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1NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

November 26, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. MARTIN

FROM: JACK F. MATLOCK *JF*

SUBJECT: Draft Response to Human Rights Appeals

Attached at Tab I is a memorandum from you to Anne Higgins informing her that the NSC has reviewed her draft response to letters concerning human rights abuses in the Soviet Union (Tab A). As indicated on the draft we have suggested deleting part of paragraph three to avoid the appearance of lecturing the reader.

Steve Sestanovich, *SS* Judy Mandel, *JM* Jock Covey, *JC* and Walt Raymond concur. *WR*

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachments:

Tab I	Memorandum to Anne Higgins
Tab A	Draft response to human rights appeals
Tab B	Letters concerning human rights abuses in the Soviet Union.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

MEMORANDUM FOR ANNE HIGGINS

FROM: WILLIAM F. MARTIN

SUBJECT: Draft Response to Human Rights Appeals

The NSC has reviewed the draft response to human rights appeals attached at Tab A. As indicated in the draft we recommend deleting a portion of paragraph three and making several minor changes.

Attachments:

Tab A Draft response to human rights appeals
Tab B Letters concerning human rights abuses in the Soviet Union

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Alvin Karp /

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 12, 1985

SOVJEWRY

Thank you for your message to President Reagan requesting that he raise the plight of Soviet Jews during his discussions with General Secretary Gorbachev in Geneva. ✓

I can assure you that the President intends to keep human rights issues at the forefront of U.S. efforts to achieve progress in our relations with the Soviet Union. As he said in his radio address to the nation on October 19, "We must defend human rights everywhere, since countries which respect human rights are unlikely to unleash war or impose their will on others. And that's why we insist that the Helsinki Accords and other international commitments be observed." ✓

We recognize that the human rights situation in the Soviet Union has deteriorated in recent years. ~~Emigration of Soviet Jews has decreased from a peak of 51,000 in 1979 to below 900 in 1984. Soviet leaders have sanctioned renewed manifestations of anti-Semitism, a campaign of arrest and conviction of Hebrew teachers and others has intensified, and little progress has occurred in the cases of major human rights figures. The United States~~ ^{will continue to underscore} ~~has used all available means to demonstrate~~ to the Soviets that their human rights violations and persecution of religious groups are serious obstacles to improved relations between our two countries.

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You can be sure that the subjects you mentioned ^{were} ~~will be~~
among those raised in Geneva.

With the President's appreciation and best wishes,

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Mush Oberman

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Oct. 23, 1985

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

Dear Mr. President:

When you meet Premier Gorbachev please remember the
plight of Soviet Jewry.

As the leader of the Free World you must speak out
for those whose minds and memories are free but whose
families are enslaved.

The future of the Jews of the Soviet Union and of
human rights is in your hands.

Sincerely,

M. D. Oberman

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October 3, 1985

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
Washington, D.C.

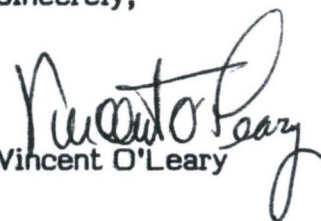
Dear President Reagan:

Like millions of other Americans, we wish you well in your meeting with Mr. Gorbachev in November. It is a great occasion and we all pray that you will be successful in moving the world toward international peace.

Among many issues that involve the Soviet Union, one which gravely concerns all of us is the persecution of Jews in the Soviet Union, including the refusal of the Soviet government to grant permission for them to emigrate to the State of Israel.

I hope that in your meeting with Mr. Gorbachev you will raise the issue of freeing the millions of Jews still held captive in the Soviet Union. This is a matter of deep concern to all of us and to all of those who love freedom, and I know it is a concern of yours.

Sincerely,


Vincent O'Leary

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Summit Letter

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SECOND GENERATION

The Martyrs Memorial & Museum of the Holocaust
An Organization of Children of Holocaust Survivors

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20036

October 8, 1985

Dear President Reagan:

We, Second Generation of the Martyrs' Memorial and Museum, are the largest of hundreds of worldwide groups of children of Holocaust survivors. We understand and recognize, more than most, the effects of restricting and abrogating human rights.

We strongly urge you to impress upon Mr. Gorbachev in November at your summit meeting that Soviet Jews who seek exit visas and those who chose to stay must not be used as political pawns. Human rights of Jews and all Russian people must remain foremost on your agenda as must an accounting for the whereabouts of the second of only two honorary citizens of the USA: Raoul Wallenberg.

There are very positive signs that, although immigration of Soviet Jewry is at about its lowest point since it began two decades ago, with only 700 exit visas being granted so far this year, a turnabout in Soviet policy is imminent. (This month, for the first time since 1967, Israeli citizens will be allowed to travel to the Soviet Union--using a Spanish visa.)

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT MUST KNOW THAT HUMAN RIGHTS WILL REMAIN CENTRAL TO U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS.

Sincerely,

Rosalie Hiller

ROSALIE HILLER
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ANNE EISENBERG

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

Dear President Reagan:

The Jewish Community of Sacramento hopes that your meeting with Chairman Gorbachev will lead to an improvement in relations and lessening of tensions between this country and the Soviet Union.

We believe that it is of the utmost importance that you place the issue of human rights in the Soviet Union on the agenda for the upcoming summit meeting in Geneva. Central to the concept of human rights is the right to freely emigrate. Thus we appeal to you to urge the Soviet Government to stop their harrassment of the Jewish community in that country and allow Jews and other ethnic and religious minorities to freely emigrate. We also feel you should express the concern of the American people about the failure of the Soviet government to adhere to the human rights provisions in the Helsinki Accords to which the Soviet Union was a signatory.

