears full responsibility for both keeping the Pentecostals in the U.S. Embassy and for encouraging them to leave. It also states that the families will not be persecuted if they leave and "the question of their leaving the USSR will be considered," with "account taken of all the circumstances involved."

Based on the tone of his discussions with Sokolov, George speculates that the Soviets may want to resolve this long-standing problem. He asserts that although this message adheres to the standard line, Soviet authorities may in fact permit the Pentecostalists to emigrate once they return home. After George discusses this matter further with Ambassador Hartman, he will forward you his recommendations.

While this interpretation of Soviet actions cannot be ruled out, I am skeptical that the Soviets have any intention of permitting the Pentecostalists to leave. In February 1982, one of the Pentecostalists, Lidiya Vashchenko did return to Chernogorsk on the condition (as promised by Soviet authorities) that her exit visa application be reviewed. Since that time, she has been prevented from applying for emigration. Hence, if we are to convince the families to leave the Embassy, clear assurances by a high-level Soviet official that the Pentecostalists will be permitted to emigrate should be attained.

Prepared by:  
Paula Dobriansky

Attachment:

Tab A Memorandum from Secretary Shultz, February 28

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

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February 28, 1983

To: THE PRESIDENT  
From: George P. Shultz  
Subject: Soviet Message on Embassy Pentecostalists

Dobrynin is ill, and called to ask that I receive his Minister-Counselor, Sokolov, briefly this afternoon. Sokolov brought with him the text of a message from Moscow on the Pentecostalists in our Embassy there. The text is attached.

The message begins with the standard Soviet line that we are responsible for both the problem -- keeping Soviet citizens in the Embassy -- and the solution -- making them leave. It also reiterates previous statements that the Soviets will not "persecute" them if they leave. Then, in what Sokolov described as "the constructive part" of the message, it says that if they return to their home town in Siberia, "the question of their leaving the USSR will be considered," with "account taken of all the circumstances involved."

Formally, this does not go beyond what the Soviets have said before. Nevertheless, the Soviets are obviously trying to be responsive to your deep interest in the Pentecostalists' plight. Thus, although the written message keeps their formal line intact, they may in fact be offering a kind of assurance that emigration will be permitted if the families return home first.

There are two problems with this. First, the families have had several lifetimes of broken promises, and it may take a great deal more than this sort of vague and masked assurance (if that is what it is) to convince them to leave their refuge in the Embassy and apply for emigration from home. Second, given the vagueness of the message, we should be skeptical too.

I will be reviewing the issue of how we should respond, and will want to get the views of Ambassador Art Hartman, who will be here for consultations next week. I will then be giving you my recommendations.

Attachment: As stated

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TEXT OF SOVIET MESSAGE ON PENTECOSTALISTS

We already explained to the American side our principled position on this subject. Keeping Soviet citizens in the U.S. Embassy for such a long time is clearly illegal and abnormal. Their further stay there only aggravates the situation, and the responsibility for that fully rests with the American side. The resolution of this issue depends precisely on the American side: the above mentioned persons should leave the U.S. Embassy.

In this connection we can say definitely that no one is going to persecute them, there are no such intentions. Accordingly, after those persons return to the place of their residence, the question of their leaving the USSR will be considered. It will be done with account taken of all the circumstances involved in this matter.

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FROM SHULTZ, G

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KEYWORDS: USSR  
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VASHCHENKO, LIDIA  
ROBISON, OLIN

SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENTS ON SOVIET PENTECOSTALS

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR CLARK DUE: 05 APR 83 STATUS S FILES

FOR ACTION

FOR CONCURRENCE

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DOBRIANSKY

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

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April 2, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From: George P. Shultz *GPS*

Subject: Developments on Soviet Pentecostals

The Soviet authorities have requested Lidia Vashchenko to apply formally for exit permission and on March 30 she did so. She is now in her home town, Chernogorsk, awaiting a decision on her application. If it is approved, she will receive an Israeli visa (her nominal destination) in Moscow and exit via Vienna. Our Embassy in Moscow is ready to give her any assistance she needs, and private organizations are poised to send representatives to meet her in Vienna.

After Lidia departs the Soviet Union, we will want to make a strong effort to persuade the Pentecostals in the Embassy that their best chance of getting out of the Soviet Union is to return to Chernogorsk and apply immediately for exit permission. Even a dramatic development such as Lidia's departure may not make this easy, since the Vashchenko and Chmykhalov families remain deeply afraid of what may happen to them. We intend to ask a prominent private American who is known to and trusted by the Pentecostals to go to Moscow with the advice to return to Chernogorsk. Olin Robison, President of Middlebury College, seems to us the best choice. He has spent considerable time with the Pentecostals, is personally involved in the case and enjoys the trust of all parties.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

*Shultz mentioned this to Jesse on phone this a.m. orig has been stopped WC has cy.*

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM: <sup>WHITE HOUSE</sup> SITUATION ROOM

George P. Shultz *WPS*

SUBJECT:

Pentecostals at Embassy Moscow

Embassy Moscow, through the Vashchenko family members in refuge there, has received word that Lidia Vashchenko has been told by Soviet officials to pick up her exit documentation today (April 4). It is possible that the Soviets may accelerate emigration procedures to permit her departure from the USSR as early as tomorrow.

