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| 76021 | MEMO     | L. PAUL BREMER TO W. CLARK RE<br>REQUEST FOR MEETING BETWEEN<br>REAGAN AND KAREKIN II                    | 1           | 3/23/1983 | B1           |
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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OFFICIAL PARTY

His Holiness

The Archbishop Mesrop Asjian  
Prelatenof Armenian Apolstolic Church in US  
Harry Scheshiklian

Cong. Pashayan - Vicki 225-3341

Ed Derwinski

4:30 is workable

Coming from Natl, Cathedral

Bill Deaver, Spec. Asst.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

6/15/83

MEMORANDUM

TO: FAITH WHITTLESEY (Coordinate with K. Duberstein as to Congressional endorsements)  
FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FJR*  
SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING: with His Holiness Karekin, II

DATE: June 16, 1983

TIME: 4:30 pm

DURATION: 5 minutes

LOCATION: Oval Office

REMARKS REQUIRED: To be covered in briefing paper

MEDIA COVERAGE: If any, coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY  
PARTICIPATION: No

NOTE: PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST

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*Chahorne Sall*

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Subject:

*Requests that the President meet with His Holiness  
Karekin II, Catholicos of the See of Cilicia of the Armenian  
Apostolic Church, headquartered in Beirut, who will make a  
pastoral visit to the U.S. in June.*

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April 12, 1983

Dear Senator Pell:

Thank you for your March 24 letter urging the President to meet with His Holiness Karakin II, who will visit the United States in June.

Your comments are appreciated, and I was happy to contact the President's Scheduling Office on your behalf. You may be assured that your recommendation will receive careful consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Duberstein  
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Claiborne Pell  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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cc: w/copy of inc to Fred Ryan - for further action

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: FRED RYAN

FROM: KENNETH M. DUBERSTEIN

SUBJECT: Invitation to the President

APPROVE: \_\_\_\_\_ DISAPPROVE: ☒ \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS:

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MARCH 8, 1983

MEMORANDUM

TO: FAITH WHITTLESEY  
FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., DIRECTOR  
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING  
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVED

MAR 14 1983

SCHEDULING  
OFFICE

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON THE FOLLOWING  
SCHEDULING REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION:

EVENT: Meet with His Holiness Karekin II during his  
visit to the United States

DATE: Early June

LOCATION: The White House

BACKGROUND: See attached

YOUR RECOMMENDATION:

Accept ☒ Regret ☐ Surrogate ☐ Message ☐ Other ☐  
Priority ☐  
Routine ☐

IF RECOMMENDATION IS TO ACCEPT, PLEASE CITE REASONS:

OPL will do sked prop.



## MEMORANDUM

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

March 8, 1983

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL O. WHEELER

FROM:

DEBORAH L. ROCHE *DR*

SUBJECT:

Request For a Meeting Between the President  
and His Holiness Karekin II

The Office of Presidential Appointments and Scheduling has requested our view on a meeting between the President and His Holiness Karekin II of the Lebanese Armenian Apostolic Church in early June. The proposal came at the request of Congressman Charles Pashayan (R-CA) in a letter to the President (Tab A). We need State's advice on the political ramifications of such a meeting before making a recommendation.

Recommendation

That you sign the memorandum to Bremer at Tab I requesting State's view on the proposed meeting.

Approve *MW*

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

*DR*  
*for* Teicher and *DR* Sommer concur.

## Attachments

Tab I Wheeler memorandum to Bremer  
Tab A Letter from Congressmen Pashayan, White House Interim  
Reply.

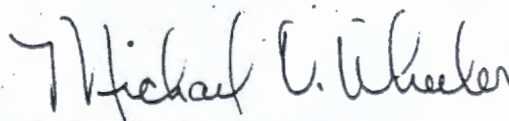
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

March 8, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER, III  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State

SUBJECT: Request For a Meeting Between the President  
and His Holiness Karekin II

Please provide State's recommendation on a Presidential meeting with His Holiness Karekin II, as suggested in Congressman Pashayan's letter (Tab A). Although the meeting would not take place until June, we have had several inquiries about it and need State's advice as soon as possible.

