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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

December 26, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR NICHOLAS PLATT
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Letter to the President from Mr. Zalans

Mr. Antons Zalans, President "Dzintars", wrote a letter to the President requesting that issues regarding Latvian-Americans be raised at the Geneva Summit. On December 5, we received State's reply which does not adequately address the concerns raised in Mr. Zalans' letter. We asked for a redraft and to date, have only received the same response without any modifications. Please forward a revised draft by COB December 30.



William F. Martin
Executive Secretary

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S/S # 8534105

DATE December 5, 1985

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

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

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan FROM: Mr. Antons Zalans
DATE: September 30, 1985 SUBJECT: Reagan-Gorbachev
Meeting: Human Rights

WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: Nov. 18, 1985 NSC # 360499

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
- An information copy of a direct reply is attached
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below
- Other

REMARKS:

Nicholas Platt
Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
SUGGESTED REPLY

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Dear Mr. Zalans:

I am replying to your September 30 letter to President Reagan requesting that he raise the issue of Soviet violations of human rights during his discussions with Soviet General Secretary Gorbachev. I regret the delay in this response.

The U.S. Government has consistently condemned Soviet unwillingness to respect basic human rights. These measures are contrary to the human rights provisions of the Helsinki Final Act. We have strongly called for the Soviets to comply with their commitments in that agreement. We have made it unequivocally clear in virtually every high-level meeting with Soviet officials that their human rights violations are a serious obstacle to improved U.S.-Soviet relations. We will continue to insist the Soviets live up to their international commitments, including the Helsinki accords.

Mr. Antons Zalans, President,
"Dzintars",
12 North Grace Street,
North Aurora, Illinois.

In raising the subject of human rights at the Geneva meeting, President Reagan stressed to Soviet General Secretary Gorbachev that respect for the individual and the rule of law is as fundamental to peace as arms control. In this regard, the President pressed for greater Soviet adherence to international agreements such as the Helsinki Accord. The Soviets agreed in the Joint Statement to the importance of resolving humanitarian cases in a cooperative spirit.

Sincerely,

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T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

NOVEMBER 18, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF:
ANNE HIGGINS

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 360499

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED SEPTEMBER 30, 1985

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. ANTONS ZALANS
PRESIDENT
THE ASSOCIATION DZINTARS
12 NORTH GRACE STREET
NORTH AURORA IL 60542

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES ISSUES OF CONCERNS TO ALL LATVIAN
AMERICANS

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

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WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

O - OUTGOING

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I - INCOMING

Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 85/11/06

Name of Correspondent: Mr. Mrs. Miss Antons ZALANS

MI Mail Report User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: Expresses issues of concern to all Latvian-Americans

ROUTE TO:

ACTION

DISPOSITION

Office/Agency (Staff Name)	Action Code	Tracking Date YY/MM/DD	Type of Response	Code	Completion Date YY/MM/DD
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ACTION CODES:

- A - Appropriate Action
- C - Comment/Recommendation
- D - Draft Response
- F - Furnish Fact Sheet to be used as Enclosure

- I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary
- R - Direct Reply w/Copy
- S - For Signature
- X - Interim Reply

DISPOSITION CODES:

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- B - Non-Special Referral
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- Code = "A"
- Completion Date = Date of Outgoing

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The Association of Latvian
Catholic Students "DZINTARS"

Association des Etudiants
Catholiques Lettons "DZINTARS"

September 30, 1985.

ANTONS ZALĀNS
Prezidents
12 N. Grace Street
North Aurora, IL 60542
(312) 892-7490

Mr. Ronald Wilson Reagan
President of U.S.A.
Washington, D.C.

ANITA A. POČS
Vice-prezidente
205 S. Parkside Rd.
Normal, IL 61761
(309) 452-3842

Mr. President,

EUGENIJS POČS
Sabiedriskais audzinātājs
4831 Alpine Park Dr.
Rockford, IL 61108
(815) 399-2267

In your forthcoming talks with chairman Gorbachev, please consider some issues of concern to all Latvian-Americans:

VĒSMA BALTMANIS
Sabiedriskā audzinātāja
20 W 683 Mayfair Lane
Lombard, IL 60148
(312) 495-9820

1. The restoration of free, independent Latvia as it was before June 17, 1940, when Soviet Union, following the Molotow and Ribentrop agreement, invaded Latvia.