We realize the importance of the upcoming summit meeting and hope that you and the new Soviet leader will reach a successful agreement that would improve human rights in the Soviet Union and serve the cause of world peace.

Sincerely,

Robert Dinsfriend
Robert Dinsfriend, Chair
Oppressed Jewish Committee

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The Honorable Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Reagan,

Twenty years ago, on May 11, 1965, some two hundred members of our congregation journeyed to Washington, D.C. and submitted the attached petition to the late President Lyndon B. Johnson. It was the deeply felt expression of our concern for our Jewish brethren imprisoned behind the Iron Curtain. We like to think that we played some role in opening wide the tear in the Iron Curtain through which many tens of thousands of Jews came to freedom.

Today, the curtain hangs tightly closed and again we must marshal every effort to bring new life, new hope for freedom to our fellow Jews who wish to be reunited with us.

On the eve of your meeting with Secretary Gorbachev, we call upon you, Mr. President, to reiterate your oft-expressed concern for Soviet Jewry and to insist firmly on the provisions of the Helsinki Agreement to which the Soviets are signators and to the basic human right of every person to be united with his family.

We are severely pained when we know of a Scharansky separated from his wife and in prison for over seven years for the "crime" of wishing to emigrate to Israel. And there are far too many like him who waste their best years in Soviet prisons and mental hospitals.

Mr. President, you are in the unique position to strike a great blow for human freedom. Please do not fail us.

Respectfully,

Alexander Schlesinger
Alex Schlesinger,
President, Zionist
Cultural Society

Rabbi David S. Halpern

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May 11, 1965

President Lyndon B. Johnson
White House, Washington

We who are assembled here in Washington the 13th day of May, 1965, to present you with a sacred MEZUZAH saved from the Nazis during years of persecution, believe it is our duty to speak out on the fate of our brothers in the Soviet Union.

Our Synagogue, the Flatbush Park Jewish Center, in conjunction with its affiliate, the Zionist Cultural Society of Mill Basin, held the first MASS RALLY to draw world attention to the plight of our Jewish brethren. This MASS PROTEST RALLY held in our Synagogue has since been repeated throughout the world.

In the name of humanity we demand of the Soviet government that it redress these wrongs and restore the rights of Jews and the Jewish community and to grant equality with other religious and nationality groups as required by Soviet constitution and law.

We appeal to the President of the United States Government and to the Congress of the United States to make the following demands upon the Government of the Soviet Union.

- 1) Reaffirm its constitutional provisions that prohibits anti-Semitism;
- 2) Eliminate discrimination against Jews in all areas of Soviet public life;
- 3) Outlaw the use of anti-Semitic propaganda;
- 4) Permit the full use of synagogues and private prayer meetings and the observance of sacred rites such as religious burial and circumcision;
- 5) Make possible the production and distribution of Bibles, prayer books and the full use of religious necessities such as matzo's and kosher food;
- 6) Permit Jews to make religious pilgrimages to the holy places in Israel;
- 7) Enable rabbinical students to study at seminaries and provide schools and other facilities for the study of Yiddish and Hebrew as well as Jewish history, literature and culture;
- 8) Permit writers, artists and other intellectuals to create for the encouragement of Jewish culture and artistic life such institutions as Yiddish newspapers, publishing houses and theatres;
- 9) Halt the discriminatory application of maximum penalties, including the death sentence, against Jews for alleged economic crimes;
- 10) Make it possible for Soviet Jews, who are members of families, separated as a result of the Nazi murders, to be reunited with their relatives abroad.

In conclusion we respectfully request that the Trade Negotiations between the United States and the Soviet Union, now under study, should be conditional upon the Soviet Union agreeing to live up to these basic human and religious rights.

FLATBUSH PARK JEWISH CENTER

Rabbi David S. Halpern

President Solomon Wechsler

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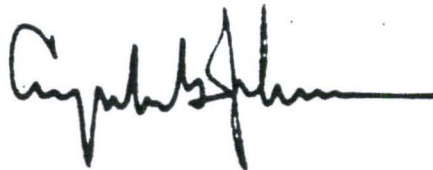
June 11, 1965

Dear Mr. Schlesinger:

This is to thank you and those connected with the Flatbush Park Jewish Center for the handsome plaque, designed with the Mezuzah, that Dr. Goldman accepted on my behalf. I am grateful for the kind thought that prompted this symbolic gift and accompanying statement, and hope you will convey my warm appreciation to all who participated in this presentation.

With cordial good wishes,

Sincerely,



Mr. Alexander Schlesinger
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Camp Survivor Plans Rally For Russian Jews

By DAVID HOROWITZ

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NEW YORK (WUP)—Alexander Schlesinger, a survivor of the Hitler death camps of Auschwitz and Birkenau and who had played an important role in an "underground railroad" which led to the redemption of many Jews from the Nazi murderers, has stirred New Yorkers into doing something about the Jews in the Soviet Union.

WORKING FEVERISHLY days and nights for several months, contacting Jewish leaders all through Greater New York, survivor Schlesinger suggested in organizing a mass rally to protest the denial of

religious freedom and the persecution of Jews behind the Iron Curtain.

The anti-USSR rally will take place on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 3, at the Flatbush Jewish Center, Brooklyn. The Zionist Cultural Society of Mill Basin, a movement created at the initiative of Mr. Schlesinger, is sponsoring the event which will be addressed by prominent Rabbis, Zionist leaders and Government officials.