  
Michael O. Wheeler  
Staff Secretary

Attachments

Tab A Letter from Congressman Pashayan, White House Interim  
Reply

1456

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

MARCH 3, 1983

TO: WILLIAM CLARK

FROM: <sup>FR</sup>FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., DIRECTOR  
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATION

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON THE FOLLOWING  
SCHEDULING REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION:

EVENT: Meet with His Holiness Karekin II during his  
visit to the United States

DATE: Early June

LOCATION: The White House

BACKGROUND: See attached

YOUR RECOMMENDATION:

Accept x Regret      Surrogate      Message      Other       
Priority       
Routine     

IF RECOMMENDATION IS TO ACCEPT, PLEASE CITE REASONS:

See attached State Department justification.

RESPONSE DUE ASAP TO Fred Ryan



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Cong. Pashayan

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

MARCH 3, 1983

TO: WILLIAM CLARK  
FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., DIRECTOR  
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING  
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATION

Pete Summers  
3116  
#1456

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON THE FOLLOWING  
SCHEDULING REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION:

EVENT: Meet with His Holiness Karekin II during his  
visit to the United States

NID.  
All to O.P.L.  
PR

DATE: Early June  
LOCATION: The White House  
BACKGROUND: See attached

Church involved TERRORISM

YOUR RECOMMENDATION:

Accept \_\_\_ Regret \_\_\_ Surrogate \_\_\_ Message \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_  
Priority \_\_\_  
Routine \_\_\_

IF RECOMMENDATION IS TO ACCEPT, PLEASE CITE REASONS:

3/8/83

MR. SUMMERS is sending to State Dept. for their  
Recommendation - Could have implications w/ Lebanon.  
Have asked for URGENT reply.

3/16/83

State will not back NID  
NID to State



March 1, 1983

Dear Chip:

The President has asked me to thank you for your February 24 letter, urging that he meet with His Holiness Karekin II during his visit to the United States in early June.

Although we are presently unable to confirm the President's schedule for June, I was happy to direct your comments and recommendation to the attention of the White House Scheduling Office. I am sure it will be afforded every consideration as the President's calendar for that time is determined.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Duberstein  
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Charles Pashayan, Jr.  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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cc: w/copy of inc to Bill Sadleir - FYI

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Mike:

I checked with Secheduling on this Mar. 8th.

They had sent the request to Judge Clark's office for a recommendation.

Yesterday, Mary Rollins of Scheduling was told that Judge Clark wanted to talk to someone in the State Dept on it.

So - as of now - Scheduling is awaiting a response from NSC.

M. M. e



PATRICIA BYE



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KD  
CHARLES PASHAYAN, JR.  
17TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

129 CANNON BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515  
(202) 225-3341



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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
February 24, 1983

127075

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

Dear Mr. President:

His Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos of the See of Cilicia of the Armenian Apostolic Church, located in Antelias, Lebanon, will be in the United States early in June, 1983, on an official pontifical visit. During his visit, His Holiness will travel to Armenian churches throughout the United States and will be received in most communities in which Armenian Apostolic Churches affiliated with the See of Cilicia are located.

His Holiness has expressed the desire to visit with you personally. His Holiness' predecessor, Khoren I, met with President Nixon during a visit to the United States in 1969.

There is in Lebanon a substantial Armenian population. His Holiness has close personal ties to President Amin Gemayal of Lebanon, who I understand will be communicating through our Ambassador, The Honorable Robert S. Dillon, a like request to you. The Armenians have remained neutral in the disagreements between factions in Lebanon and will play a key role in the reconstruction of that country. Thus His Holiness represents a practical, properly positioned segment of the Lebanese population.

His Holiness Karekin II, along with His Holiness Vasken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, Patriarch Shenork Kaloustian, and Patriarch Yeghishe Derderian, constitute the leadership of the worldwide Armenian Church, and many thousands of American-Armenians will be honored if you shall be able to meet with him in the White House. I stand ready to assist in any way possible with the arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress

PLEASE REPLY TO:

☐ WASHINGTON OFFICE

☐ HOME OFFICE, FRESNO COUNTY

☐ HOME OFFICE, KINGS COUNTY

☐ HOME OFFICE, TULARE COUNTY

CHARLES PASHAYAN, JR.

17TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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February 23, 1983

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SCHEDULING  
OFFICE /

Mr. Michael K. Deaver  
Deputy Chief of Staff and  
Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mike:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to the President requesting that he meet with His Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos of the See of Cilicia of the Armenian Apostolic Church, headquartered in Beirut.

His Holiness is the Armenian equivalent of the Pope, and his visit to the President will be an important event for the millions of Americans of Armenian descent.