2. The discontinuation of modern holocaust of Latvian people by stopping continuous influx of Russians in Latvia, thus causing national extinction.

ROBERTS TUTINS
Kasiēris
1338 Briar Ct.
Des Plaines, IL 60018
(312) 827-0808

3. The restoration of human rights in Latvia - freeing political prisoners, restoring free travel for visitors and free access to Soviet TV and Press for statesmen of free democracies, as Soviets have it in U.S.A.

SILVIA VĪKSNA KARTOFELS
Sekretāre
7058 N. Oleander Av.
Chicago, IL 60631
(312) 774-7797

4. The restoration of religious freedom in Latvia - allowing to print religious books in sufficient amount, allowing free travel for Cardinal Julian Vaivods of Riga to Vatican, to cease the persecution of the faithful.

We are confident, that you share the same concerns and that you will stand with us against the Soviet oppressors.

Respectfully,

Antons Zalans

Antons Zalans,
The President of Association
Dzintars!

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

December 20, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. MARTIN

FROM: JACK MATLOCK *JM*

SIGNED

SUBJECT: Letter to the President from Mr. Zalans

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RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I.

Approve *JM*

Disapprove _____

Attachments:

Tab I Memo Martin to Platt
Tab II Draft Reply

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~~Matlock~~

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 31, 1985

Dear Members of the Knesset:

Thank you for your impressive petition on behalf of your Jewish brethren in the Soviet Union, and for your expression of support for the efforts the United States has been making to help end their suffering. Let me reaffirm my own deep personal concern over the plight of Soviet Jewry.

I raised our concerns over human rights and Soviet Jewry with General Secretary Gorbachev at last month's meeting in Geneva. I made clear to him that the American people have an abiding interest in human rights. I believe that, as a result of our discussions, Mr. Gorbachev has a better understanding of our concerns and of the importance we attach to progress in this area. The Soviets can have no doubt that human rights will continue to be an important factor in U.S.-Soviet relations.

Thank you again for your support, and rest assured that we will not be deterred from this vitally important cause.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Members of the Israeli Knesset
Israeli Knesset
Jerusalem

REFERRAL

DATE: 15 JAN 86

MEMORANDUM FOR: STATE SECRETARIAT

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

TO: ISRAELI KNESSET

SOURCE: PRESIDENT

DATE: 31 DEC 85

KEYWORDS: USSR

HUMAN RIGHTS

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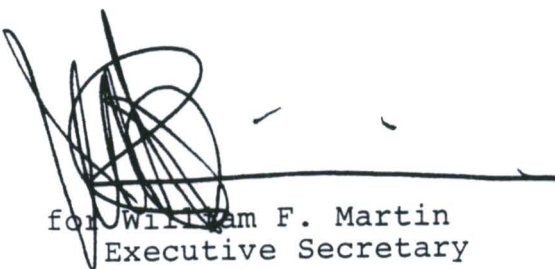
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SUBJ: PRES RESPONSE TO MEMBERS OF KNESSET RE SOVIET JEWS

REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE:

COMMENTS: CORRECTED LETTER


for William F. Martin
Executive Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 31, 1985

Returns to NSC.

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Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

*We do not
put Israel under
we send them to
Jerusalem*

Members of the Israeli Knesset
Israeli Knesset
Jerusalem
Israel

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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REFERRAL

DATE: 06 JAN 86

MEMORANDUM FOR: STATE SECRETARIAT

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION: TO: MCFARLANE

SOURCE: PLATT, N

DATE 17 DEC 85

KEYWORDS: USSR HUMAN RIGHTS

ISRAEL

SUBJ: PROPOSED PRES RESPONSE TO MEMBERS OF THE KNESSET RE SOVIET JEWS

REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 08 JAN 86

COMMENTS:



FOR WILLIAM F. MARTIN

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 28, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JOHN M. POINDEXTER *JM*

SIGNED

SUBJECT: Letter to Israeli Knesset

Issue

Response to the letter from members of the Israeli Knesset of October 23, 1985.