INTRIGUED BY Schlesinger's deep concern for his Soviet brethren and his dynamic initiative to organize the mass rally, this writer decided to interview the escaped of Hitler's death camps.

The amazing thing evolving out of the interview with the middle-aged Alexander Schlesinger at his successful Brooklyn meat establishment was the fact that all through the dark days of Auschwitz and Birkenau, when life was hanging in the balance, he never once lost his faith in God and in the rebirth of Israel. He had been an ardent Zionist all through his youth in Rumania.

"FOR MANY years since my redemption," he told the writer, "I have been doing a great deal of soul-searching and planning as to how best to go about helping the Jews." —Turn of Mind



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Camp Survivor Plans Rally For Russian Jews

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unfortunate Jews enslaved behind the Iron Curtain."

His sparkling eyes betraying the tragedy he himself had lived through under Hitler, Schlesinger went on to say that he had become especially concerned with the plight of the Russian Jews when some time ago he had read a confidential document on Soviet Jews written by the militant Zionist leader Beinish Epstein, a member of the Zionist Actions Committee.

"THIS DOCUMENT," Schlesinger said, "was sent to the

United States. It contained several recommendations proposing the organization of a public campaign on behalf of the Soviet Jews. More than four years have passed since this document was sent 'out,' Schlesinger added, "and the plight of the Soviet Jews has worsened. It is now evident that the Jewish leaders in the United States have failed in their responsibility to our brethren in Russia."

FULLY SENSING the peril facing the near 3,000,000 Jews in Russia, Schlesinger said that "the time for waiting and hoping is

stressed, "that the Russian Government is sensitive to American public opinion and I feel confident that the mass protest rally to be held by us here on Nov. 3 will signal the beginning of many such rallies throughout the country. Only by mobilizing American public opinion," he concluded, "can we hope to save Russian Jewry from cultural and religious genocide."

Serving on the Presidium of the Zionist Cultural Society of Mill Basin with Mr. Schlesinger are Rabbi David Spiegel, attorney George S. Matcovsky, and

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The White House
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Dear President Reagan:

As the world looks forward in hope to the U.S.-Soviet Summit meeting in Geneva, we who have vehemently called for the alleviation of the plight of Soviet Jews are encouraged by your commitment to raise this issue in November when you meet with General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev.

As you know, since Gorbachev's election to power, the condition of Soviet Jewry has continued to deteriorate. Emigration has virtually ended. Harassment, imprisonment and arrests of Jews seeking to emigrate or study their language and heritage have become increasingly frequent. Malicious acts of anti-Semitism are no longer isolated incidents but appear to be sanctioned by the government.

The Summit meeting is clearly an opportunity which must not be lost. Thousands of Jewish families in the Soviet Union are dependent upon our nation's dedication to democratic ideals. We hope, Mr. President, that you will do your utmost to seek an end to these people's undeserved suffering and urge Mr. Gorbachev to abide by the international agreements which bear his country's signature.

Sincerely,


Ernest B. Crofoot
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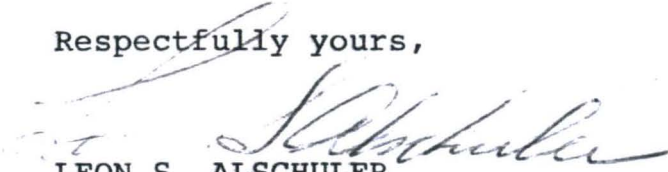
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President Ronald Reagan
The White House
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Dear President Reagan:

At your meeting with General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev in Geneva on November 19 and 20, you will have a number of extremely important and vital issues on your agenda. I trust that among these will be the matter of respect for human rights within the Soviet Union and particularly the issue of Soviet Jewry. I know that this issue of human rights has been a concern of yours for many years as well as the concern of thousands of Americans who enjoy those rights in this country. I urge you in your talks with Mr. Gorbachev to work toward a mutually acceptable solution to this problem.

Respectfully yours,


LEON S. ALSCHULER

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GORDON S. BODEK

October 17, 1985

President Ronald Reagan
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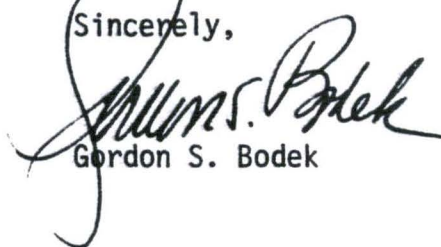
Dear Mr. President:

Ten years ago the Soviets signed the Helsinki Accords which established certain human rights standards. Today we are witnessing a campaign to eradicate Jewish culture and education throughout the Soviet Union with a record number of arrests of Hebrew teachers. Emigration is virtually closed with only 700 leaving thus far this year and life for Soviet Jewry activists is one of constant harrasment.

May I express my deep appreciation for your concern on the Soviet Jewry issue and I hope you will continue to voice your specific concern for the deteriorating conditions facing Soviet Jews.

Peace can only be achieved when individual human rights are respected. I trust you will keep the issue of Soviet Jewry on the agenda in your discussions with Mr. Gorbachev and work toward a mutually effective solution.

Sincerely,



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President Ronald Reagan
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

I am writing you at this time because I believe you will go down in history as one of the greatest Presidents the United States has ever had. You seem to have the knack of getting out of very difficult situations. This makes you a very admirable person.

Our Rabbi, William H. Lebeau, of North Suburban Synagogue Beth El has asked every congregation member to write a letter to you so that when you meet with Premier Gorbachev you will please remember to talk with him about the plight of Soviet Jewry.

