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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

*File  
Sakharov*

September 17, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR JACK MATLOCK

FROM: WALT RAYMOND *wrf*

SUBJECT: Semyonov/Sakharov

Unless you believe the White House should make some type of statement, I believe this issue is closed. Semyonov is off his hunger strike, following a State Department statement that they were very concerned about Sakharov and human rights violations in the Soviet Union.

Attachment

Dictation

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

To: Walt Raymond

SUB - Semyonov/Sakharov

Guess we'll have to  
think of something else.

Bud, maybe?

or Armacost? Whitehead?

Jack

National Security Council  
The White House

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System # \_\_\_\_\_

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	SEQUENCE TO	HAS SEEN	DISPOSITION
Bob Pearson	_____	_____	_____
William Martin	_____ / _____	_____ <i>Um</i>	_____
John Poindexter	_____	_____	_____
Paul Thompson	_____	_____	_____
Wilma Hall	_____	_____	_____
Bud McFarlane	_____	_____	_____
William Martin	_____	_____	_____
NSC Secretariat	_____	_____	_____
Situation Room	_____ <i>Raymond</i>	_____	_____
	_____ <i>MATLOCK 2</i>	_____	_____

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cc: VP    Regan    Buchanan    Other \_\_\_\_\_

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(Date/Time)

*pls. note Rosebush  
comment. Could you pls. do a  
negative response - tx*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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September 10, 1985

FOR: JIM ROSEBUSH

FROM: KAREN FULLER *K.*

Attached copy FYI given  
their interest in Mrs. Reagan.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 9, 1985

Blue Martin 5  
Pls head this  
off. We have  
repeatedly  
turned this  
down.  
jm

MEMORANDUM FOR DONALD T. REGAN  
ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: PATRICK J. BUCHANAN *AB*

Alex Semyonov, the son of Elena Bonner, and stepson of Sakharov -- who is in the 11th day of a hunger strike outside of the Soviet Embassy -- came in with his grandmother (Bonner's mother), for 20 minutes. He is anxious for some kind of Administration response to his plea for renewed interest and activity in the Sakharov case -- so he can end his strike. Told him I could promise nothing, other than to deliver his message. The impression I got is that he wants a) either a White House statement, or b) a meeting with the Vice President. I informed him the Veep was out of town for the week. Last week also, Avital Scharansky, who has come in before, came in to say that her husband has been moved back into punishment detention; and his physical condition is deteriorating. Clearly, both the Scharansky and Sakharov family see this occasion, pre-summit, as a time for them to get some action on the release of their family members.

From speaking with Semyonov, I have the impression he might be willing to end his hunger strike, if he could see and speak his case to the First Lady. That might also provide an occasion for Avital Scharansky to get a hearing as well. Apparently, Mrs. Bonner had such a meeting in the works before the President's hospitalization. Any interest in pursuing this ?