Facts

Seventy-three members of the Israeli Knesset have sent you a signed Petition on October 23, 1985, urging you to raise the problem of Soviet Jewry with General Secretary Gorbachev at last month's meeting in Geneva.

Discussion

Your response (Tab A) expresses your deep personal concern over the plight of Soviet Jews. It notes that you have raised the question with General Secretary Gorbachev and you believe that as a result of the discussions, Mr. Gorbachev has a better understanding of our concerns in this area.

Recommendation

OK No

JRR

That you sign the letter to the Israeli Knesset.

Attachments:

Tab A Letter to the Israeli Knesset

Tab B Letter from the Israeli Knesset

cc: Vice President

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

December 19, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ^{John M. Binderter} ~~ROBERT C. MCFARLANE~~ **SIGNED**
FROM: JACK F. MATLOCK
SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to the Israeli Knesset

I have reviewed and concur in the proposed Presidential letter (Tab A) prepared by the Department of State to the Israeli Knesset in response to a petition on behalf of Soviet Jews. Attached at Tab I is a Memorandum to the President forwarding the letter for his signature.

^{ss} Sestanovich, ^{ml} Mandel, ^{RF} Raymond and ^{n.c.} Covey concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Memorandum at Tab I.

Approve RF Disapprove _____

Attachments:

- Tab I Memorandum to the President
- Tab A Presidential Letter
- Tab B Letter from Israeli Knesset



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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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December 17, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

73 members of the Israeli Knesset have sent President Reagan a petition urging him to raise the problem of Soviet Jewry with General Secretary Gorbachev at last month's meeting in Geneva (copy at Tab 2). Given the intense interest in this issue of such a large number of Israeli leaders, we believe that an acknowledgment from the President would be appropriate. A proposed reply is at Tab 1.

Nicholas Platt

Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- Tab 1 - Proposed response from the President
- Tab 2 - Knesset petition

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Department of State Guidelines, July 21, 1997

By CIS NARA Date 7/2/02

Dear Members of the Knesset:

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Thank you again for your support, and rest assured that we will not be deterred from this vitally important cause.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

His Excellency
Mr. Ronald W. Reagan
the President of the
United States of America

Dear Mr. President,

Your forthcoming summit meeting with the Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, stands in the forefront of Jewish and world attention.

For the past seventy years, our Jewish brethren in the Soviet Union have been persecuted mercilessly and cast into prison because of their struggle to immigrate to their ancient homeland, Israel and to be united with their families.

The only real solution to the tragedy of the Jewish people in the Soviet Union is a binding monitorable agreement, granting them the right to repatriation in Israel, and terminating the national, religious and cultural suppression to which they are subjected. Any agreement concluded with the Soviet Union that does not ensure the release of Soviet Jewry, will not be consistent with the principles and values of the free world.

Mr. President, we deeply appreciate the stand which you have taken consistently, that the solution of the problem of Soviet Jewry is a condition for the creation of an atmosphere of mutual trust between the United States and the Soviet Union.

We members of the Knesset of the State of Israel support you in your stand and in your efforts. We appeal to you as President of the United States, as the leader of the free world, and as one whose policy is guided by the principles of liberty and human freedom to give strong expression to those principles during your forthcoming talks with Mr. Gorbachev.

Respectfully yours,

23 October 1985

אליעזר וולמן
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Waldman Eliezer
8/20 אקט
מקל

אבנר שאקי
Shaki Avner
8/20 אקט

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Landau Uzi

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הכנסת
KNESSET

הוד מעלתו
מר רונלד וו. דייגן
נשיא ארצות הברית
של אמריקה

כבוד הנשיא,

פגישתך הקרובה עם פנהיג ברית-המועצות
פיכאל גורבצ'וב עומדת בפרכו תשופת הלב
של העם היהודי בישראל ובעולם.