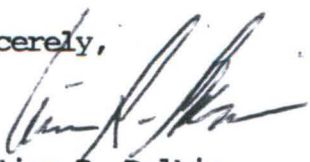
I know you will handle this in your own unique way. As the leader of the Free World you must speak out for those whose minds and memories are free but whose families are enslaved.

The future of the Jews of the Soviet Union and of human rights is in your hands. Please make the Soviet Union realize that they should once and for all make a clean break and let the people go.

I wish you a very pleasant, safe and successful journey. I know you will be able to relate to the Premier your thoughts about releasing the Jewish people from the Soviet Union. I have all the confidence and faith that you will do a great job.

Best wishes to you and your lovely wife, Nancy.

Sincerely,


William R. Balkin

WRB/rw

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For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane
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The White House

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To: President Reagan From: Senator Tribble
Date: July 19 Subject: US-Soviet Summit,
Issue of Religious Persecution in the Soviet Union
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Department of State

Action Taken:

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_____ A draft reply will be forwarded.
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_____ We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.
_____ The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.
_____ Other.

Remarks:

Nicholas Platt
on _____
Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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AUG 12 1985

Dear Senator Tribble:

I am writing in response to your July 19 letter to President Reagan requesting that he raise the plight of religious believers in the Soviet Union during his discussions with General Secretary Gorbachev in November.

As you know, the U.S. Government has consistently condemned Soviet restrictions on the free practice of religion. Such measures are contrary to the human rights provisions of the Helsinki Final Act, and we have strongly called for Soviet compliance with their own undertakings in that agreement. In virtually every high-level bilateral exchange we have had with the Soviets, we have made it unequivocally clear that their persecution of Jews, Christians and other religious believers is a serious obstacle to the improved relations with the Soviet Union that the United States seeks. Secretary Shultz underlined our deep concern over Soviet persecution of religious believers in his recent speech on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the signing of the Helsinki Final Act.

I can assure you that in his meeting with General Secretary Gorbachev, President Reagan intends to discuss the full range of issues impacting on U.S.-Soviet relations, including human rights. We welcome hearing your views and those of 19 of your Senate colleagues. We encourage you to supplement our efforts by bringing your own concerns over continuing Soviet persecution of religious believers directly to the attention of the Soviet authorities.

If we can be of assistance to you in this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,


James M. Montgomery
Acting Assistant Secretary
Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable
Paul S. Tribble, Jr.,
United States Senate.

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL

AUGUST 2, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ATTN: WILL BALL

ACTION REQUESTED:
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 333637
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JULY 19, 1985
TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN
FROM: THE HONORABLE PAUL TRIBLE
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON DC 20510

SUBJECT: URGE YOU TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR UPCOMING
SUMMIT MEETING WITH MIKHAIL GORBACHEV TO
ADDRESS THE SOVIETS' PERSECUTION OF JEWS,
CHRISTIANS AND OTHER RELIGIOUS BELIEVERS.

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

21
July 29, 1985

Dear Senator Tribble:

Thank you for your July 19 letter to the President, cosigned by 19 of your colleagues, urging that the issue of religious freedom be placed on the agenda during talks between President Reagan and Soviet leader Gorbachev.

As you know, the President shares your deep concern for the human rights of individuals throughout the world. On numerous occasions the United States Government has encouraged Soviet authorities to adopt a more favorable attitude in this respect. Unfortunately, the Soviets have not been responsive to our efforts. However, let me assure you that this issue continues to receive our attention, and I have conveyed your recommendation to the President's foreign policy advisers for further review.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

M. B. Oglesby, Jr.
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Paul S. Tribble, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

cc: w/copy of inc to Will Ball, Cong Affrs, State - for
DIRECT response

MBO:KRJ:jfc (7MBOG)

Letter to all Congress

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

July 19, 1985

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

Dear Mr. President:

We urge you to take advantage of your upcoming summit meeting with Mikhail Gorbachev to address the Soviets' persecution of Jews, Christians, and other religious believers.

As you know, the Soviet Union's attempts to suppress religious activities have been unrelenting. Despite its participation in the Helsinki Accords and other international human rights agreements, the U.S.S.R. steadfastly opposes most expressions of religious faith.

Repression by Soviet authorities not only limits the opportunity for worship, but also severely restricts access to religious instruction and religious texts. Moreover, the Soviets continue to imprison believers solely for practicing their faith.

The upcoming Soviet-American summit offers an opportunity to express America's outrage over the anti-religious policies of the U.S.S.R. In this, his first meeting with an American President, Mr. Gorbachev must be made aware that our commitment to religious freedom for people everywhere remains strong and steadfast.

The ongoing plight of Andrei Sakharov and Anatoly Shcharansky bears witness to the Soviets' hostility toward religion. So, too, does the persecution of Uli Edelshtein, Yosef Bernstein, Balys Gajauskas, Anna Chertkova, and countless others.

The release of these and other prisoners of conscience would be a welcome step toward improving Soviet-American relations. We urge you, during your meetings with Mr. Gorbachev, to press vigorously for these and other prisoners' freedom, and to argue for an end to Soviet persecution of all religious believers.

We pledge you our support in this important task.

