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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 16, 1988

PHOTO WITH RUSSIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY LEADERS

DATE: December 19, 1988
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 1:30 p.m.

FROM: REBECCA G. RANGE

I. PURPOSE

To greet Russian American religious and community leaders on the occasion of the Millennium of Christianity in Kievan-Rus'.

II. BACKGROUND

This year, the Congress of Russian Americans (CRA) and all Russians in the U.S. and around the world are celebrating the millennium of Christianity in Kievan-Rus.

The occasion of the millennium has provided an opportunity to highlight the continued repression of religious freedom in the Soviet Union. The Russian Americans appreciate your efforts on behalf of human rights and wish to present you with a commemorative medal.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Mr. Peter Budzilovich, President, CRA
Mr. George Avisov, First Vice President, CRA
Mr. Eugene Alexandrov, Second Vice President, CRA
Mr. Benedict Kossovsky, Board Member, CRA
Ms. Katherine Lukin, Board Member, CRA
Dr. Victor Petrov, Board Member, CRA
Captain Peter Sarandinaki, Board Member, CRA
Ms. Eugenia Ordynsky, Executive Director, Washington Office,
CRA
Dr. Lyudmila Foster, Editor, Voice of America
Very Reverend Victor Potapov, Russian Orthodox Cathedral of
St John the Baptist, Washington, D.C.
Very Reverend Dmitry Grigorieff, Russian Orthodox Church of
St. Nicholas of the Orthodox Church in America,
Washington, D.C.

Rebecca G. Range, Assistant to the President and
Director of Public Liaison
Katherine Chumachenko, Associate Director, Office of Public
Liaison

IV. PRESS PLAN

To be determined by Press Office.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- Guests enter Oval Office and individual photos are taken.
- Mr. Budzilovich presents you with commemorative plaque, expressing appreciation for your efforts on behalf of religious freedom in the Soviet Union.
- You make brief remarks and guests depart.

Attachment: Suggested talking points.