אחינו היהודים בברית-המועצות
נרדפים על צוואר ומושלכים לבורות כלא זה
כשבועים שנה על שאיפתם לעלות לעול-ותם
העצוקה, ישראל ולהתאחד עם בני עשפחותיהם.


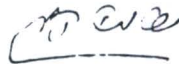
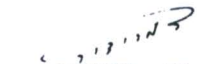
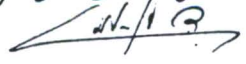

הפתרון האמיתי לטראגדיה של העם היהודי
בברית-המועצות יהיה אך ורק הסכם עחייב ובר
פיקוח אשר יעניק לו את הזכות להפטרואציה
עברית-המועצות, ויפסיק את דיכוי הלואמי,
הדת והתרבות בה. העולם שוחר החופש יעשר
שקר בנפשו אם יגיע להסכמים עם ברית-המועצות
מבלו שיפתור את שאלת חרותם של היהודים בה.

כבוד הנשיא, אנו פוקירים ופעריכים את
עמדתך אותה הבעת בעקבות שפתרון בעיור
העם היהודי בברית-המועצות הוא תנאי
להיווצרות אווירה של אפון הדדי בין ארצות-
הברית ובין ברית-המועצות.

כנשיא ארצות-הברית, כפנהיג גדול
של העולם הדמוקרטי וכפי שהאמונה העמוקה
בעקרונות החופש וזכויות האדם היא נר לרגלינו,
אנו חברי הכנסת בעדינת ישראל מחזקים את
ידיך בעמדתך ובאמונתך ובטוחים, כי יקבלו
ביטוי נאמן בשיחותיך עם מר גורבצ'וב.

בכבוד ובהוקרה

יהושלים, ח' בחשוון, התשמ"ו

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גאולה כהן Cohen Geula	פרים גלר-תעסה Glazer-Taasa Miriam	שלמה הלל Hillel Shlomo
		
דן מרידור Meridor Dan	דב בן-זאיר Ben-Tzur Dor	אמירה סרטני Sartani Amira

the principles of liberty and human freedom in your strong expression to those principles during your forthcoming talks with Mr. Gorbachev.

Respectfully yours,

23 October 1985

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Shostak Eliezer
אליעזר גראנאט
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Pinnhasi Raphael
אהרן אבנר צהרון
Abnertzeira Aharon
יעקב שאמי
Shamai Yaakov

צבי בראם
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ברוך בר-און
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יצחק ארצי
Artzi Yitzhak
רפאל אילון
Eilon Raphael
יושע גיטצה
Gitza Joshua
אוריאל ליין
Lynn Uriel
אליעזר קולס
Kulas Eliezer

צבי בראם
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Landau Uzi
יעקב זאק אהרן
Ahir Jacques
חיים דרוקמן
Druckman Haim
גרשון שאפאט
Shafat Gershon
שבת ווייס
Weiss Shperach
בני שלום
Shalita Benny
נאום גראד
Grad Naom

גאולה כהן
Cohen Geula
דן מרידור
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Darawshe Abed-Elotob
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Solodar Edna

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בכבוד ובהוקרה

ירושלים, ח' בחשוון, התשפ"ו

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Grand Elazar

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Eitan Yfaat

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Chajal Yeshon Des-Osser Elahu

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Pinkasi Raphael

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Marya Joshua

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Dear Members of the Knesset:

Thank you for your impressive petition on behalf of your Jewish brethren in the Soviet Union, and for your expression of support for the efforts the United States has been making to help end their suffering. Let me reaffirm my own deep personal concern over the plight of Soviet Jewry.

I raised our concerns over human rights and Soviet Jewry with General Secretary Gorbachev at last month's meeting in Geneva. I made clear to him that the American people have an abiding interest in human rights. I believe that, as a result of our discussions, Mr. Gorbachev has a better understanding of our concerns and of the importance we attach to progress in this area. The Soviets can have no doubt that human rights will continue to be an important factor in U.S.-Soviet relations.

Thank you again for your support, and rest assured that we will not be deterred from this vitally important cause.

Sincerely,

Members of the Israeli Knesset
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