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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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July 21, 1983

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: PAULA DOBRIANSKY ⁷⁷

SUBJECT: USG Posture on Pentecostals

On July 18, the second of the two Pentecostal families, the Chmykhalovs, arrived in Vienna. State has forwarded you a memorandum (Tab I) pointing out that during the coming weeks we should expect heightened press interest in the role of the U.S. Government in the families' departure from the Soviet Union and recommending that the USG continue to maintain a low profile.

Our recent efforts on the Pentecostals behalf have been based on unpublicized diplomatic contacts. We have indicated to the Soviets that we would not exploit the release of the Pentecostals for political purposes. Hence, any significant departure from this policy of downplaying the USG role would be viewed as a breach of our promise and could endanger our current efforts on behalf of Shcharansky and other prominent figures. It also would contradict the President's expressed desire to maintain a low profile on such human rights cases.

For these reasons, State believes (and I agree) that the USG should confine its remarks to expressions of satisfaction that the families have succeeded in emigrating. They suggest that we should not provide the media with details on the exchanges which led to their departure from the USSR and should deflect any requests by the families to meet with the President or other major Administration figures. At Tab II is suggested press guidance. At Tab III is a memorandum from Kimmitt to Hill concurring with State's press guidelines.

^{JL} John Lenczowski, ^{gm} Jack Matlock and Bob Sims concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the press guidance provided by State at Tab II, thereby authorizing the Kimmitt to Hill memorandum at Tab III.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments:

- Tab I State's memorandum, July 20
- Tab II Press guidance
- Tab III Proposed Kimmitt to Hill memorandum

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United States Department of State

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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

July 20, 1983

SUBJECT: Recommended USG Posture on the Emigration of the
Embassy Pentecostals

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Charles Hill

Charles Hill
Executive Secretary~~SECRET~~

Emigration of the Chmykhalov Family from the USSR

Q. Do you have any comment on the emigration of the Chmykhalov family from the USSR?

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Q. Where will the Chmykhalovs [or Vashchenkos] ultimately settle?

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CHARLES HILL
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Recommended USG Posture on the Emigration of the
Pentecostal Families

We have reviewed and concur in the recommendations and press
guidance provided by the Department of State in its memorandum
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July 22, 1983

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Department of State

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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July 21, 1983

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BY KML NARA DATE 4/7/2011*Charles Hill*Charles Hill
Executive Secretary~~SECRET~~

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SUBJECT. LTR TO PRES FM SEN QUAYLE REQUESTING APPT W/ PRES RE VASCHENKO & CHYMKHALOV FAMILIES

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

September 8, 1983

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM: PAULA DOBRIANSKY ^{TD}

SUBJECT: Proposed Response to Senator Quayle re Pentecostal Families

The Presidential Scheduling Office forwarded Senator Quayle's letter (Tab B) which urges the President to meet with members of the "Embassy Pentecostal" families. At Tab I is a memorandum from you to Frederick Ryan recommending against such a meeting at this time; at Tab A is a suggested reply. Since I coordinated this action with State and did not receive their position until this morning, I informed Sarah Long (Scheduling) of the status of this package.

Chris ^{Lehman} concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward the memorandum at Tab I with attachments to Fred Ryan.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments:

- Tab I Memorandum to Frederick J. Ryan
- Tab A Proposed response
- Tab B Incoming letter from Senator Quayle, August 18

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

September 9, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.

FROM: ROBERT M. KIMMITT ^{Bsh}

SUBJECT: Proposed Response to Senator Quayle re Pentecostal Families

We have considered Senator Quayle's proposal (Tab B) that the President meet with members of the Vashchenko and Chymkhalov families and recommend disapproval. Given the sensitivity and low-key nature of our present efforts on other specific human rights cases, we do not believe that a meeting would be appropriate at this time. A suggested reply to Senator Quayle is attached at Tab A.

Attachments:

- Tab A Suggested reply to Senator Quayle
- Tab B Incoming letter from Senator Quayle, August 18

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Dear Senator Quayle:

Thank you for your letter urging the President to meet with the Vashchenko and Chymkhalov families.

Many representatives of the U.S. Government from the President on down have long taken an active interest in the situation of the Embassy Pentecostals and were gratified by the successful emigration of the Vashchenko and Chmykhalov families to the West. However, given the fact that we are presently in the midst of seeking to resolve, through unpublicized diplomatic channels, several difficult human rights cases (involving other Pentecostals), we do not believe that a meeting between the President and either or both of those families would be appropriate at this time.