Nick Lugar ✓

✓ Butzible ✓

✓ Rudy Perchuk ✓
✓ Warren B. Rudman ✓
✓ Jefferson ^{JS Exon} ✓
✓ Jon Nickles ✓
✓ Cox + Hart ^{Gary Hart} ✓
✓ Strom Thurmond ✓
✓ David L. Boren ^{David L. Boren} ✓
✓ Frank R. Lautenberg ✓
✓ Larry Pressler ✓

✓ Jeremiah Denton ✓
✓ Mack Mattingly ✓
✓ Steve Symon ✓
✓ Frank H. Murkowski ^{Frank H. Murkowski} ✓
✓ Laurie Chiles ✓
✓ Thad Cochran ✓
✓ Paul Sarbanes ✓
✓ Dan Rostenkowski ✓
✓ Mont Alexander ✓

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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: OCTOBER 09, 1985

10 OCT 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MOST REVEREND JOSEPH CARD. BERNARDIN

SUBJECT: URGES ADDRESSING THE SOVIET PERSECUTION OF
CHRISTIANS, JEWS AND OTHERS DURING UPCOMING
U.S.-SOVIET SUMMIT MEETING

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8530859

Date October 29, 1985

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Most Reverend Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
Date: 09/30/85 Subject: Urges addressing the Soviet persecution
of Christians, Jews and others during upcoming US-Soviet Summit meeting

WH Referral Dated: October 18, 1985 NSC ID# 340895
(if any)

 The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State.

Action Taken:

- A draft reply is attached.
- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- X An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.
- The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.
- Other.

Remarks:


Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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Dear Cardinal Bernardin:

I have been asked to respond to your September 30 letter to President Reagan urging him to raise human rights during his meeting with Soviet General Secretary Gorbachev in Geneva this November.

The issue of religious freedom in the USSR, and the rights and welfare of those who have been imprisoned for their religious activities, remain matters of fundamental concern to the United States Government.

President Reagan has announced his intention to raise all subjects affecting U.S.-Soviet relations in his meeting with General Secretary Gorbachev in Geneva, including human rights. As we continue our preparations for the November meeting, we appreciate hearing your views.

If we can be of assistance to you in this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mark R. Parris
Director
Office of Soviet Union Affairs

His Eminence
Joseph Cardinal Bernardin,
Archibishop of Chicago,
Archdiocese of Chicago,
Post Office Box 1979,
Chicago, Illinois.

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

OCTOBER 18, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ATTN: HUMAN RIGHTS

ACTION REQUESTED:
APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 340895

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED SEPTEMBER 30, 1985

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MOST REVEREND JOSEPH CARD. BERNARDIN
ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
POST OFFICE BOX 1979
CHICAGO IL 60690

SUBJECT: URGES ADDRESSING THE SOVIET PERSECUTION OF
CHRISTIANS, JEWS AND OTHERS DURING UPCOMING
U.S.-SOVIET SUMMIT MEETING

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PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

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Office of the Archbishop

September 30, 1985

Don't call me

Dear Mr. President:

I urge you to use the opportunity of your upcoming summit meeting with Premier Gorbachev to address the Soviet persecution of Christians, Jews, prisoners of conscience and other religious believers.

Repression by Soviet authorities not only limits the opportunity for worship, but also severely restricts access to religious instructions and religious texts. The Soviets imprison believers solely for practicing their faith.

Many people in the Archdiocese of Chicago are of eastern European descent. They have relatives and friends in their homelands who are under Soviet oppression. They continue to work and pray for the restoration of human rights in the Soviet Union and in their native lands.

The largest group of Lithuanians outside of Lithuania live in our Archdiocese. They are particularly concerned about religious oppression in Lithuania and the persecution of prisoners of conscience and especially Mr. Balys Gajauskas. The health of Mr. Gajauskas is deteriorating severely. There is great urgency that every effort be made for his freedom.

I urge you to raise his cause and that of other prisoners of conscience in your meeting with Mr. Gorbachev. I pray for you and for God's blessing on your efforts in behalf of human and religious rights.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Card. Bernardin

Archbishop of Chicago

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

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Mush Oberman

~~6311 CROSS POINT ROAD - NILES, ILLINOIS 60648~~

3605 Woodhead Drive, Northbrook, Il. 60062

Oct. 23, 1985

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

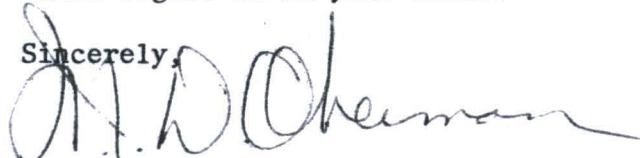
Dear Mr. President:

When you meet Premier Gorbachev please remember the
plight of Soviet Jewry.

As the leader of the Free World you must speak out
for those whose minds and memories are free but whose
families are enslaved.

The future of the Jews of the Soviet Union and of
human rights is in your hands.

Sincerely,



M. D. Oberman

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

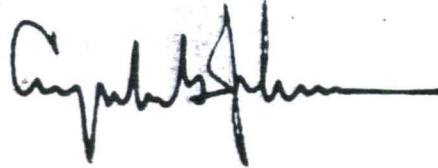
June 11, 1965

Dear Mr. Schlesinger:

This is to thank you and those connected with the Flatbush Park Jewish Center for the handsome plaque, designed with the Mezuzah, that Dr. Goldman accepted on my behalf. I am grateful for the kind thought that prompted this symbolic gift and accompanying statement, and hope you will convey my warm appreciation to all who participated in this presentation.