Chip is coordinating this visit, and we should appreciate any assistance we can get to see that this meeting takes place. And, of course, we stand ready to assist with the details in any way.

Your personal attention to this important matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

*Bill*

William H. Deaver  
Special Assistant

*See Ken Dukeminster's letter*

PLEASE REPLY TO:



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PRESIDENT

FROM PASHAYAN, CHARLES

DOCDATE 24 FEB 83

DUBERSTEIN, K

01 MAR 83

RYAN, F

03 MAR 83

KEYWORDS: CO

LEBANON

KAREKIN II

AP

SUBJECT: APPT REQUEST FOR HIS HOLINESS KAREKIN II W/ PRES DURING JUN VISIT TO  
US

ACTION: \*\*\* APPROPRIATE ACTION

DUE: 07 MAR 83 STATUS S FILES

FOR ACTION

FOR CONCURRENCE

FOR INFO

SOMMER

KEMP

DUR

NORTH

SIMS

TYSON

WHEELER

COMMENTS \*\*\* FOR NEGATIVE RESPONSE PREPARE MEMO WHEELER TO RYAN \*\*\*

\*\*\* FOR POSITIVE RESPONSE PREPARE MEMO CLARK TO SADDLEIR \*\*

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- 3/21 rec'd by Pashayan 15 MAR 83 PS, CI, MIA

Z 3/23 Rec'd s/s 8308546

S 3/23 Pashayan memo to Clark PS, CI

C 3/20 See 90361 for serial

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MEMORANDUM  
OF CALL

TO:

*Mary*

☐ YOU WERE CALLED BY ☐ YOU WERE VISITED BY—

*Gail Hedwig*

OF (Organization)

*M. Deaver's office*

☐ PLEASE CALL → PHONE NO. CODE/EXT. *6475* ☐ FTS

☐ WILL CALL AGAIN ☐ IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

☐ RETURNED YOUR CALL ☐ WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

*re: conversation this am  
& request for RR  
to meet with  
Armenian pres.  
—needs some more  
information*

RECEIVED BY

*m*

DATE

*8/3*

TIME

*1:31*

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STANDARD FORM 63 (Rev. 8-76)  
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*Shipping office is  
Sending a copy to Deaver's office.*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

3/21/83

FR:

This just came over today. I have attached to copy of file that we have.

I checked just now with NSC again about the recommendation from State Dept. They had called them earlier this mornign and they think they have reached a decision and will send over today. NSC let them know that if it is not sent over, they will have to go ahead without their recommendation.

ND



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

TO:

*Mike Mc Manus*

FROM: MICHAEL K. DEAVER  
Assistant to the President  
Deputy Chief of Staff

☐ Information

☒ Action

*Back to Ryan  
to await NSC Rec*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date:

*3/21/83*

TO:

*Fred Ryan*

FROM: Michael A. McManus, Jr.  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
and Deputy to Deputy Chief of Staff

☐ Information

☒ Action

☐ Let's Discuss

*Fred Ryan - await NSC  
recommendation*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date: *4/22/83*

TO: JENNIFER FITZGERALD

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.  
Director  
Presidential Appointments and  
Scheduling

☒ Information

☒ Action

☐ Let's Discuss

*To VP--*

*I think this would  
be a good event*

I understand from Jack Burgess that  
you may have interest in this  
request. We are in the process of  
sending letters of regret.

Please advise.



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Pete Wilson

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Subject:

Urges the President to meet with his  
Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos of the See of  
Cilicia of the Armenian Apostolic Church,  
during his visit to the U.S. in early June.

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April 25, 1983

Dear Senator Wilson:

Thank you for your message which was forwarded to me by Mr. Kenneth Duberstein.

The President appreciates your interest in the request he has received to meet with His Holiness Karekin II, during his visit to the United States in June.

Although he would like to accommodate your request, heavy demands on his schedule preclude his doing so. He does want you to know, though, he appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing and sends you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.  
Director, Presidential  
Appointments and Scheduling

The Honorable Pete Wilson  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

FJR:SM:  
FJR-19A

April 15, 1983

Dear Senator Wilson:

Thank you for your April 3 letter urging that the President meet with his Holiness Karekin II, who will be visiting the United States in June.