Thank you for sharing your views. Please be assured that we will continue to keep this idea under consideration.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Dan Quayle
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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August 18, 1983

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

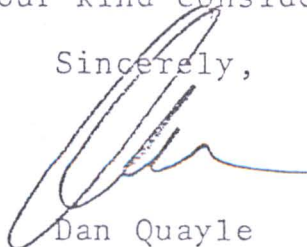
Dear Mr. President:

It has been brought to my attention that a request has been made through Mr. Morton Blackwell's office that you receive the members of the two Soviet families known as the "Siberian Seven." As you know, the members of the Vaschenko and Chymkhalov families, who had resided in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow since 1978, were finally allowed by the Soviet government to emigrate from the Soviet Union this past June and July.

I would like to take this opportunity to add my support to this request that a meeting with the Vaschenkos and Chymkhalovs be scheduled. Considerable attention, by the State Department, foreign governments, the media, and the Congress, has been focused on the religious persecution in the Soviet Union and the efforts of these families to practice their religion. These individuals, persecuted in their homeland for their strong evangelical faith, are certainly deserving of this recognition and honor.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Dan Quayle
U.S. Senator

DQ:ks

cc:

Mr. Morton Blackwell
Special Assistant
to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

AUGUST 30, 1983

TO: WILLIAM CLARK
FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATION

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON THE FOLLOWING
SCHEDULING REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION:

EVENT: Meeting with members of the Vaschenko and Chymkhalov
families, who were recently allowed to emigrate from
the Soviet Union

DATE: ---

LOCATION: The White House

BACKGROUND: See attached

YOUR RECOMMENDATION:

Accept___ Regret___ Surrogate___ Message___ Other___
Priority___
Routine___

IF RECOMMENDATION IS TO ACCEPT, PLEASE CITE REASONS:

RESPONSE DUE 9-9-83

TO Sarah Long *DL*

August 25, 1983

Dear Senator Quayle:

Thank you for your letter of August 18 urging that the President meet with members of the Vaschenko and Chymkhalov families, who were recently allowed to emigrate from the Soviet Union.

Please know that your recommendation has been brought to the attention of the appropriate White House officials, where it will be given every consideration. I have asked that you be notified promptly of a decision in this matter.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Pamela J. Turner
Deputy Assistant to the
President for Legislative
Affairs (Senate)

The Honorable Dan Quayle
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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cc: w/copy of inc to Fred Ryan - for further action re
scheduling request

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

September 29, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CHARLES HILL
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Recommendation by Senator Lugar that
President Receive Vashchenkos and Chmykalovs

Senator Lugar has recommended, in the letter attached, that the President receive the Pentecostalist families who took refuge in the Embassy in Moscow and who were allowed to emigrate recently.

The Department's recommendation regarding the desirability of a call on the President would be appreciated.

Robert M. Kimmitt
Executive Secretary

Attachment

JM to Rmk

RICHARD G. LUGAR
INDIANA

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COMMITTEES:

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

September 15, 1983

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

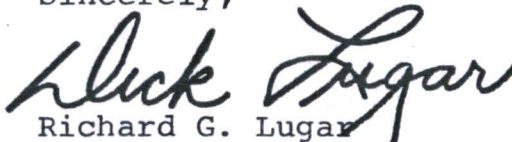
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These individuals suffered religious persecution in the Soviet Union, yet they persisted in their effort to practice their religion. They were advocates in their homeland of their strong evangelical faith, and for this they are deserving of recognition and honor.

I greatly appreciate your attention to this request. If there is anything that I or my staff may do to be of assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Richard G. Lugar
United States Senate

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SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO RECEIVE THE MEMBERS OF
TWO SOVIET FAMILIES KNOWN AS "THE SIBERIAN
SEVEN," THE VASCHENKO AND CHYMKHALOV FAMILIES

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Dear Senator Lugar:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for your September 15 letter endorsing the request for the President to meet with members of the Vaschenko and Chymkhalov families.

We very much appreciate knowing of your interest in this request and your offer to be of assistance. Please know that we will be checking with the appropriate offices here regarding the possibility of making these arrangements. You should be hearing further as soon as a determination is made.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Duberstein
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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cc: w/copy of inc to Fred Ryan - for appropriate action

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cc: w/copy of inc to Morton Blackwell - FYI

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Paula, language received from John Boris; if you want something more included (mentioning KAL incident -- they would prefer not), please call him after 11:30 a.m. at 632-8722.