As you know, we have told both the Embassy Pentecostals and the Soviet Government that Lidia's case would be regarded as a test of Soviet good faith in dealing with the other Vashchenko and Chmykhalov family members. If, as we anticipate, Lidia succeeds in emigrating this week, the time is right to point out to those still at the Embassy the advisability of following her example by returning to Chernogorsk to apply for Soviet exit permission. For this task, I recommend Dr. Olin Robison, a lay Protestant Minister and president of Middlebury College in Vermont. Dr. Robison has visited the Embassy Pentecostals frequently, most recently in February 1983, and he retains their trust. During the previous Administration he was designated a U.S. "special emissary" to attempt to resolve their situation. He has commitments in the U.S. April 11-18, and is currently considering whether he can travel to Washington and Moscow this week.

If he agrees and you approve, we shall designate Dr. Robison to act again as our representative and send him to Moscow to discuss current developments with the Vashchenkos and Chmykhalovs. Attached is the suggested text of a personal letter from you which he would deliver to them. It does not commit you to assuring their ultimate departure, but does assure them that Dr. Robison has your confidence. Prior to his departure for Moscow, I recommend that Dr. Robison meet with me to ensure that he conveys your message to the Pentecostals as fully and precisely as possible.

Recommendations:

- 1. That you sign sign the attached letter to the Pentecostals.

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

- 2. That you authorize me to meet with Olin Robison.

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

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*PD hand-carried ltr to Bender 4/4/83*



Dear Friends:

I want you to know that I join with you in rejoicing at Lidia's recent departure from the Soviet Union. We are hopeful that all of you will soon be able to join her in a land where you may freely express and practice your deeply-held religious beliefs.

Dr. Olin Robison, the bearer of this letter, is one whom you know and respect as a wise and honorable man who has the deepest regard for your welfare. Let me tell you that he also has my full confidence and support. I commend his advice to you and urge you to accept it.

This letter also provides me the opportunity to thank you for the lovely embroidered picture that you sent to Nancy and me as a Christmas present. We very much appreciated your thoughtfulness.

In conclusion, I wish to reiterate my full support for your desires to emigrate and to serve God as you choose. I pray that these desires may soon be realized for all of you. Godspeed!

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

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Sincerely,

The Vashchenko Family  
American Embassy  
Moscow

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The Chmykhalov Family  
American Embassy  
Moscow

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TO CLARK

FROM HILL

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EMIGRATION

VASHCHENKO, LIDIA

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON VASHCHENKO EMIGRATION

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR CLARK

DUE: 08 APR 83 STATUS S FILES

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*This is (and was) OBE.  
Also, the Judge has been kept apprised  
of the Vashchenko emigration through  
the Sec.'s evening reports.*

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4/11/83*

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Washington, D.C. 20520

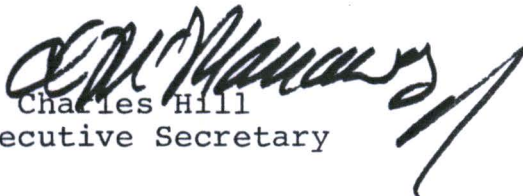
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April 7, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Vashchenko Emigration

Attached is an update on the state-of-play of Lidia Vashchenko's emigration, April 7, 8 a.m.

  
Charles Hill  
Executive Secretary

Attachment:  
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Department of State Guidelines, July 21, 1997  
By Crs NARA, Date 7/29/02

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Update on the State-of-Play of Lidia Vashchenko's Emigration  
Thursday, April 7 8:00 a.m.

--There is still no clear indication of where Lidia intends to go from Vienna. U.S. Pentecostal activist Jane Drake has told our Moscow Embassy that she has heard indirectly that Lidia would leave for England this morning with British Pentecostal supporters Michael Rowe and Danny Smith, but she had not left as of an hour ago.

--Furthermore, during a telephone conversation with her family in the Embassy after her arrival in Vienna, Lidia did not mention going to Britain. Michael Rowe, who talked at that time with an Embassy officer, said he understood Lidia intended to go on to Israel. Of course, a brief visit to England would not preclude an intention to settle in Israel.

--According to our Embassy in Vienna, as of about 6 a.m. Washington time, Lidia is expected to stay 2-3 days in Vienna to rest. The Embassy describes the situation as "a bit of a circus," with lots of people in the act and lots of advice, but believes that Lidia has still not made up her mind what to do after she leaves Vienna.

--Signs of disagreement are beginning to appear among the private Pentecostal support groups over issues such as where Lidia should settle. We have heard indirectly that Jane Drake is concerned about Smith and Rowe as being "a little fanatical." Comment: We have found Smith reasonable and responsible, and have had good reports of Rowe from Olin Robison. end comment. Drake also is reported to believe that Lidia should go to Israel or the FRG. Drake has received recommendations from contacts in the U.S. Jewish community that the "Christian Embassy of Jerusalem" might help resettle Lidia in Israel. She has been in touch with the organization's director, who is looking into the matter.

