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Subject: Proposes joint US/Soviet memorial for Samantha Smith

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TRANSMITTAL FORMS/S 8705258DATE June 16, 1987FOR: MR. GRANT GREEN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
THE WHITE HOUSEREFERENCE:TO: President Reagan FROM: Doc Blanchard
DATE: January 27, 1987 SUBJECT: Proposes joint US/Soviet
Memorial for Samantha Smith
REFERRAL DATED: February 27, 1987 ID# 471910
(IF ANY) THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS SENT DIRECTLY TO THE
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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Doc Blanchard
807 Ohio Avenue
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Dear Mr. Blanchard,

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for your letter of January 27 proposing a joint U.S.-Soviet memorial for Samantha Smith.

As you note in your letter, Samantha Smith was an extraordinary young person whose simple appeal for understanding between our two countries will long be remembered. Her tragic and untimely death will not diminish the value and lasting impact of her efforts.

The President has actively sought to expand people-to-people contacts with the Soviet Union. His long-term goal is to break down barriers which compound mistrust, and to overcome Soviet misconceptions of American goals and intentions. Since the Geneva summit in 1985, considerable work has been done to increase opportunities for young people to participate in these exchange programs.

U.S.-Soviet exchanges are only one part of a broad program designed by the President to build a more stable and constructive relationship with the Soviet Union. Symbolic gestures, such as the joint memorial which you propose, can sometimes make a positive contribution to this effort. However, it is important that we not lose sight of our most pressing task of reaching deep, equitable, and verifiable reductions in nuclear forces. Such reductions not only lower the level of military forces and reduce the risk of conflict but, most importantly, they establish a concrete foundation of mutual restraint and responsibility that will ultimately strengthen peace.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Parris
Director, Office of Soviet Union Affairs

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL

FEBRUARY 27, 1987

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 471910

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JANUARY 27, 1987

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. DOC BLANCHARD
807 OHIO AVENUE
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SUBJECT: PROPOSES JOINT US / SOVIET MEMORIAL FOR
SAMANTHA SMITH

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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Doc Blanchard
807 Ohio Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90804

471910

January 27, 1987

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

Dear Sir,

I recently presented an idea to Dr. Armand Hammer that he felt had merit. I am encouraged by his response to present the idea to you for your consideration.

It has been four years since Samantha Smith wrote her letter to General Secretary Andropov. With her simple appeal for understanding, Ms. Smith began the most successful diplomatic missions ever undertaken by a private citizen.

It is now a year and a half since her death on August 25, 1985. I think it is time for both our countries to consider an appropriate memorial to her. I feel strongly that the only suitable commemorative would be a joint U.S. - Soviet memorial, undertaken together in the spirit of hope and understanding she first sought in her letter to the General Secretary.

Any joint memorial would be beneficial to the furtherance of good will between our two great countries, and I would applaud any efforts towards this end. I do have a specific memorial in mind, however, and it is this idea which I presented to Dr. Hammer.

I propose that the United States and the Soviet Union each decommission two strategic nuclear weapons in memory of Samantha Smith. The four missiles would be stripped of their dangerous and secret components and one of each would be shipped to the other country. There the two missiles, one from each country, would be incorporated in a memorial.

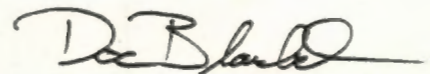
History would then record that the only exchange of missiles between our two countries was a friendly exchange, dedicated to the memory of a brave child, and constituting the actual beginning of the nuclear disarmament process that all the peoples of the Earth desire.

There are many reasons why this should be undertaken, but in the final analysis, it should be done because Samantha Smith deserves it. She deserves it for having the courage to express the concerns of her generation, for having the strength to represent the best of America to the best of the Soviet Union and for exemplifying, through her life, the principle of independent action in the pursuit of peace.

Surely we would not be less secure for the decommissioning of two Minuteman II missiles. The Soviets would not be less secure for the lack of two of their SS-11's. And the world would be more secure in the knowledge that we honor peace because we honor a peacemaker.

I am forwarding this idea to General Secretary Gorbachev as well as to you and I hope that you will consider this idea. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doc Blanchard". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Doc Blanchard