Many representatives of the U.S. Government from the President on down have long taken an active interest in the situation of the Embassy Pentecostals, and were gratified by the successful emigration of the Vashchenko and Chmykhalov families to the West. Nevertheless, despite this long-standing interest, we do not believe that a meeting between the President and either or both of those families would be appropriate at this time. The U.S. Government continues to work on behalf of those whose human rights are abused in the USSR, and it is their position that several prominent cases should, like the case of the Embassy Pentecostals, be resolved by the emigration of the persons concerned. A meeting between the President and the families would likely be perceived as an attempt to exploit the Embassy Pentecostals for political advantage, and would therefore be counterproductive to our efforts on other specific human rights cases.

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E.O. 12356: OADR
TAGS: SHUM, ICRC, SREF, UR
SUBJECT: VASHCHENKO

Vashchenko case

REF: STATE 278222

1. {SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.}

2. EMBASSY BERN AND US MISSION GENEVA HAVE DISCUSSED
VASHCHENKO CASE WITH SWISS GOVERNMENT AND ICRC, WHO HAVE,
IN EFFECT, WASHED THEIR HANDS COMPLETELY OF THIS MATTER.
AMBASSADOR EAGLEBURGER HAS AUTHORIZED EMBASSY BONN TO
SEEK PERMISSION FOR U.S. EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE TO INTER-
VIEW VASHCHENKO TO DETERMINE:

- (A) WHETHER HE APPEARS TO BE PSYCHOLOGICALLY STABLE;
- (B) WHETHER HE WISHES TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES
NOW OR IF HIS FRG ASYLUM APPLICATION FAILS; AND
- (C) WHAT HE WOULD BE LIKELY TO SAY PUBLICLY ABOUT
THE UNITED STATES, SOVIET UNION AND SOVIET
INVOLVEMENT IN AFGHANISTAN.

3. PLEASE CONFIRM APPROACH TO FRG AUTHORITIES, THEIR
RESPONSE TO REQUEST AND WHEN INTERVIEW WILL OCCUR. YY

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GERMANS. WE COULD THEN APPROACH GOP WITH A CONSIDERED APPROACH FOR DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM AND CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTING THE SOVIETS. AT THE SAME TIME, WE SHOULD NOT UNDERCUT PROSPECTS FOR A RENEWED ICRC-SOVIET-MUJAHIDEEN AGREEMENT. WE SHOULD MAKE THIS CLEAR TO GOP, ICRC AND AS FEASIBLE TO MUJAHIDEEN REPRESENTATIVES.

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE US ASYLUM FOR ESCAPED SOVIET PRISONER OF WAR

REFS: (A) STATE 277746; (B) BERN 5199; (C) BERN 522#

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2. REF A REQUESTED EMBASSY ISLAMABAD'S VIEWS ON CONSEQUENCES OF ALLOWING SOVIET PRISONER OF WAR VASHCHENKO INTO THE U.S. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:
THE GOP WOULD PROBABLY WELCOME U.S. DECISION TO ALLOW VASHCHENKO TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SOVIET SOLDIERS ON PAKISTANI SOIL AND GOP IS AT A LOSS ABOUT WHAT TO DO WITH THEM. AS MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR AFGHANISTAN TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER, THE GOP FEARS THE MUJAHIDEEN WILL KILL THE PRISONERS, IF THEY ARE NOT TAKEN OFF THE MUJAHIDEEN HANDS, OR THAT THE SOVIETS WILL BECOME AWARE OF SPECIFIC CASES AND ASK FOR GOP TO RETURN THE SOVIETS TO THE SOVIET UNION- A REQUEST THE GOP ULTIMATELY FEELS IT WOULD HAVE TO HONOR. THE GOP WOULD LIKELY VIEW THE U.S. DECISION AS A PRECEDENT AND PRESS THE U.S. TO TAKE AT LEAST SOME OF THE OTHERS.

3. THE GOP HOWEVER, WOULD HAVE TWO CONCERNS WHICH SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND. FIRST, IF THERE WERE EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY ABOUT VASCHENKO, THIS WOULD JEOPARDIZE PROSPECTS FOR RENEWING THE ICRC-SOVIET-MUJAHIDEEN AGREEMENT TO INTERN SOVIET PRISONERS IN SWITZERLAND, SINCE THE SOVIETS PROBABLY WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO AGREE TO A PROCEDURE WHICH COULD RESULT AGAIN IN OTHER PRISONERS ENDING UP IN THE UNITED STATES. SECOND, THE U.S. DECISION WOULD ATTRACT WIDESPREAD PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE PRESENCE OF SOVIET SOLDIERS ON PAKISTAN'S TERRITORY. THIS ATTENTION COULD BECOME PARTICULARLY AWKWARD FOR THE GOP, IF PRISONERS WERE ALLOWED DIRECTLY INTO THE U.S. FROM PAKISTAN AND IT WOULD PROBABLY LEAD TO DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIONS FOR RETURN OF THE PRISONERS TO THE USSR.