--Ambassador Richard Davies (now retired) has said that he will be going to London and Vienna to see Lidia. Davies is a consultant to SAVE (Jane Drake) and the publication "Religion in Communist-Dominated Areas." He feels that Rowe and Smith, the British Pentecostal supporters, will do a good job in helping Lidia, but wants to ensure that the wishes of the American Pentecostal support groups are also taken into account.

--Olin Robison is considering returning from Moscow via Vienna on April 8 or 9 to meet with Rowe and perhaps with Lidia. Robison believes that Rowe's support could be crucial to his mission.

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--The two members of the Vashchenko family who accompanied Lidia to Moscow had a good reunion with their parents in the Embassy. They have since departed the Embassy and are making arrangements to return to Chernogorsk.

--The Washington Post this morning carries a report that Lyuba Vashchenko, the family's spokesman in the Embassy, has said that when the other members of the family in Chernogorsk receive exit permission, those in the Embassy will depart. Our Embassy in Moscow has not heard her say this, but the story does square with another indirect report we have heard of what the family's negotiating position will be.

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April 14, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Presidential Letter to Prime Minister Begin

The President's letter of April 8 to Prime Minister Begin (Tab 2) was to have been sent in reply to the Prime Minister's message of thanks (Tab 3) for USG participation in the World Conference on Soviet Jewry. Given recent events in connection with the Vashchenko and Chmykhalov families, and Israeli assistance in moving the process along, we believe that the President's letter should also express appreciation for GOI cooperation in this matter. We may well need to call on the Israelis again before the families are finally free. Hence, we are recommending that the President also express confidence that GOI cooperation will continue. A new letter, with suggested additional language on the Pentecostals, is attached at Tab 1.

*Charles Hill*

Charles Hill  
Executive Secretary

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Dear Menachem:

I have received your thoughtful letter of March 18 about the Third International Conference on Soviet Jewry. It was gratifying to learn of the warm reception given to Ambassador Kirkpatrick, both at the Conference and by officials of your Government, during her visit to Jerusalem.

The Conference represents another milestone in the continuing efforts on behalf of Soviet Jews by freedom-loving people of many faiths and nations. The United States is proud to play a role in this struggle for basic human rights and dignity, and my commitment to their cause remains unshakable.

I wholeheartedly share your conviction that our work in support of Soviet Jewry must go on, and that we may eventually induce the Soviet Union to adopt more humane and responsive policies toward its Jewish citizens. The task is formidable, but the goal is worthy of our utmost dedication and persistence. We take inspiration from your eloquent words to the Conference: "a just cause must triumph."

On another humanitarian issue, I want you to know how much I appreciate Israeli assistance in arrangements to help the Pentecostal families who were in our Embassy in Moscow to

His Excellency  
Menachem Begin,  
Prime Minister of Israel.

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leave the Soviet Union for the country of their choice. I particularly appreciate Israel's welcome to Lidia Vashchenko, which was an essential step toward this goal. A number of further steps are likely to be necessary before these families can freely choose where they will eventually wish to reside, and some of them may not be easy. I know that I can count on your continuing cooperation.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 8, 1983

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Sincerely,

Ron

His Excellency  
Menachem Begin  
Prime Minister of Israel

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18 March 1983

Dear Mr. President:

I have been asked by Prime Minister Begin to transmit to you the following message:

"Dear Ron,

I wish to thank you most sincerely for your moving letter of March 13 which was personally delivered to me by Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick.

The sentiments you express concerning the plight of Jews in the Soviet Union reflect your own deep commitment on behalf of one of the great human causes of our time. The unique courage displayed by Jews in the U.S.S.R., in face of the intensified official harassment, discrimination and often outright persecution and arbitrary imprisonment, has indeed been further strengthened by your magnificent message to the Third International Conference on Soviet Jewry which ended in Jerusalem last night.

When Ambassador Kirkpatrick read your message, in the course of her own inspiring address to the Conference, it was greeted by the more than one-thousand-five-hundred delegates with thunderous applause. I, too, in my speech at the closing session, saw fit to publicly quote certain of the highly pertinent paragraphs contained in your letter to me and, again, these were enthusiastically received.

I wish to express to you our gratitude for having delegated Ambassador Kirkpatrick to represent you and your administration at this all-important assembly. Her very presence underscored for all to see and hear the importance the United States attaches to the great cause for which the Jerusalem Conference was convened.



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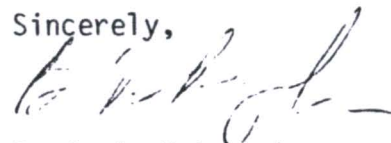
No doubt, Ambassador Kirkpatrick will report to you directly on the talk we had regarding the affairs of the day. I believe it was a most useful exchange of views.

In conclusion, I express the hope and the prayer that the call of the Conference - "Let My People Go" - will be heard and acted upon in the corridors of power in Moscow. As I had cause to state in my own address, one conference will not bring about the release or relieve the plight of our fellow Jews in the Soviet Union. The work of mobilizing world public opinion must go on and I want to thank you from the heart for the significant initiatives of the United States in helping to lead this fight for justice and freedom.

