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DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 10, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JAMES H. SCHEUER

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THAT THE SUBJECT OF NORMALIZATION OF
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 30, 1990

Dear Congressman Yates:

Thank you for your letter to President Bush, signed by 23 of your colleagues, concerning normalization of Soviet-Israeli relations, expedition of Soviet Jewish emigration, and refuseniks. Although there was not an opportunity to discuss these issues with President Gorbachev at Helsinki, we have raised them with the Soviets on many occasions in the past. We are pleased that the efforts of this Administration and its predecessors have now paid off on all three of these issues.

As you are aware, Foreign Ministers Levy and Shevardnadze have established a new level of dialogue and cooperation between the two countries. We understand Israel and the Soviet Union are discussing opening consulates in each other's capitals and establishing direct commercial flights for Soviet Jews between Tel Aviv and the Soviet Union.

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The prognosis for the future of Israeli-Soviet relations is good. We are encouraged by these recent developments and will urge both the Soviet and Israeli governments to build on their growing relationship.

Sincerely,



Brent Scowcroft

The Honorable Sidney R. Yates
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 7, 1990

ENCLOSURE

President George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

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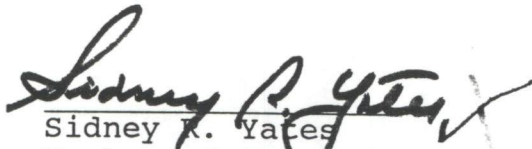
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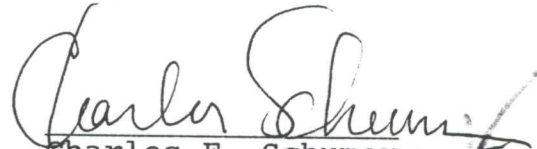
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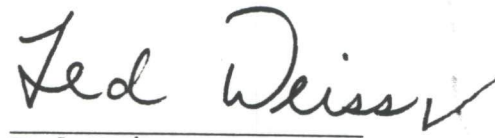
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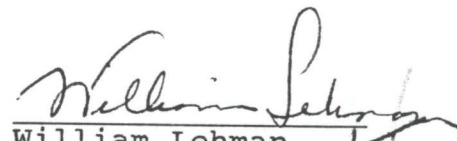

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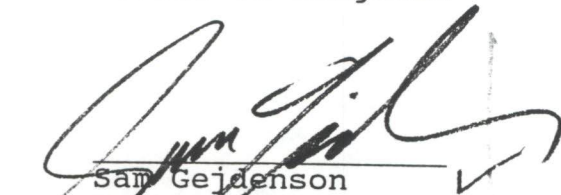

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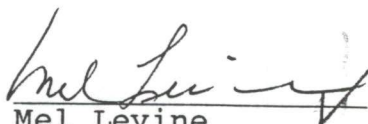

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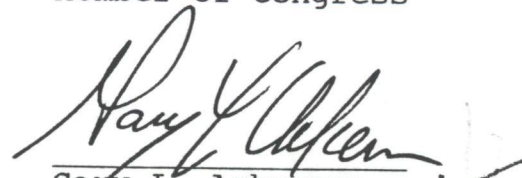

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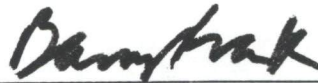

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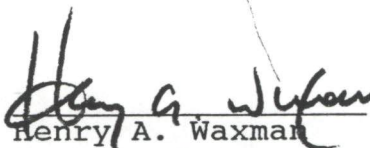

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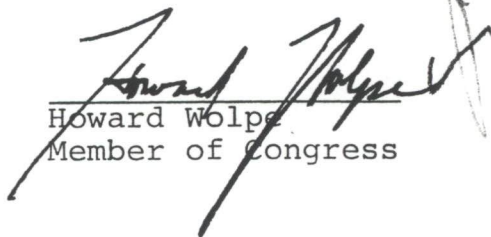
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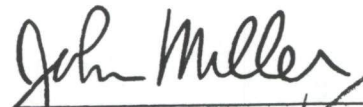
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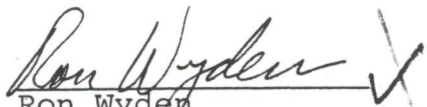
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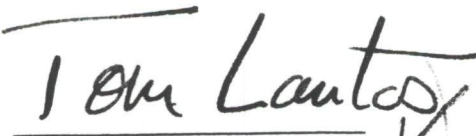
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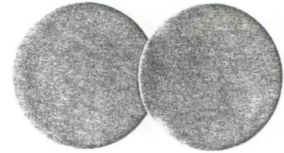