With cordial good wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Lyndon B. Johnson", written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mr. Alexander Schlesinger
2054 East 63rd Street
Brooklyn 34, New York

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GORDON S. BODEK

October 17, 1985

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

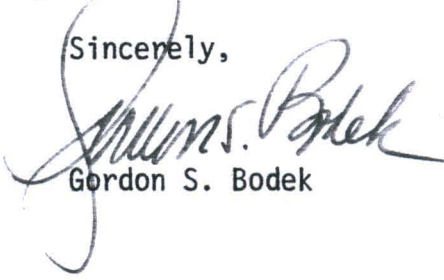
Dear Mr. President:

Ten years ago the Soviets signed the Helsinki Accords which established certain human rights standards. Today we are witnessing a campaign to eradicate Jewish culture and education throughout the Soviet Union with a record number of arrests of Hebrew teachers. Emigration is virtually closed with only 700 leaving thus far this year and life for Soviet Jewry activists is one of constant harrasment.

May I express my deep appreciation for your concern on the Soviet Jewry issue and I hope you will continue to voice your specific concern for the deteriorating conditions facing Soviet Jews.

Peace can only be achieved when individual human rights are respected. I trust you will keep the issue of Soviet Jewry on the agenda in your discussions with Mr. Gorbachev and work toward a mutually effective solution.

Sincerely,


Gordon S. Bodek

GSB:lc

148 South Bristol Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90049

William Richard Balkin

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CAD —
PN ✓
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Under Secretary Armacost

Human Rights and U.S.-Soviet Relations



United States Department of State
Bureau of Public Affairs
Washington, D.C.

Following is an address by Michael H. Armacost, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, before the International Council of the World Conference on Soviet Jewry, Washington, D.C., September 9, 1985.

It is a great honor to be your speaker this evening. I bring you greetings from the Secretary of State who, along with all Americans, shares your deep concern about the plight of Soviet Jewry. I should like to address my remarks this evening to the human rights situation in the Soviet Union and the impact this has on U.S.-Soviet relations.

The State of U.S.-Soviet Relations

First, a comment about the state of U.S.-Soviet relations. The world is awash with commentary on the subject as preparations intensify for the November meeting between President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev. The question leaders on both sides must address is whether the basis for a more durable U.S.-Soviet rapprochement can be established. A distinguished Harvard historian, Adam Ulam, has recently commented that: "What concretely upsets . . . Americans about the U.S.S.R. is what the Kremlin *does*, and what must be a continuing source of apprehension to the latter springs from what America *is*."

American hopes for detente in the 1970s foundered on Soviet efforts to achieve geopolitical advantage in Indochina, Angola, Ethiopia, and Afghanistan; to back anti-American forces in

Central America and the Caribbean; to quash attempts at liberalization in Poland; and to build military forces beyond any reasonable need for defense.

If there is to be real improvement in the relationship, these underlying difficulties must be addressed. For our part, we are determined to make such an effort. The task is great.

- A basis must be found for resolving through political means such regional issues as Afghanistan. It is not, after all, weapons themselves that cause wars but political actions.

- In coping with problems of arms competition, propagandistic offers of moratoria are not the answer. The test is whether we can achieve major, stabilizing reductions in offensive nuclear arms now, while examining whether in the future deterrence can rely more heavily on defense than on threats of mutual annihilation.

- In our bilateral relations the range of mutually beneficial contacts and exchanges must be expanded.

Moreover, there is the burden on our relations imposed by the way Soviet authorities treat their own people. We raise human rights questions with our Soviet counterparts not to score debating points, nor to achieve political advantage, but because of the kind of people we are. Freedom is fundamental in our society. Americans have always attempted to hold the torch of freedom alive not merely for themselves but for others around the world. It is to this subject that I would like to turn.

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34NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

November 26, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR PAUL B. THOMPSON

FROM: JACK F. MATLOCK *JFM*
SUBJECT: Letter from Keith Braun

Fred Fielding contacted you concerning a request from Keith Braun to arrange a meeting between a high level administration official and American citizens whose Soviet spouses have not been allowed to join them in the United States. This is to advise you that Michael Armacost, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs, met with a group of the separated spouses, including Mr. Braun, several days before the President's Geneva meeting with Gorbachev.

John
John Lenczowski concurs.

Attachments:

Tab I Memorandum from Fred Fielding
Tab II Letter to Fred Fielding from Keith Braun

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 5, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR PAUL THOMPSON
GENERAL COUNSEL
MILITARY ASSISTANT TO THE ASSISTANT TO THE
PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Request from Keith Braun for Meeting with
Administration Official to Discuss Possible
Ways to Get his Wife Out of Moscow

In the attached correspondence, Keith Braun requests a meeting to discuss the problems he and others have encountered in seeking permission from the Soviet government for their Soviet spouses to emigrate. I understand that Braun has also raised this directly with the NSC, and I am accordingly referring his correspondence to you for whatever action or other staffing within NSC you consider appropriate. The only suggestion I would make, if a decision is made to proceed with this matter in some fashion, is that you check with INS to ensure that there are no problems on our side of this immigration question.

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25251 Maplebrooke
Southfield, MI 48034
313-256-7646
October 27, 1985

SECRET

Fred Fielding, Esquire
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Fielding:

I am an attorney in Detroit contacting you at the suggestion of Dennis W. Archer. Mr. Archer thought that you were in a position to be of assistance to me.

On August 9, 1984, I married Svetlana Ilyinichna Shteingardt of Moscow. Although our marriage was in full compliance with Soviet law and without any objection from Soviet authorities, my wife has thus far been denied permission to join me.

Sadly, I am not alone in this predicament. There are approximately 20 other Americans in this situation (including one attorney who is employed by the federal government). In one case, a professor has been waiting eleven years for his Soviet bride to join him; while in other cases, there are children, but still the Soviets have not allowed the Soviet spouse to emigrate.