Yours respectfully and sincerely,

(sd.)  
Menachem."

Sincerely,



Benjamin Netanyahu  
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 8, 1983

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Sincerely,

Ron

His Excellency  
Menachem Begin  
Prime Minister of Israel

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April 18, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM: MICHAEL O. WHEELER

*Carolyn F. Cleveland  
for*

SUBJECT: Letter to Dr. Olin Robison re Pentecostal Case

We have reviewed and concur in the proposed letter of appreciation prepared by the Department of State to Dr. Olin Robison, President of Middlebury College, for his role in recent developments in the case of the Pentecostals at American Embassy in Moscow.

Attachments

Dear Dr. Robison:

The events of the past ten days have brought freedom to Lidia Vashchenko. Moreover, with the return to Chernogorsk of the six members of the Vashchenko and Chmykhalov families who had been at our Embassy in Moscow, a process has begun which I believe will enable them and their relatives to obtain permission to emigrate.

These are heartening developments to those of us who have long been concerned with the fate of these courageous, God-fearing people. You played a vital role in obtaining this progress. Everyone who has worked with you during this period has praised your sincerity, your negotiating skill and your discretion. I want to thank you for taking on this exhausting and difficult task, and for carrying it out so skillfully.

Let me assure you that our efforts will continue until all of the Vashchenkos and Chmykhalovs have been permitted to emigrate to the country of their choice.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Dr. Olin Robison  
President,  
Middlebury College,  
Middlebury, Vermont.



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April 20, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: PAULA DOBRIANSKY <sup>(P)</sup>

SUBJECT: Prospects for the Moscow Embassy Pentecostals

At Tab A is a memorandum from Deputy Secretary of State Kenneth Dam to the President which provides an update on the Pentecostals, describes what next steps the State Department will take to successfully resolve these cases and notes some of the obstacles that may be encountered. Attached at Tab I is a memorandum from you to the President summarizing State's strategy and the problems that may arise.

John Lenczowski concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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

Attachments:

- Tab I Memorandum to the President
- Tab A Memorandum from the Deputy Secretary of State, April 15, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Prospects for the Embassy Pentecostals

Kenneth Dam forwarded you a memorandum (Tab A) which provides an update on the Pentecostals. Briefly, our Embassy in Moscow has been in touch with the two families, the Chmykhalovs and the Vaschenkos, by telephone and expects both to apply for exit permission sometime next week. Simultaneously, our Embassy in Tel Aviv is assisting Lidia Vaschenko submit formal invitations to her family through the appropriate Israeli officials.

In continuing to maintain a low-key approach on this issue, State intends to pursue the following steps: give the Soviets a list of the family members seeking to emigrate, establish regular telephone contact with the families in Chernogorsk, work with the Israelis to get all their visa authorizations and maintain continuous contact with various Pentecostal support groups in the U.S. Already, George Shultz has raised the subject with Dobrynin.

State's memorandum alerts you to several obstacles that may arise in the upcoming weeks. These include: delays in the application processing, potential hostile scrutiny by various Pentecostal support groups, release of several family members at a time, and the families' destinations. State will keep you abreast of developments and will provide you with recommendations for necessary action if such problems arise.

Prepared by:  
Paula Dobriansky

Attachment:

Tab A Memorandum from Kenneth Dam, April 15, 1983.

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April 15, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From: Kenneth W. Dam *KWD*

Subject: Prospects for the Embassy Pentecostals

This memorandum provides an update on events since the Embassy family members returned home Tuesday, describes what we are doing to pursue the case to a successful conclusion, and notes some of the problems we could encounter before the process is over.

Our Moscow Embassy is in touch with the families by phone, and expects the Chmykhalovs to apply for exit permission as early as Monday, with the Vashchenkos to follow suit sometime next week. Our Tel Aviv Embassy is helping Lidia submit formal invitations to her family through the appropriate Israeli officials. So far the Israelis have been helpful, and if you sign the revised letter to Prime Minister Begin we have recommended, we will be in a strong position to pursue the cooperation we may need to get all the family members out.

The Soviets have not been at all obstructive, and in fact a Soviet official in a position to know told one of our Moscow Embassy officials yesterday that they are pleased with the way we have handled the case. We think the Soviets realize how much they stand to lose in bilateral relations if they move to reverse the process underway. Nevertheless, we still have a way to go, and it will be important to maintain the low-key public approach we have adopted in keeping with your preference for quiet diplomacy.

Over the next days and weeks, we will be pursuing the case with vigor, in the following ways:

--George raised the subject with Dobrynin yesterday, making the point that the ball is now in the Soviet court, and we will make sure he keeps getting the message.

--We will be giving the Soviets a list of the family members seeking to emigrate.

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--The Israelis have agreed to give visas to the six family members who left our Embassy Tuesday, and we are working with them to get visa authorizations for the rest. These will not commit Israel for further travel beyond Vienna, so further work will probably be required, but they will be a help in getting the families that far.

--We are in continuous contact with the various Pentecostal support groups in this country, assuring them that we are committed to bringing the case to a successful conclusion.