Please know that your comments and recommendation have been brought to the attention of the President's Scheduling Office. I am sure that your special interest will be afforded every consideration, and that you will be notified promptly of a decision.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Duberstein  
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Pete Wilson  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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April 3, 1983

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

REGRET

Date 4/20/83  
EJR

Dear Mr. President:

It has come to my attention that his Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos of the See of Cilicia of the Armenian Apostolic Church, headquartered in Beirut, Lebanon will be coming to the United States early in June on an official pontifical pastoral visit. He will travel to Armenian churches throughout the United States and will be received in most communities in this country where Armenian Apostolic churches affiliated with his See are located.

I understand that His Holiness has expressed the fervent wish that he have the opportunity to meet with you. I understand too, that he represents a practical segment of the Lebanese population and that he is held in great respect as a religious leader.

I urge your favorable consideration of the request of his Holiness Karekin II.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,



PETE WILSON  
United States Senator

CHARLES H. PERCY, ILL., CHAIRMAN

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

135613

March 24, 1983

The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President

In June, His Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos of the See of Cilicia of the Armenian Apostolic Church, which is headquartered in Beirut, will make a pastoral visit to the United States to visit Armenian churches affiliated with his See. I understand that His Holiness would like very much to meet with you while he is here.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to meet with him. I know it would be deeply appreciated not only by His Holiness but by the Armenian community in the United States.

With regard and respect, I am

Ever sincerely,



Claiborne Pell



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Subject: This Holy Father, Karekin II, Catholicos of the See of Cilicia of the Armenian Apostolic Church, Antelias, Lebanon, will be in the U.S. in June 1983 on an official pontifical visit. Request to that the President meet with him at the White House.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

May 23, 1983

DATE

TO: Fred Ryan

FROM: JENNIFER FITZGERALD x6522

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ACTION: ☒

MAY 23 1983

DISCUSS: ☐

SCHEDULING  
OFFICE

FYI: ☐

COMMENT:

Per request from your office we are  
returning the correspondence on the  
request for a meeting between the  
President and His Holiness Karetin II.

*MR. please return  
to file.*

*FR.*

*6/8/83*



March 30  
1983

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

TO NSC/S

Subject: Visit of Armenian Religious leaders  
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NSC, Log 1456 was  
answered by Fortier and  
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90361.

Please close out 1456.

Thank you

Peter Sanner

NSC # 8301456

Ref. Response to William Clark dated 3/23/83 attached

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WILLIAM CLARK TO WILLIAM SADLIER RE  
PROPOSED MEETING BETWEEN REAGAN AND  
KAREKIN II (W/NOTATIONS)

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L. PAUL BREMER TO W. CLARK RE REQUEST  
FOR MEETING BETWEEN REAGAN AND  
KAREKIN II

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PER NSC

3/16/83

State Dept. in disagreement  
between two bureaus.

Sending for Secretarial  
recommendation.

3/16/83



CHARLES PASHAYAN, JR.

17TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

129 CANNON BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515  
(202) 225-3341



COMMITTEE ON  
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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 15, 1983

Mr. William K. Sadleir  
Assistant to the President for  
Appointments and Scheduling  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Sadleir:

I recently wrote the President expressing the desire of his Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos of the See of Cilicia of the Armenian Apostolic Church, to visit the President during His Holiness's visit to the United States in June of this year.

I received a response from Ken Duberstein indicating that this matter has been referred to you.

I cannot over-emphasize to you the importance of this visit to the Armenian community in the United States and worldwide. As the copy of the enclosed letter indicates, His Holiness along with Patriarch Kaloustian, Patriarch Derderian, and Supreme Patriarch Vasken I, constitute the worldwide leadership of the Armenian church. His Holiness's position in the Armenian community can be compared to that of Pope John Paul to the Catholic community.

As the letter also indicates, His Holiness also represents an important segment of the population of Lebanon.

I shall appreciate your assistance in this matter. If I can be of any aid in the arrangements for this visit, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours

Member of Congress

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Michael K. Deaver  
Deputy Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President  
Mr. William P. Clark  
Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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Congressman Chip Pashayan March 27, 1941  
[REDACTED]

William Deaver  
[REDACTED]

Tag # -- (California congressional tag #17)

Edward Derwinski

Sept 15, 1926  
[REDACTED]

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James Mark Keshishian

May 11, 1925  
[REDACTED]

His Holiness Karakin II

Archbishop Mesrop Asjian

Harold Sachaklian  
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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS (FORM SSF 2037)  
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# REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS

76023

To: Officer-in-charge  
Appointments Center  
Room 060, OEOB

Please admit the following appointments on Thursday, June 16, 1983  
for President Reagan of WH  
(NAME OF PERSON TO BE VISITED) (AGENCY)

Edward Derwinski

9/15/26

William Deaver

Congressman Charles  
Pashayan

3/27/41

James Mark Keshishian

Harold Sachaklian

9/20/14

Archbishop Mesrop Asjian

His Holiness Karekin II

8/28/32

Vahe Magarian (Guard)

Steven Hamilton  
(Driver)

TAG # L985 D.C. Plates

# D7457 D.C.

## MEETING LOCATION

Building WH

Requested by Linas Kojelis

Room No. Oval Office

Room No. 196 Telephone 6573

Time of Meeting 4:30 p.m.