Several of us have united in a cooperative effort to bring attention to our cases. We see the upcoming summit meeting in Geneva as a unique opportunity for our cases to be raised with the Soviets. On behalf of the group, I would like to request your assistance in arranging a meeting with an administration official to discuss our cases. We believe that such a meeting is very possible.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,


Keith Braun

cc Dennis W. Archer, Esquire

Matlock

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

November 27, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM: WILLIAM F. MARTIN *WAF*
SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to the Chairman of the World
Ukrainian Liberation Front re Ukraining Political
Prisoners

We have reviewed and concur in the proposed Presidential letter, as amended, (TAB A) to Bohdan Fedorak, Chairman, World Ukrainian Liberation Front.

Attachments:

Tab A	Proposed Presidential Letter
Tab B	Incoming Correspondence

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8532580

Date NOV 20 1985

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Mr. Bohdan Fedorak
Date: 09/24/85 Subject: Forwards petition urging discussing
issue of Ukrainian Political Prisoners during November Summit.
WH Referral Dated: November 4, 1985 NSC ID# 341017
(if any)

 The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State.

Action Taken:

- X A draft reply is attached.
 A draft reply will be forwarded.
 A translation is attached.
 An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
 We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.
 The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.
 Other.

Remarks:

Tim Collins
for Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
SUGGESTED REPLY

Dear Mr. Fedorak:

I am writing in response to your September 24 letter to President Reagan expressing your support for our efforts on behalf of Ukrainian political prisoners and requesting that he raise the issue of Soviet non-compliance with the Helsinki accords during his discussions with General Secretary Gorbachev in November.

We share your concern about the unwillingness of the Soviet Union to respect basic human rights and are profoundly disturbed by the increased repression within the USSR, as illustrated by the trend toward arbitrarily extending political prisoners' sentences, as in the case of Mykola Horbal, and the fact that four prominent Ukrainian human rights activists have died from rough treatment or neglect in Soviet labor camps since May, 1984.

Our government seeks every appropriate means to help the victims of Soviet repression. President Reagan, Secretary Shultz and other U.S. officials have strongly condemned Soviet

Mr. Bohdan Fedorak,

Chairman,

World Ukrainian Liberation Front,

26601 Ryan Road,

Warren, Michigan.

violations of human rights. The President ~~has announced his~~
~~intention to discuss~~² the full range of issues bearing on
U.S.-Soviet relations, including human rights. During his
November meeting with General Secretary Gorbachev.

If we can be of assistance to you in this or any other
matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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REFERRAL

NOVEMBER 4, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 341017

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 1985

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. BOHDAN FEDORAK
CHAIRMAN
WORLD UKRAINIAN LIBERATION FRONT
26601 RYAN ROAD
WARREN MI 48091

SUBJECT: FORWARDS PETITION URGING DISCUSSING ISSUE OF
UKRAINIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS DURING UPCOMING
U. S. - SOVIET SUMMIT

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DATE RECEIVED: OCTOBER 11, 1985

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. BOHDAN FEDORAK

SUBJECT: FORWARDS PETITION URGING DISCUSSING ISSUE OF
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26601 RYAN ROAD
WARREN, MICHIGAN 48091

September 24, 1985

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The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President, United States of America
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed please find the petition of those attending the
18th WACL Conference in Dallas, Texas on September 9-13, 1985.

We are pleased with the support they have given us in
petitioning you on behalf of the Ukrainian political prisoners.
We are sure you will take all steps necessary to confront the
Soviet authorities in defense of these patriots.

We are grateful to you for your past support of Yuriy Shukhevych,
the long term prisoner of Soviet concentration camps, whose
only crime is denial to denounce his father, the legendary
General Taras Chuprynka.

We would like to take this opportunity as well to commend you
on your telegram to General Singlaub, President of WACL, and
the members of the conference. Your support of this activity
is very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Bohdan Fedorak
Bohdan Fedorak
Chairman

Enclosure

A PETITION

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Ronald Reagan, President
The United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

We, the undersigned participants of the 18th WACL Conference being held in Dallas, Texas on September 9-13, 1985, appeal to you to call world attention to the death of yet the fourth prominent Ukrainian patriot and political prisoner who has recently died in a Soviet Russian prison camp due to lack of proper medical attention.

Vasyl Stus, a Ukrainian poet who has recently been murdered in a Russian Gulag, joins Oleksa Tykhy, Valeriy Marchenko and Yuriy Lytvyn as prominent Ukrainians to perish in Soviet Russian imprisonment in the past year.

We strongly recommend that in the name of humanity you raise the issue of Ukrainian political prisoners at all United States and Soviet Union exchanges and hold Soviet authorities accountable for the needless death of these Ukrainian patriots.