4. SOVIET PRISONERS IN PAKISTAN WILL BE A CONTINUING PROBLEM AND VASHCHENKO CASE WILL HAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR ALL OTHERS. BEFORE REACHING ANY FINAL DECISION ON VASHCHENKO, ASSUMING HE IS NOT RETURNED TO SWITZERLAND IN THE INTERIM WE SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT CONSULT WITH U.S. ALLIES ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF DISTRIBUTING OTHER PRISONERS AMONG A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, RATHER THAN RISKING PRESSURE FROM THE GOP FOR THE U.S. TO TAKE ALL SOVIET PRISONERS. AT A MINIMUM, WE WOULD SUGGEST BRITISH, FRENCH AND WEST

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2. GERMAN AMBASSADOR FISCHER INFORMED THE DCM SEPT 29 THAT VASHCHENKO IS A COMPLETE "TURNCOAT". HE SAID VASHCHENKO HAS TOLD THE GERMANS THAT HIS FELLOW PRISONERS IN SWITZERLAND HAVE SAID THEY WOULD "TAKE CARE OF HIM" IF HE WERE TO RETURN TO SWITZERLAND. FISCHER SAID THE APPEALS PROCESS IN GERMANY WILL TAKE MONTHS, PERHAPS EVEN A YEAR, AND THAT THERE THEREFORE ARE NO TIME PRESSURES. FISCHER ALSO NOTED THAT HE HAD PAID A COURTESY CALL ON SOVIET AMBASSADOR LAVROV SEPT 29, AND LAVOV HAD NOT MENTIONED ANYTHING ABOUT THE VASHCHENKO CASE. LODGE

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SUBJECT: VASHCHENKO

REF: STATE 278223

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2. VASHCHENKO ISSUE WAS RAISED THIS MORNING, SEPTEMBER 29, WITH JEAN-PIERRE HOCHE, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AT ICRC. HOCHE SAID THAT THE VASHCHENKO CASE IS A BILATERAL MATTER BETWEEN BERN AND BONN AND THAT ICRC HAS QUOTE NO OPINION UNQUOTE CONCERNING ANY POSSIBLE US ACTION OR INTEREST. HOCHE REPEATED THIS POSITION SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE CONVERSATION IN RESPONSE TO FURTHER, SPECIFIC QUESTIONS. HOCHE DID STATE, HOWEVER, THAT WHATEVER ACTION IS TAKEN IN THE VASHCHENKO CASE IS LIKELY TO COMPLICATE MATTERS FOR THE ICRC.

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OF WAR WHO WAS INTERNED IN SWITZERLAND

REF: A) STATE 273027, B) STATE 274953 (NOTAL)

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2. POLITICAL OFFICER DISCUSSED VASHCHENKO CASE AS PER REFTEL B WITH MFA DEPUTY SECTION CHIEF FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ANDRE VON GRAFFENRIED. VON GRAFFENRIED SAID THAT HE WOULD BRING THE MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF AMBASSADOR BRUNNER, MFA DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PROVIDE GOS REACTION TO EMBASSY WITHIN ONE OR TWO DAYS.
3. VON GRAFFENRIED STATED THAT THE PROBLEM WAS DELICATE AND THAT IT MIGHT CREATE COMPLICATIONS FOR THE OVERALL ARRANGEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN WORKED OUT FOR THE SOVIET PRISONERS.
4. VON GRAFFENRIED ALSO TOLD POLOFF THAT VASHCHENKO HAS NOT REPEAT NOT APPEALED THE FRG DENIAL OF HIS REQUEST FOR REFUGEE STATUS. LODGE

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PRISONER OF WAR WHO WAS INTERNEED IN SWITZERLAND

REF: BERN 5199

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2. DCM AND POLOFF MET ON SEPT 29, 1983 WITH AMBASSADOR
BRUNNER, MFA DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO
DISCUSS THE VASHCHENKO CASE. BRUNNER STATED THAT THE
U.S. GOVERNMENT COULD DO "WHATEVER IT WISHES" WITH
VASHCHENKO, "BUT PLEASE DO NOT ASK US FOR OUR VIEWS,
OR TO DO ANYTHING." BRUNNER WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE GOS
IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR VASHCHENKO SINCE HE IS NO LONGER
IN SWITZERLAND. THEREFORE, WHETHER HE GOES TO THE U.S.,
OR EVEN SOME OTHER COUNTRY, IS OF NO OFFICIAL CONCERN
TO THE GOS. AT PRESENT, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR
VASHCHENKO RESTS WITH THE FRG HE SAID.