At the same time, we are looking at the potential obstacles to a quick, happy ending:

--The families could encounter delays in the processing of their applications or exit documentation.

--Family members could be released several at a time, prolonging the emigration process over a period of months.

--Questions could arise concerning the destination of the families. If the Soviets release them a few at a time, they could be reluctant to permit the rest to leave unless those already out have gone to Israel. The Israelis do not want the Pentecostals as permanent residents, however, at least at this point.

--Finally, our actions may well encounter suspicious or hostile scrutiny by various Pentecostal support groups, particularly while the families remain at Chernogorsk, effectively isolated from their supporters.

For the time being, these problems are potential rather than real: we have made significant progress, and the process is moving better than we expected. We will keep you abreast of developments, and provide recommendations for necessary action if problems arise.

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June 7, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR

John Lenczowski  
Paula Dobransky

FROM: JOHN M. POINDEXTER

SUBJECT: Secretary Shultz's Evening Report of June 3

The following excerpt is for your information only. Please do not refer to it in any discussions.

3. The Embassy Pentecostals. There is slow but steady progress in the emigration efforts of the Embassy Pentecostals. The local Soviet Office of Visas and Registration (OVIR) has sent the emigration applications of the Vashchenko family on to the regional OVIR for a directive. The Vashchenkos now believe that they will receive exit permission in the near future. Also, the OVIR has informed the Chmykhalov family that emigration invitations from "a close friend" would suffice (the Chmykhalovs have such invitations from both Britain and the U.S.). The Department has been in communication with the British and the Israelis regarding the documentation and destination of the Vashchenkos. Lidia Vashchenko has returned to Israel, but will travel to Austria to meet her family when they receive permission to emigrate.

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May 12, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: John Lenczowski  
Paula Dobrianski

FROM: JOHN M. POINDEXTER

SUBJECT: Secretary Shultz's Evening Report of May 11, 1983

The following excerpt is for your information only. Please do not refer to it in any discussions.

*Enclosed*  
*Adm. by*

3. Lidia Vashchenko Coming to U.S. Lidia Vashchenko will arrive at Washington's Dulles Airport at 3:15 P.M. Thursday, May 12, to confer with the Pentecostal families' supporters in the U.S. A Department officer will meet the plane. We are working with the Immigration and Naturalization Service to provide appropriate travel documents. The Israelis are pleased at Lidia's visit here, and both we and the British are prepared to give permanent residence to Lidia and the other Pentecostals. We are working with all the parties to resolve remaining problems.

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April 22, 1983

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK *WPC*

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Prepared by:  
Paula Dobriansky

Attachment:

Tab A Memorandum from Kenneth Dam, April 15, 1983.

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April 15, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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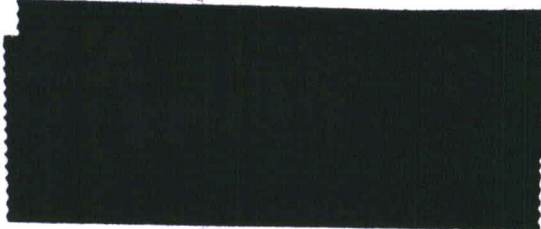
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1. (C) LYUBA VASHCHENKO INFORMED CONSUL IN REGULARLY SCHEDULED APRIL 27 PHONE CALL THAT HER FAMILY MAY FACE A TECHNICAL PROBLEM IN APPLYING FOR EXIT PERMISSION. LYUBA APRIL 25 SPOKE WITH TUROKHALOVA, DIRECTOR OF THE ABAKAN OVIR, WHO ADVISED THAT THE INVITATION (VYZOV) LIDIA VASHCHENKO SENT HER FAMILY BY TELEGRAM (REF B) SHOULD BE TRANSLATED INTO RUSSIAN. THE TRANSLATION, TUROKHALOVA SAID, WOULD NOT BE VALID IF LYUBA DID IT; IT WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM THE SOURCE OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT, I.E. THE EMBASSY. THE VASHCHENKO FAMILY EXPECTS TO GATHER ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS FOR AN EXIT VISA APPLICATION WITHIN 24 HOURS AND WOULD OTHERWISE BE READY TO APPLY. LYUBA, WHO MISTRUSTS SOVIET MAILS, ASKED CONOFF WHETHER SHE COULD COME TO MOSCOW TO RECEIVE THE EMBASSY'S TRANSLATION OF LIDIA'S INVITATION. CONSUL ADVISED THAT SUCH A TRIP WAS PROBABLY UNNECESSARY BUT IN NO CASE SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT THE EXPRESS APPROVAL OF SOVIET AUTHORITIES. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE VASHCHENKO FAMILY TRY TO APPLY WHEN ALL DOCUMENTS ARE GATHERED EVEN WITHOUT THE TRANSLATION. LYUBA SAID THAT HER FAMILY WOULD DO SO ON APRIL 28 AND PROMISED TO INFORM THE EMBASSY OF THE RESULTS. THE EMBASSY IS ALL THE SAME PREPARING A TRANSLATION OF LIDIA'S VYZOV AND MAILING IT TO CHERNOGORSK.