Date of request June 16, 1983

Additions and/or changes made by telephone should be limited to five (5) names or less.

APPOINTMENTS CENTER: SIG/OEOB - 395-6046 or WHITE HOUSE - 456-6742



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

June 23, 1983

CHARLES PASHAYAN, JR.  
SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT  
CALIFORNIA

Dear Faith:

I should like to extend to you my sincere appreciation for your efforts in arranging the meeting with President Reagan and His Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos of the Holy See of Cilicia, of the Armenian Apostolic Church. Meeting with the President was truly a highlight for the Catholicos as well as for many people, Armenian and non-Armenian, involved with the visit.

In addition, I should like to thank a member of your staff, Mr. Linas Kojelis, for a superb job of laying the groundwork on such short notice. All of the arrangements went very well and were most appreciated.

Thank you again.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "C. Pashayan", written over the typed name.

Member of Congress

Ms. Faith Whittlesey  
Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

To Linas -  
for your  
file!  
7.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH HIS HOLINESS KAREKIN II

DATE: JUNE 16, 1983  
TIME: 4:30 - 4:35 p.m.  
LOCATION: Oval Office

FROM: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY *FRW*

I. PURPOSE

To demonstrate the President's ongoing interest in the Middle East and strengthen his support among Americans of Armenian ancestry. (Note: Walter Mondale will meet with him later for 30 mins.)

II. BACKGROUND

His Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos of the See of Cilicia of the Armenian Apostolic Church, which is headquartered in Beirut, is on a pastoral visit to the U.S. to visit Armenain churches affiliated with his See.

Karekin is an advocate for peace, especially in the Middle East. We anticipate Karekin will want to thank you for your American assistance to the Armenian community in Lebanon. Karekin supports the restoration of Lebanese sovereignty and is close to Lebanese President Gemayel.

III. PARTICIPANTS

His Holiness Karekin II, Archbishop Mesrop Asjian, Prelate of the Armenian Apostolic Church in the U.S., Harry Sachaklian, Washington Coordinator of His Holiness's visit, Congressman Chip Pashayan, Ed Derwinski (Counsellor at the State Department), Bill Deaver (Mike Deaver's brother and aide to Pashayan).

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

4:30 p.m. Greet official party as they enter the Oval Office. Ed Derwinski will introduce Karekin to you.

4:31 p.m. Karekin will give brief comments and present you the Grand Cross of Cilicia, which is given only to Presidents and monarchs.

4:32 p.m. You thank Karekin and give remarks as provided in Talking Points.

V. PRESS PLAN

Full Press

Attachment: Talking Points  
Background Notes on Karekin

TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH HOLINESS  
KAREKIN II (Address him as "Your Holiness")

- Express your gratitude at being bestowed the Grand Cross of Cilicia.
- Welcome him to the United States and express your hope that his visit is successful.
- State that America is proud of her citizens of Armenian heritage and greatly values their contribution to American society.
- Mention that you are proud that "your old job" (as Governor of California) is held by George Deukmejian, of Armenian heritage.
- Express your understanding of Armenian abhorrence of violence due to their own tragic experience as victims of genocide in 1915 which, of course, U.S. policy recognizes as a historical fact.
- Thank him for his efforts toward achieving peace in Lebanon.



BACKGROUND NOTES  
ON  
HIS HOLINESS CATHOLICOS KAREKIN II

Leader of the Armenian Apostolic Church based in Beirut, Lebanon.

His "see" (area of responsibility) includes the Armenian churches in the United States, Canada, Greece, Cyprus, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, France, Argentina, and Australia.

He assumed his responsibilities earlier this year following the death of his predecessor. Prior to that time, he had served as Acting Catholicos during his predecessor's illness. He also served as the Armenian Apostolic Bishop in New York.

His Holiness is undertaking his first Pontifical mission to the United States and will attend the World Council of Churches meeting in Vancouver, Canada.