3. BRUNNER ADDED THAT ON SEPT 29 VASHCHENKO HAD APPEALED
THE FRG DENIAL OF HIS REQUEST FOR REFUGEE STATUS. HE
NOTED THAT IT WOULD TAKE WEEKS BEFORE THE APPEAL PROCESS
WOULD BE EXHAUSTED.

4. BRUNNER SAID THAT THE GOS HAD CONTACTED THE ICRC
ABOUT THE U.S. INTEREST. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE ICRC
ALSO DID NOT WANT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN ANY WAY, NOR
EVEN TO BE KEPT INFORMED ABOUT WHAT THE U.S. DID OR DID
NOT PLAN TO DO, AND HE STRONGLY IMPLIED THAT THE GOS
DOES NOT WANT TO BE KEPT INFORMED ABOUT ANY FUTURE
DEVELOPMENTS. HE ADDED THAT, IF QUERIED BY THE SOVIETS,
THE GOS WOULD SAY THAT IT DOES NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT U.S.
INTERESTS IN THIS CASE.

5. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BY THE DCM AS TO THE
POSSIBILITIES OF MORE SOVIET PRISONERS ARRIVING IN
SWITZERLAND IN THE FUTURE, BRUNNER SAID THAT THE AFGHAN
FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAD DECIDED NOT TO SEND ANY MORE PRISONERS
TO SWITZERLAND UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE ICRC WAS ALLOWED
TO RETURN TO KABUL, AND TO OPERATE THERE. BRUNNER ADDED
THAT THE AFGHANS HOLD AT LEAST 40 SOVIET PRISONERS AT
PRESENT. HE SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS THE U.S. SHOULD MAKE
DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE AFGHAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO DISCUSS
THE SITUATION OF THESE PRISONERS.

6. IN RESPONSE TO OUR PROBING, BRUNNER DESCRIBED
VASHCHENKO AS THE ONLY ONE AMONG THE EIGHT SOVIET
PRISONERS IN SWITZERLAND WHO HAD DEMONSTRATED INTELLECTUAL
CURIOSITY. HE SAID THAT VASHCHENKO, AT THE BEGINNING OF

HIS STAY HAD ALSO BEEN THE ONLY ONE WITH STRONG COMMUNIST
FEELINGS, WHICH HE EXPRESSED BY IMMEDIATELY CRITICIZING
THE WESTERN WAY OF LIFE. ACCORDING TO BRUNNER, HOWEVER,
VASHCHENKO BEGAN TO RAPIDLY CHANGE HIS VIEWS DURING A
STAY IN A SWISS HOSPITAL (WHILE RECOVERING FROM FROSTBITE
TO HIS FEET). BRUNNER SAID THAT VASHCHENKO HAD BEEN
WILLING TO "THINK THINGS OUT FOR HIMSELF", HAD BEEN IN-
TERESTED IN BOOKS, AND IN FURTHERING HIS EDUCATION AS
AN ELECTRICIAN. BRUNNER SAID VASHCHENKO STOOD OUT AMONG
THE EIGHT PRISONERS DUE TO HIS INTEREST IN IMPROVING
HIMSELF. THE REMAINING SEVEN SOVIET PRISONERS HAD ONLY
BEEN INTERESTED IN GETTING BLUEJEANS, AND BUYING RADIO-
CASSETTES. THEY HAD THE SAME
INTERESTS AS MOST YOUNG PEOPLE EVERYWHERE; BRUNNER NOTED,
WITH NO IDEOLOGICAL COMMITMENT. PERHAPS FOR THIS
REASON, BRUNNER NOTED, VASHCHENKO DID NOT GET ALONG
WELL WITH THE OTHER PRISONERS, AND WAS A SORT OF OUTCAST.
ANDRE VON GRAFFENRIED, DEPUTY SECTION CHIEF IN THE OFFICE
OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, ADDED THAT VASHCHENKO,
WHO IS NINETEEN, WAS THE MOST YOUTHFUL-LOOKING OF THE
PRISONERS, GIVING THE IMPRESSION OF BEING NO MORE THAN
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7. COMMENT: BRUNNER SHOWED NO CONCERN OVER PROPOSED U.S.
COURSE OF ACTION. WHILE THE GOS PROBABLY APPRECIATED
(ALTHOUGH BRUNNER DID NOT SAY SO) THE U.S. ACTION IN
INFORMING IT OF ITS PLANS, IT IS CLEAR THAT FROM NOW ON IT
WANTS TO BE KEPT OUT OF THE PICTURE. AS BRUNNER SAID
"WE WILL READ OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PAPERS."
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VIEW RECENTLY THAT VASHCHENKO SHOULD BE "RETURNED TO SWITZERLAND OR DIRECTLY TO THE SOVIET UNION." FEIN SAID IT WAS CLEAR TO HIM THAT THE RUSSIANS WERE "CONCERNED" OVER THE UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENT THAT VASHCHENKO IS NOW IN THE FRG AND FREE TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS. HOWEVER, FEIN SAID THERE HAS BEEN NO "HEAVY PRESSURE" FROM THE RUSSIANS OVER THE ISSUE.
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1. (S - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. FOREIGN OFFICE LEGL SPECIALIST DR. FEIN (PROTECT) CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY OFFICER SEPTEMBER 30 THAT ESCAPED SOVIET INTERNEE VASHCHENKO HAS FORMALLY APPEALED A DENIAL BY THE FEDERAL ASYLUM OFFICE OF HIS APPLICATION FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM IN THE FRG. VASHCHENKO'S APPEAL NOW PLACES HIS CASE IN JUDICIAL CHANNELS, RATHER THAN ADMINISTRATIVE ONES, AND FEIN SAID A DECISION ON HIS APPEAL MAY NOT BE FORTHCOMING FOR "SEVERAL MONTHS."