2. (C) COMMENT: WE FOR THE MOMENT VIEW THIS SET BACK AS A TECHNICAL PROBLEM WHICH WITH SOVIET RECONSIDERATION MAY DISAPPEAR. UNTIL THE SITUATION BECOMES CLEARER, WE WILL ONLY ADVISE INTERESTED PARTIES, INCLUDING THE PRESS, THAT THE VASHCHENKO FAMILY IS PREPARING TO MAKE APPLICATION WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. END COMMENT.

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BE BETTER INFORMED. THEY WERE RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE  
CHIEF, WHO TOLD THEM THAT MOSCOW MUST DECIDE THEIR CASE.4. (LOU) CONOFF POINTED OUT TO TIMOFEI THAT THE  
VASHCHENKOS HAVE OBTAINED APPLICATION FORMS BY VISITING  
OVIR. IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CHMYKHALOVS DIRECT  
THEMSELVES TO THAT OFFICE AS WELL. TIMOFEI INDICATED  
HE WOULD DO SO.5. (C) COMMENT: THERE APPEARS TO BE LITTLE CONTACT  
BETWEEN THE TWO FAMILIES OF PENTECOSTALS IN CHERNOGORSK.  
AS THEY WERE NOT ON GOOD TERMS IN THE EMBASSY, THEY  
GENERALLY AVOID ONE ANOTHER NOW. ONLY TIMOFEI  
OCCASIONALLY DROPS IN ON THE VASHCHENKOS. THUS,  
THEIR APPROACHES ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE COORDINATED.  
THE CHMYKHALOVS, UNLIKE THE VASHCHENKOS, HAVE NEVER  
PARTICULARLY APPRECIATED THE IMPORTANCE OF GOING  
THROUGH PROPER CHANNELS AND DOING THINGS BY THE BOOK.  
THEY HAVE TURNED TO THE KGB BECAUSE THEY ARE CONVINCED  
THAT ORGANIZATION WILL DECIDE THEIR FATE. EVEN IF THIS  
WERE TRUE (WE THINK THE MATTER WILL BE DECIDED ON A  
POLITICAL LEVEL) THE KGB PROBABLY WOULD NOT WANT IT  
TO LOOK THAT WAY. WE WILL TRY TO ENSURE, THEREFORE,  
THAT THE CHMYKHALOVS ARE INFORMED OF PROGRESS THE VASH-  
CHENKOS MAKE SO THAT THE LATTERS' METHODS CAN BE  
EMULATED. END COMMENT.HARTMAN  
BT1. (LOU) LYUBA VASHCHENKO INFORMED THE EMBASSY APRIL 22  
THAT HER FAMILY RECEIVED EXIT VISA APPLICATION FORMS  
THAT DAY AT THE CHERNOGORSK VISA OFFICE (OVIR). LYUBA  
DID NOT INDICATE THAT OVIR OFFICIALS HAD SAID ANYTHING  
IN PROVIDING THE APPLICATION FORMS TO HER FAMILY:  
THE VASHCHENKOS HAD BEEN TOLD BY OVIR OFFICIALS ON  
APRIL 19 THAT THEY SHOULD WAIT A WHILE AS OVIR HAD NO  
INSTRUCTIONS FROM MOSCOW (REFTEL). (COMMENT: THE  
VASHCHENKO FAMILY HAS NEVER BEFORE IN 21 YEARS OF  
EMIGRATION EFFORTS EVEN SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING EXIT  
VISA APPLICATIONS. NONETHELESS, THE FACT THAT FORMS  
HAVE NOW BEEN PROVIDED REPRESENTS ONLY A SMALL AND  
TENTATIVE FIRST STEP IN THE EMIGRATION PROCESS.  
PROVISION OF THE FORMS DOES NOT COMMIT THE SOVTS TO  
FAVORABLE ACTION ON THE APPLICATION. END COMMENT.)2. (LOU) LYUBA REPORTED THAT HER FAMILY WILL BEGIN TO  
GATHER THE DOCUMENTS WHICH SHOULD BE SUBMITTED ALONG WITH  
THE APPLICATIONS. THIS TASK MAY BE SLOWED BY THE FACT  
THAT SEVERAL VASHCHENKOS ARE DOWN WITH COLDS OR FLU AT  
THE MOMENT.3. (LOU) TIMOFEI CHMYKHALOV PHONED THE EMBASSY APRIL 20  
TO REPORT THAT BECAUSE OF A NUMBER OF PERSONAL REASONS  
AND ERRORS, HIS FAMILY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO TAKE THE  
PHONE CALLS ORDERED WITHIN THE PAST THREE DAYS BY THE  
EMBASSY. TIMOFEI SAID THAT HIS FAMILY VISITED THE  
CHERNOGORSK KGB ON APRIL 18 AND SPOKE TO A MR. SUCHAKEV.  
HE STATED THAT HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING THE  
CHMYKHALOV FAMILY, AND PROMISED TO COME TO THEIR HOME

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2. TIMOFEY CHMYKHALOV PHONED EMBASSY MOSCOW AT MIDDAY, JUNE 23, TO INFORM US THAT THE VASHCHENKO FAMILY HAD RECEIVED PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE FROM THE SOVIET UNION ON JUNE 22. ALL FIFTEEN MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY ARE CURRENTLY EN ROUTE TO MOSCOW BY TRAIN, WITH AN ETA HERE OF SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 26.