NAME

COUNTRY

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. FANUEL G. MAHLUZA | MOZAMBIQUE |
| 2. ABEL C. da Fonseca | Mozambique |
| 3. Guman | Mozambique |
| 4. D. Branley | Australia |
| 5. Jihan Amari | Saudi Arabia |
| 6. Georges ROMBOUTS | Belgium |
| 7. Erik Tisserand | Denmark |
| 8. Leif Petter Kierke | NORWAY |
| 9. Jan Seung Woo (Korea) | Jan Seung Woo (China) |
| 10. _____ | CANADA |

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2. Joan Morris	U S A
3. J. R. Soder	U. S. A.
4. Alfred Zayatskouski	U. S. A.
5. Clarke Straghan	U. S. A.
6. M. B. Soderberg	U. S. A.
7. Offit	TONGA
8. Thomas Afaki	TONGA
9. M. F. Tenucepean	TONGA
10. Diego M. R. V. M.	Caribbean

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2. [Handwritten Name]	[Handwritten Country]
3. [Handwritten Name]	[Handwritten Country]
4. <u>Don Benton M.C.</u>	USA
5. [Handwritten Name]	Australia
6. [Handwritten Name]	USA (Texas)
7. FRED. JONHER	USA
8. [Handwritten Name]	NICARAGUA
9. [Handwritten Name]	CROATIA
10. [Handwritten Name]	Romania

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2. Slava Sketsh Anti Bolshevik Bloc of Nations	
3. John Kosiar, Byelorussian Congress Committee of America	
4. Miroslav Chyhylyak Ukrainian Committee of America	
5. Donna C. Fidoruk	Ukraine
6. Bohdan Fedoruk	Ukraine
7. M. Camardese MD	USA
8. Orest Steciw	Canada
9. Charles P. Lowly	USA
10. Jovita W. Wallace	Hond.

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2. Tomas Reyes Cerda	(DOMINICAN REPUBLIC -)
3. FRANK VINH	(Chairman Vietnamese Republicans ASSC Wash. D.C.)
4. mai-thi-Huyen	(Secretary General / of NHF / VMA)
5. <u>Juan Baeza</u>	CNFC Spain
6. <u>M. Teresa Artola</u>	Madrid España
7. <u>Felipe Serrano</u>	PAROIS Venezuela
8. Geneviève Aubry	Cons. Nationale Berne Suisse
9. Paul Louis Faber	HOED <u>pan</u>
10. <u>Dr. Federico V. ROMANO</u>	<u>Chairman Italian Lega - ITALY</u>

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1. William C. Rea	U.S.A.
2. Alain ANTOINE (Journalist-BELGIUM)	BELGIUM (EUROPE)
3. Mohamed Khir Ichari	Malaysia
4. Lars Erik Ohlsson	Sweden
5. Joe P. Munn	U.S.A.
6. K. S. Staneff M.D.	Bulgaria
7. Amir Amir A. MOWAF FAKIRA	MAURITIUS and AOFD.
8. Wolfgang Schall	Germany
9. Suzanne Lubin	France
10. Jacques Sanitonge	France

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2.	Do dan Coe	VIETNAM
3.	Lyngphure	Free Viet Nam
4.	Jeanne Loh	France Paris
5.	Pam Livy's	Belgium
6.	M. Mopchan	USA
7.	Phil Myers	New Zealand
8.	Luella Bellart	USA
9.	Heaney	approx. 10/1/85
10.	N Camrose MD	USA

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2. Anthony Ruck	U.S.A.
3. Jameson	INDIA
4. Y. H. Shun	HONGKONG
5. Brumm	NEW ZEALAND
6. D. P. HAMILLY	INDIA
7. Maria Sanchez	GUATEMALA
8. Fernando Sanchez	GUATEMALA
9. Penney S.	GUATEMALA
10. Carlo Barbara Pillo	BRASIL

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2. JOHN H. OKWAINYO	KENYA
3. Captain R.L. Hicks	U.S.A.
4. Eliezer Durgan	U.S.A.
5. ASANA HADERA	ETHIOPIA
6. Rusi Nasoy	Turkistan
7. SHAKIB AMIN	SAUDI ARABIA
8. [Signature]	PAKISTAN Delegate
9. [Signature]	Turkey
10. Ahmed M. Rouch	Lebanon

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2. <i>Anne H. T. Baer</i>	U.S.A.
3. <i>Marek Ruszczyński</i>	POLAND
4. <i>[Signature]</i>	U.S.A.
5. <i>[Signature]</i>	U.S.A.
6. <i>[Signature]</i>	U.S.A. (TEXAS)
7. <i>T. Yamada</i>	JAPAN
8. <i>NANDA K. [Signature]</i>	MAURITIUS
9. <i>PA KAO HER</i>	LAOS
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2. John A. Kisseadov	GHANA
3. PETER DALLY	U.K.
4. DR. ANTHONY BOUSCARON	U.S.
5. H. M. M. C. C. C. C.	UKRAINE
6. J. Stojanovic	UKRAINE
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1. Luanda Grace Cruz Rodrigues

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2. Shapoor Ardalan	Iran
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2. AFEAKI S. P	TONGA
3. M. F. Jantnaphean	TONGA
4. M. Nussal	S. Arabia
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2. K. P. TAN	Malaysia
3. TONY TAN	Malaysia
4. SHAKKEB AMAWI	Saudi Arabia
5. MUSI NIKUND	Angola
6. HOLDEN ROBERTO	Angola
7. CRATIEU POGNON	BENIN. SA
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

November 25, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. MARTIN

FROM: JACK F. MATLOCK *JFM*

SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to the Chairman of the World
Ukrainian Liberation Front re Ukrainian Political
Prisoners

I have reviewed and concur in the suggested reply, as amended, (TAB A) prepared by the Department of State to Mr. Bohdan Fedorak, Chairman of the World Ukrainian Liberation Front, concerning the plight of Ukrainian political prisoners and requesting that the President raise the issue during his discussions with General Secretary Gorbachev. Attached at Tab I is a memorandum to Sally Kelley for your signature.

SS
Steve Steiner concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Memo at Tab I.

Approve *WMP*

Disapprove _____

Attachments:

Tab I Memorandum to Sally Kelley

Tab A Proposed Presidential Letter

Tab B Incoming Correspondence