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STRAIGHT WIRE - MAY 28, 1981

Mr. Michael ^XChaika
National Commander ^XUkrainian American Veterans
National Headquarters
^XUkrainian Institute of America
2 East 79th Street
New York, New York 10021

Dear Commander Chaika:

I am delighted to send my warm greetings to all those attending the 34th Annual National Convention of the Ukrainian American Veterans and their Ladies Auxiliary.

Americans of Ukrainian ancestry have earned a special place in the hearts of our people. We are well aware of the tremendous losses and suffering your homeland has endured and your struggle for independence and freedom. We share your aspirations and are proud of your role in the United States of America. Our nation is grateful for the contributions your Ukrainian heritage has made to our country and culture.

You have my best wishes for a productive convention and a bright future.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

RR: Wells
cc: H.von Damm/J.Wells/J.Burgess/CF/vcs
Draft information provided by VA

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16 PMS MR. MICHAEL CHAIKA, DLR DONT DWR

17 NATIONAL COMMANDER UKRAINIAN AMERICAN VETERANS

18 NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

19 UKRAINIAN INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

20 2 EAST 79TH STREET

21 NEW YORK, NY 10021

23 DEAR COMMANDER CHAIKA:

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Acting Administrator
Veterans Administration
ATTN: MR. JOE FOLEY

Date: May 2, 1981

ACTION REQUESTED

- Draft reply ~~/of/~~ MESSAGE
- President's signature.
- Undersigned's signature.
- Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- Direct reply.
- Furnish information copy.
- Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
- Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- For your information.
- For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 72 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.

Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

REMARKS:

Description:

Letter: Telegram: Other:

To: The President

From: Michael Chaika, Nat'l. Cmdr., UAV, 2 E. 79th St., NY, NY 10021

Date: 4/6/81

Subject: Requests message for the National Convention of the Ukrainian American Veterans being held MAY 29-31, Sommerville, NJ.

By direction of the President:

Dodie Livingston

DODIE LIVINGSTON
Director, Office of Special
Presidential Messages
456-2941/Room 96-OEOB

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(Copy to remain with correspondence)

Straight Wire - May 28, 1981

DRAFT: J. Wells: May 27, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Dodie Livingston
Director
Office of Special Presidential Messages
The White House

I am pleased to enclose a draft message from President Reagan for the Ukrainian American Veterans and their Ladies Auxiliary on their 34th Annual National Convention, Sommerville, New Jersey, May 29-31, 1981.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Joe Foley'.

JOE FOLEY
Acting Executive Assistant
to the Administrator

Attachments

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jack'.

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in the hearts of our people. We are well aware of your
losses and the suffering you have gone through *And your*
struggle for independence and freedom,
We know that you are both proud of your Ukrainian heritage
and of your role in the United States of America.

I take pleasure in expressing my best wishes to all of you
as you celebrate your 34th Annual National Convention.

May you take great satisfaction in your achievements of the
past as you make plans for future accomplishments.

RONALD REAGAN

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Ukrainian American Veterans

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NATIONAL COMMANDER, MICHAEL CHAIKA
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April 6, 1981

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
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Dear Mr. President:

We were shocked and saddened by the attempted assassination on you our President. We thank God that you are recovering, and we wish you a most speedy recovery. Our thoughts and our prayers are with you, and your lovely wife, our First Lady.

Mr. President we of Ukrainian Ancestors are very proud of our heritage, and very proud of our Country, AMERICA. We try to uphold the Laws of the Land and to do our best to serve our country in what ever way she asks.

We are a proud people and many have lost their lives for our freedoms we hold so dear, on foreign fronts, in Service of this country of ours.

We know all to well what the U.S.S.R. can do, they have taken our ancestors home land...UKRAINE, killed so many thousands of our ancestors, imprisoned millions, but we who know, what can and has happened, will continue to fight and uphold the truths and be loyal to our America, and all that she stands for.

Mr. President, the Ukrainian American Veterans and their Ladies Auxiliary are holding their 34th Annual

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National Convention, May 29, 30, 31, 1981, at the Holiday Inn, Somerville N.J.
We would be most honored if you could attend, but we realize that you have so very many important things to attend to, but we sincerely wish that you would come. However, since we know that it is almost impossible for you to attend, we would appreciate it very much, if you could write a message to our people which will be published in our 34th Convention Journal. We would be very proud if you would send a message.

Mr. President, we wish you and our First Lady, and your family Health, Happiness, and May God Bless you all and protect you and your family always.

Most Sincerely Yours,

Michael Chaika

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National Commander Ukrainian American Veterans