3. DR. FEIN SAID HIS PERSONAL ASSESSMENT OF VASHCHENKO'S CASE IS THAT HIS CHANCES FOR EVENTUALLY BEING GRANTED POLITICAL ASYLUM IN THE FRG HAVE IMPROVED. FEIN SAID PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH VASHCHENKO HAS GIVEN WHILE IN THE FRG, IN PARTICULAR SEVERAL NEWSPAPER INTERVIEWS, COULD BE EXPECTED TO CAUSE VASHCHENKO PROBLEMS WITH THE SOVIET UNION IF HE WERE TO BE RETURNED THERE. HENCE, FEIN FEELS IT IS LIKELY THE COURT WILL NOT TAKE ANY ACTION WHICH MIGHT RESULT IN HIS INVOLUNTARY RETURN EITHER TO SWITZERLAND OR, EVENTUALLY TO THE USSR.

4. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, EMBOFF NOTED THAT THERE IS USG INTEREST IN EXAMINING THE POSSIBILITY OF VASHCHENKO'S COMING TO THE U.S., STRESSING THAT U.S. WAS NOT COMMITTED TO ACCEPTING HIM. FEIN SAID FRG WOULD "COOPERATE FULLY" IF VASHCHENKO WERE TO EXPRESS ANY DESIRE TO GO TO THE U.S., AND U.S. WAS PREPARED TO ADMIT HIM. FEIN NOTED THAT, TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, VASHCHENKO HAS NOT REPEAT NOT EXPRESSED ANY DESIRE TO DO SO. FEIN ASKED TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS ON U.S. SIDE.

5. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S QUESTION, FEIN NOTED THAT THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN BONN HAS ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE VASHCHENKO CASE, AND FEIN SAID HE WOULD INFORM THE RUSSIANS TODAY (30 SEPTEMBER) THAT VASHCHENKO HAS INDEED FILED A FORMAL APPEAL, AND THAT HE WILL BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN THE FRG UNTIL A DECISION ON THE APPEAL IS FORTHCOMING. FEIN SAID AS FAR AS HE KNEW THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT MADE ANY ATTEMPT TO CONTACT VASHCHENKO DIRECTLY.

6. FEIN SAID HIS CONTACT AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY, CONSUL GENERAL VIKTOR TCHIBISSOV, HAD EXPRESSED THE

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2. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT U. S. MISSION GENEVA IMMEDIATELY CONTACT ICRC AND DETERMINE THEIR ATTITUDE ABOUT U. S. ACCEPTANCE OF VASHCHENKO AS ASYLEE OR PAROLEE, EFFECT, IF ANY, AND ON OVERALL ARRANGEMENT WORKED OUT FOR SOVIET PRISONERS. AS YOU WILL SEE SEPTEL, WE HAVE ASKED BONN FOR AN EXTENSION TO OCTOBER 15 FOR DEPORTATION OF VASHCHENKO TO SWITZERLAND. IF WE DO NOT GET IT, WE WILL NEED TO DETERMINE ICRC VIEWS BEFORE OCTOBER 1 DEADLINE.