Tom Lantos
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Steny Hoyer
Member of Congress

September 11, 1990



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Thank you again for your interest in writing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Frederick D. McClure
Assistant to the President
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The Honorable //////////////////////////////////
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

October 9, 1990

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MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

THROUGH: CONDOLEEZZA RICE *CR*FROM: STEPHEN E. BENKO *SEB*

SUBJECT: Response to Congressmen re: Soviet-Israeli Issues

At Tab I is a letter from you to Congressman Yates who, along with 23 of his colleagues, wrote the President before the Helsinki meeting requesting that he raise the subjects of normalization of Soviet-Israeli relations, expedition of Soviet Jewish emigration, and refuseniks. These topics did not come up at Helsinki, but the response summarizes our position on each of the topics. A xeroxed copy is being sent to the other 23 signers.

NB
Dave Gompert, Nick Burns and Ginny Lampley concur.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter at Tab I.

Attachment

Tab I Letter to Congressman Yates
Tab II Incoming

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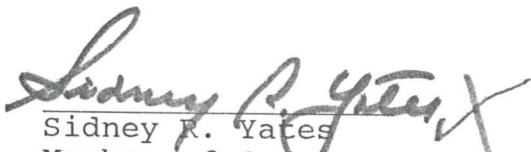
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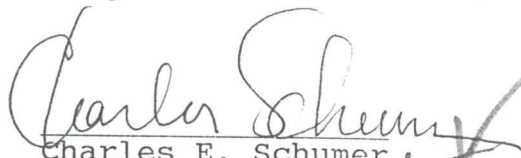
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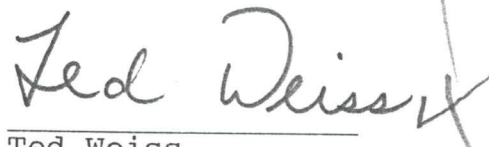
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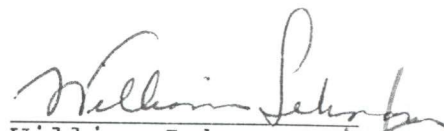

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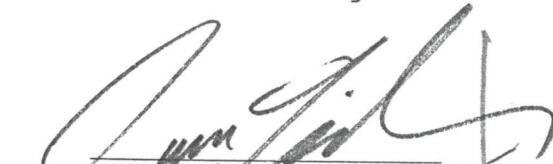

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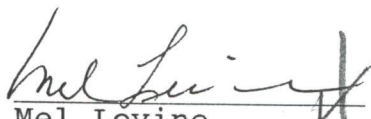

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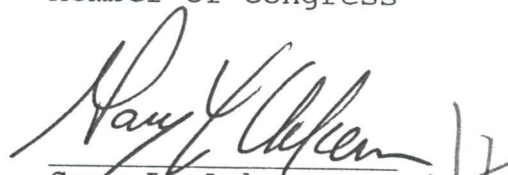

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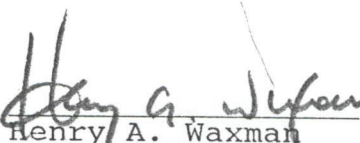

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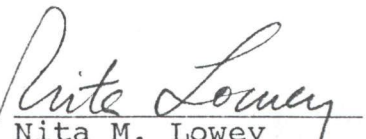

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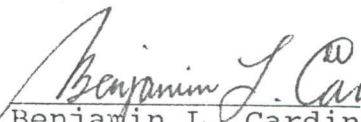
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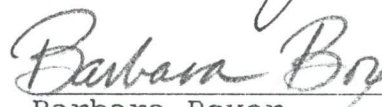

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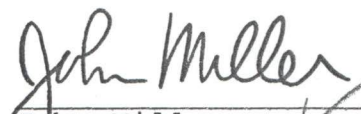

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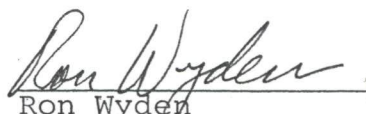

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