3. EMBASSY WILL BY SEPTEL PRESENT CHECKLIST OF NEXT STEPS NECESSARY TO ASSIST IN VASHCHENKO EMIGRATION. AS THE FAMILY'S PERMISSION EXPIRES ON JUNE 30 REPEAT JUNE 30, ADDRESSES SHOULD BE PREPARED TO TAKE EXPEDITIOUS ACTION IN THOSE AREAS (E.G., VIENNA: ACCOMMODATION; TEL AVIV: NOTICE TO LIDIA) FALLING WITHIN THEIR REALM.

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1. EMBASSY MOSCOW SUGGESTS THE FORMAT IN PARAGRAPH 2 FOR A LETTER OF INVITATION FROM LIDIA TO THE CHMYKHALOV FAMILY. IF LIDIA APPROVES THIS FORMULA, TEL AVIV MAY SIMPLY NOTIFY US AND WE WILL PREPARE A RUSSIAN TRANSLATION HERE.

2. I, LIDIA PETROVNA VASHCHENKO OF 7 SCHOONA DAROMIT, METULLA, ISRAEL, DO HEREBY INVITE MY FRIENDS LISTED BELOW TO JOIN ME:

PETRO SERGEEVICH CHMYKHALOV, BORN JUNE 29, 1926, USSR.  
MARIYA PETROVNA CHMYKHALOV, BORN APRIL 17, 1922,  
NOVONESEYKA, USSR.  
NADEZHDA PETROVNA CHMYKHALOV, BORN FEBRUARY 10, 1982,  
CHERNOGORSK, USSR.  
DINA PETROVNA CHMYKHALOV, BORN FEBRUARY 10, 1982,  
CHERNOGORSK, USSR.  
VLADIMIR PETROVICH CHMYKHALOV, BORN APRIL 6, 1954,  
CHERNOGORSK, USSR.  
EKATERINA PHILIPPOVNA CHMYKHALOV (NEE RUTS), BORN  
FEBRUARY 25, 1955, CHERNOGORSK, USSR.  
ROMAN VLADIMIROVICH CHMYKHALOV (RUTS), BORN JULY 29, 1978,  
CHERNOGORSK, USSR.  
ELENA VLADIMIROVNA CHMYKHALOVA (RUTS), BORN JULY 10, 1979,  
CHERNOGORSK, USSR.  
SVETLANA VLADIMIROVNA CHMYKHALOVA (RUTS), BORN JANUARY 21,  
1981, CHERNOGORSK, USSR.  
VLADIMIR VLADIMIROVICH CHMYKHALOV (RUTS), BORN FEBRUARY  
10, 1982, CHERNOGORSK, USSR.  
ANATOLI PETROVICH CHMYKHALOV, BORN SEPTEMBER 27, 1956,  
CHERNOGORSK, USSR.  
ALEKSANDR PETROVICH CHMYKHALOV, BORN JANUARY 9, 1960,  
CHERNOGORSK, USSR.  
TIMOFEI PETROVICH CHMYKHALOV, BORN APRIL 30, 1962,  
CHERNOGORSK, USSR.  
TAT'YANA VITALEVNA CHMYKHALOVNA (NEE PLOTNIKOVA), BORN  
NOVEMBER 28, 1954, CHERNOGORSK, USSR.  
ANNA PETROVNA MAKARENKO, BORN OCTOBER 22, 1928,  
CHERNOGORSK, USSR.  
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AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE IMMEDIATE 2072  
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2. THE RECEIPT OF SOVIET EXIT PERMISSION BY THE VASHCHENKO FAMILY, VALID UNTIL JUNE 30, HAS BEEN REPORTED BY REF E. BELOW, WE OUTLINE THOSE STEPS WHICH STRIKE US AS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THEIR REUNIFICATION WITH LIDIA VASHCHENKO IN THE WEST. SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTS ARE CONTAINED IN PARAS 5-8. SUGGESTED PRESS GUIDANCE IS CONTAINED IN PARA 10.

3. RECEPTION IN MOSCOW

AS IN THE CASE OF LIDIA VASHCHENKO, EMBASSY MOSCOW WILL TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO ASSIST THE REMAINDER OF THE FAMILY WITH LODGING, VISAING, AND TICKETING WHILE THEY ARE IN MOSCOW. THE DUTCH AND AUSTRIAN EMBASSIES HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THE VASHCHENKOS' IMMINENT ARRIVAL, AND BOTH HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE THE FAMILY AND ISSUE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS ON MONDAY, JUNE 27.