3. PLEASE CONFIRM AND INFORM DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY WHEN CONTACT WITH ICRC WILL BE MADE, AND RESULTS OF MEETING, IF ANY. DAM UNQUOTE SHULTZ

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

October 20, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLOTTE PONTICELLI

FROM: ROBERT M. KIMMITT

SUBJECT: Proposed Response to Senator Lugar

We have reviewed and concur with the proposed response to Senator Lugar prepared by the State Department concerning a meeting between the Pentecostals and the President.

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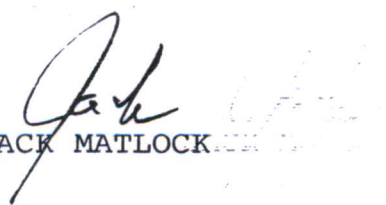
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

October 20, 1983

FOR BOB KIMMITT:

I recommend that you sign the attached memorandum to Charlotte Ponticelli.


JACK MATLOCK



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 19, 1983

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSESUBJECT: Meeting between the Embassy Pentecostals and the
President

When the Vashchenko and Chmykhalov families departed the Soviet Union this summer, the Department of State recommended, and the National Security Council agreed, that the USG would not publicize its role in the emigration of those families (Tab B). This policy has been maintained since the Pentecostal families arrived in the U.S., and as one result there have been no meetings between the families and major USG officials. Recently, however, Senator Lugar has proposed that the President receive the Embassy Pentecostals, a meeting that would probably receive sizable press attention.

The Department of State recommends that the USG continue its low profile policy. Our efforts on the Pentecostals' behalf were based on confidential diplomatic exchanges, in which we indicated to the Soviets that we would not exploit the release of the Pentecostals for political purposes. Any significant departure from this policy, such as a Presidential meeting with the Pentecostals, would be viewed by the Soviets as a violation of our pledge to them, and could jeopardize future USG efforts on behalf of other Soviet dissidents and refuseniks. We would therefore recommend against the suggested meeting between the Pentecostals and the President.

The attached proposed response to Senator Lugar (Tab A) expresses our satisfaction that the Embassy Pentecostals were allowed to emigrate. However, it notes the need to continue to work on behalf of others still in the Soviet Union, and the importance of quiet diplomacy in those efforts. For that reason, the letter concludes, a meeting between the Embassy Pentecostals and the President would not be appropriate at this time.

Thomas H. McKinley
for Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- Tab A - Draft Response to Senator Lugar.
- Tab B - NSC Memo.

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Dear Senator Lugar:

Thank you for your recent letter proposing that the President meet with the Vashchenko and Chmykhalov families.

Many representatives of the United States Government, from the President on down, have long taken an active interest in the situation of the Embassy Pentecostals, and were gratified by their successful emigration to the West. However, our ongoing efforts, through unpublicized diplomatic channels, on behalf of other difficult human rights cases require that we handle with great discretion our contacts with persons whom the Soviets have permitted to emigrate. For this reason, we do not believe that a meeting between the President and representatives of the Embassy Pentecostal families would be appropriate at this time.

Thank you for sharing your views on this subject. Please be assured that we will keep the question of meetings with the Vashchenko and Chmykhalov families under consideration.

Sincerely,

The Honorable
Richard G. Lugar,
United States Senate.

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FOR ROBERT M KIMMITT

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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September 29, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CHARLES HILL
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Recommendation by Senator Lugar that
President Receive Vashchenkos and Chmykalovs

Senator Lugar has recommended, in the letter attached, that the President receive the Pentacostalist families who took refuge in the Embassy in Moscow and who were allowed to emigrate recently.

The Department's recommendation regarding the desirability of a call on the President would be appreciated.

Robert M. Kimmitt
Robert M. Kimmitt
Executive Secretary

Attachment

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

September 15, 1983

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Reagan:

I am writing to urge you to consider a request which was made through Morton Blackwell's office for you to receive the members of the two Soviet families known as "the Siberian Seven." The Vaschenko and Chymkhalov families, as you know had been residing in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow since 1978 and were finally allowed by the Soviet government to emigrate from the Soviet Union this past June and July.

These individuals suffered religious persecution in the Soviet Union, yet they persisted in their effort to practice their religion. They were advocates in their homeland of their strong evangelical faith, and for this they are deserving of recognition and honor.

I greatly appreciate your attention to this request. If there is anything that I or my staff may do to be of assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Richard G. Lugar
United States Senate

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

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SUBJECT: Travel of the Last Embassy Pentecostals to the U.S.