4. EMBASSY PRESUMES THAT FUNDS LEFT ON DEPOSIT WITH THE EMBASSY FOR THE NOMINAL USE OF THE CHMYKHALOV FAMILY BY THE SIBERIAN SEVEN SUPPORT GROUP (SSSG) CAN BE USED IN THIS PRESSING SITUATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF VASHCHENKO TRAVEL, ALONG THE LINES OF REF A. TENTATIVE RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE FAMILY ON THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE FLIGHT TO VIENNA: AUSTRIAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 602, DEPARTING MOSCOW 1655 LOCAL, ARRIVING VIENNA 1735 LOCAL, JUNE 27. ANY CHANGES FROM THIS ITINERARY WILL OF COURSE BE REEORTED PROMPTLY.

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5. EMBASSY VIENNA: WE SUGGEST THAT YOU PROCEED WITH RESERVATIONS FOR THE FIFTEEN VASHCHENKOS IN THE JESUITEN-MUEHLE HOTEL (REF C). WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT AUGUSTINA VASHCHENKO WILL REQUIRE SPECIAL MEDICAL ATTENTION. SINCE SHE IS ABLE TO UNDERTAKE THE LONG TRAIN JOURNEY FROM CHERNOGORSK TO MOSCOW, SHE WILL PRESUMABLY BE ABLE TO BEAR UP FOR THE REMAINDER OF HER JOURNEY BY AIR TO VIENNA. IF NO PENTECOSTAL SUPPORTERS ARE ABLE TO MEET THE FAMILY, YOU SHOULD BE PREPARED TO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN MEETING THE FAMILY AND FACILITATING THEIR SETTLEMENT INTO TEMPORARY LODGINGS. AS BOTH LYUBA AND LILIA VASHCHENKO HAVE GOOD TO EXCELLENT ENGLISH, A RUSSIAN-SPEAKING GREETER, WHILE DESIRABLE, WILL NOT BE NECESSARY.

6. FOR TEL AVIV: PLEASE INFORM LIDIA VASHCHENKO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF HER FAMILY'S IMPENDING ARRIVAL IN VIENNA. WE -RESUME THAT SHE AND OTHERS OF HER IMMEDIATE ENTOURAGE WILL WISH TO BE ON HAND IN VIENNA TO MEET THEM. IF THIS IS THE CASE, PLEASE INFORM US AND EMBASSY VIENNA SS THAT WORD CAN BE -ASSED AND ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR LIDIA'S LODGING.

7. FOR DEPARTMENT: EMBASSY TRIED ON JUNE 23 TO REACH LYNN BUZZARD OF THE SSSG AT HIS HOME, BUT WE WERE

INFORMED THAT HE IS AWAY ON A BUSINESS TRIP AND THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTACT HIM. WE SUGGEST YOU ATTEMPT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SSSG, WITH OLIN ROBINSON, AND WITH JANE DRAKE, TO AFFORD THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ON HAND WHEN THE VASHCHENKOS ARRIVE IN THE WEST. WE URGE YOU TO CAUTION THEM, HOWEVER, ABOUT PREMATURE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION TO THE PRESS. AND, AS WELL, ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES

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LATER VILIFICATION OF THE SOVIET UNION MIGHT HAVE  
UPON THE STILL OUTSTANDING CASE OF THE CHMYKHALOVS.

8. FOR LONDON: PLEASE BRIEF DANNY SMITH'S ORGANIZATION  
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ALONG THE GENERAL LINES OF THIS CABLE, THOUGH WORD MAY  
ALREADY HAVE COME THROUGH TO HIM THROUGH LIDIA.

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2. UPON RECEIPT STATE 174462 (REF A) EMBASSY PHONED LIDIA MORNING JUNE 23 IN NAZARETH TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF ISRAELI VYZOVS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CHMYKHALOV FAMILY. HER REACTION WAS FRANKLY NEGATIVE. (TO ENSURE THAT THE REQUEST AND OUR REASONS FOR IT WERE FULLY UNDERSTOOD, WE AGAIN USED OUR FLUENT RUSSIAN SPEAKING FSN TO TRANSLATE.) LIDIA WAS RELUCTANT OVER THE PHONE TO DISCUSS THE DETAILS OF HER UNWILLINGNESS TO SEND INVITATIONS FOR THE CHMYKHALOVS.
3. LIDIA PLANS TO COME TO THE EMBASSY ON TUESDAY, JUNE 28, WHEN WE WILL ASSIST HER IN OBTAINING VISAS FOR THE COUNTRIES SHE INTENDS VISITING ON HER FORTHCOMING TRIP (TEL AVIV 8402). SHE STATED THAT AT THAT TIME SHE WOULD BE WILLING TO EXPLAIN HER POSITION. SHE DID, MOREOVER, INDICATE THAT SHE MIGHT BE PREPARED TO RECONSIDER HER DECISION BUT WISHES TO TALK WITH HER FAMILY IN THE INTERIM TO OBTAIN THEIR OPINION. SHE ALSO STATED THAT SHE WOULD APPRECIATE A CALL FROM THE CHMYKHALOVS THEMSELVES IF POSSIBLE.
4. MOSCOW 7952 JUST RECEIVED. WHEN CAN WE NOTIFY LIDIA OF ITS CONTENTS IN ORDER TO SEE IF SHE WILL NOW ISSUE INVITATION TO CHMYKHALOVS BEFORE TAKING OFF TO MEET HER FAMILY IN VIENNA? LEWIS  
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