On July 28 the Vashchenko family received the Israeli Ministry of the Interior's official refusal of their request for resettlement in Israel, and the fourteen members of the family remaining in that country (Liuba and Nadia Vashchenko are already in the U.S.) will travel to the United States Friday, July 29. They will be accompanied by supporter Ray Barnett, who has escorted most of the Embassy Pentecostals on their travels, and will proceed directly to Seattle, where Barnett's organization, "Friends in the West", is headquartered. We do not currently have information regarding the Vashchenkos' long-term plans, particularly regarding which offers of assistance from supporters they may accept. It is probable, however, that the family will settle in the U.S., inasmuch as Israel has now been formally ruled out as an option, and Britain, the only other country in which sustained, large-scale public support for the Pentecostals has been seen, has previously indicated a reluctance to provide the families with documents entitling them to permanent residency. With the arrival of the Vashchenkos tomorrow, the last of the Embassy Pentecostals will have landed in the United States.

As recommended in the Department of State's recent memorandum (Tab A), and confirmed by the National Security Council (Tab B), we intend to maintain a low profile regarding the emigration of the Embassy Pentecostals, and will deflect any requests by them to meet with the President, the Secretary of State, or other high Administration officials.

Barron McKinley
for Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- A. Hill-Clark Memorandum
- B. National Security Council Memorandum

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United States Department of State

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Recommended USG Posture on the Emigration of the Embassy Pentecostals

The Chmykhalovs, the second of the two Pentecostal families who spent nearly five years in refuge in our Embassy in Moscow, arrived in Vienna July 18, and on the following day thirteen of the fifteen members of that family will continue on to St. Louis, Missouri to join supporters. Now that the Chmykhalov family is safely out of the USSR, they, the Vashchenko family, and certain of their supporters may be expected to take full advantage of the publicity they have looked forward to for weeks, months, or even years. During the days and weeks following the emigration of the last of the Embassy Pentecostals we should expect press interest in the role of the U.S. Government in the families' departure from the Soviet Union. The families themselves, who in the past have placed great faith in the value of press play, may encourage such attention. Indeed, the Vashchenkos have on previous occasions expressed a desire to meet with the President to thank him personally for his efforts on their behalf. Even if such a meeting does not occur, questions regarding who said what to whom and at what level are bound to arise.

The Department of State recommends that the USG continue to maintain a low profile regarding its role in the Vashchenkos' and Chmykhalovs' emigration. Our recent efforts on the Pentecostals' behalf have been based on unpublicized diplomatic contacts. We have indicated to the Soviets that we would not exploit the release of the Pentecostals for political purposes, and our posture has obtained Soviet cooperation.

Any significant departure from this policy of downplaying the USG role would be viewed by the Soviets as a violation of our pledge to them, and could seriously endanger our efforts on behalf of Shcharanskiy and other prominent figures. For that reason the Department believes that the USG should confine its public remarks on the Vashchenkos and Chmykhalovs to expressions of satisfaction that the families have succeeded in emigrating. We should not provide the media with details on the exchanges which led to the Pentecostals' departure from the USSR, and should deflect any requests by the families to meet with the President, the Secretary of State, or other major Administration figures. The attached press guidance conforms to that course of action.

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Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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Emigration of the Chmykhalov Family from the USSR

Q. Do you have any comment on the emigration of the Chmykhalov family from the USSR?

A. Yes. We are very pleased that the family has achieved its long-sought goal of emigration. As you know, with the emigration of this family and the Vashchenko family, which departed the Soviet Union approximately three weeks earlier, the last of the Pentecostals who were in refuge in our Embassy in Moscow has left the USSR. Many individuals, both within the United States Government and outside it, worked for many years so that the families might obtain exit permission. I am sure I speak for all those supporters when I wish the families every success as they begin their new lives in the West.

Q. Where will the Chmykhalovs [or Vashchenkos] ultimately settle?

A. You will have to ask them that question.

Q. Could they settle in the U.S.?

A. That would be determined by the appropriate USG agencies upon review of the families' applications.

Q. What can you tell us about rumors that the Embassy Pentecostals were granted permission to emigrate largely as a result of the President's request to Soviet Ambassador Dobrynin on their behalf?

A. The Soviets have been well aware throughout of the strong interest and concern of many Americans and of the U.S. Government, from the President on down, in this case. But I will not be commenting on or describing our diplomatic communications with the Soviets on this or other similar cases. We have made a practice of not commenting publicly on those efforts, and without leading you one way or another on any specific cases, will not do so now.

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July 22, 1983

A /S /S-S MC F(SHM)	MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CHARLES HILL Executive Secretary Department of State
SUBJECT:	Recommended USG Posture on the Emigration of the Pentecostal Families

We have reviewed and concur in the recommendations and press guidance provided by the Department of State in its memorandum dated July 20.

Robert M. Kimmitt
Robert M. Kimmitt
Executive Secretary

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