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[Dec. 1975]

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Jack -

If we slip by
this Korff thing
without any grief, we
will be fortunate!

Please note the
National Officers,
the "message to SAKHAROV,"
the photo of Robin, etc. -

Russ
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"I am in earnest, I will not equivocate, I will not excuse, I will not retreat a single inch, and I will be heard!"

William Lloyd Garrison

Volume II

DECEMBER 1975

Number 12

— USCC NOTES —

THE TRUSTEES of the President Nixon Justice Fund extend their wishes of a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of its contributors, and to the millions of Americans whose support of Richard and Pat Nixon has never flagged. Two opportunities to sustain the Fund and to help resolve the Constitutional issue of the Presidential papers are now at hand. They can celebrate Christmas or the President's birthday on January 9 or both, by sending greetings and a contribution to President and Mrs. Nixon at the Casa Pacifica, San Clemente, California.

USCC MEMBERS: Have you sent in your Bicentennial dues? The 200th anniversary of the nation is a fitting time to mark your dedication to the ideals of these United States and to enable us to carry out the objectives of those Founding Fathers which have brought greatness and prosperity to our country. If the USCC is to carry out its mission, it needs your dues, and now!

A COUNTRY is only as great as its leaders. The "Salute to Leadership" Dinner, to be held on December 14, at 6 p.m., at the Shoreham Americana in Washington, will honor major government figures and leading men and women in all walks of life. Your presence will not only give recognition to what they are doing but also give you the opportunity to meet those who are working in your behalf. Reservations, at \$20 per person, should be made through the USCC office at 1221 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

NEW DIRECTOR: Mrs. Jean DiCola of Arlington, Virginia, has been elected to the Board of Directors of USCC. Mrs. DiCola, who taught in the Philadelphia public schools in 1961-74, is married and has one child.

DR ANDREI D SAKHAROV
ULITSA CHKALOVA 46 B
KV 68
MOSCOW (USSR)
DR SAKHAROV

I HAVE THE HONOR TO EXTEND TO YOU AND MRS SAKHAROV AN INVITATION TO BE THE HONORED GUESTS AT "A SALUTE TO LEADERSHIP" SPONSORED BY THE UNITED STATES CITIZENS CONGRESS ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 14 1975 AT 1800 FOLLOWED BY A DINNER AT 1900 AT THE SHOREHAM AMERICANA HOTEL WASHINGTON DC

THE USCC WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS TO ACCOMMODATE YOU AND MRS SAKHAROV FOR YOUR FLIGHT TO WASHINGTON AND RETURN THE USCC WILL ALSO DEFRAY ALL OTHER EXPENSES

THE SALUTE TO LEADERSHIP IS INAUGURATED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF HONORING LEADERS IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE WHO ARE UNFLAGGING IN THEIR SUPPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES WAS CONCEIVED 200 YEARS AGO A NUMBER OF DIGNITARIES WILL SHARE IN THIS TRIBUTE TO YOU

THE UNITED STATES CITIZENS CONGRESS AND I PERSONALLY EARNESTLY HOPE YOU AND MRS SAKHAROV WILL FEEL FREE TO ACCEPT THIS MOST SINCERE INVITATION

RESPECTFULLY YOURS

BARUCH KORFF PRESIDENT
UNITED STATES CITIZENS CONGRESS
1221 CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW
WASHINGTON DC 20036
12:23 EST

Message transmitted directly to Dr. Andrei Sakharov and to the USSR Academy of Sciences in Moscow, and through Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin and Mark J. Garrison, director for Soviet Affairs of the State Department.



Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel and Rabbi Baruch Korff with his daughter Zamira who accompanied him and Mrs. Korff on a visit to Israel, Syria and Egypt.

A Man — His Mission

By RALPH de TOLEDANO

He is a man of inner joys and outward charm. But he can also thunder like the Prophets of old against man's inhumanity to man. With equal dedication, he has fought the devils of fascism and the tyrants of communism—and he has done so with the quiet conviction that one man, with the proper fulcrum, can move the world.

During World War II, he worked ceaselessly and with no thought of self to rescue thousands of Nazism's victims. During the past year, he has crossed the Atlantic and the Mediterranean six times in pursuit of peace in the Middle East. He has spoken out to Jew and Arab in the cause of a just solution to the complex problems that beset the world. He can be seen on Capitol Hill, at the White House, and in the State Department as he pursues his mission with Messianic zeal.

When the media turned with ferocity on President Nixon in 1972, he left the peace of his beloved farm in Rehoboth, Massachusetts, to do battle for a leader at bay. To this end he mobilized millions, stated his case unflinchingly—and won the respect and admiration of friend and foe alike.

His name is Baruch Korff—"baruch" for blessed—but the blessing has been to others—among them those Rumanian Jews for whom, in a trip to Bucharest, he opened the door to national identity in a new life in Israel. Rabbi Korff—rabbi is teacher—has also ranged the United States from coast to coast, bringing his message to those who love America but need his encouragement.

A coronary history might have convinced another man to abide by the Biblical injunction that there is a time to fight and a time to sit by the fireside. But Rabbi Korff boards his planes and takes his oxygen to survive these flights. For him there is only one time—a time to do. In this conviction, he founded the United States Citizens' Congress—an organization which derives its ideals and its strength from the Founding Fathers of the Republic.

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By DMO NAR date 1/13/86

December 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: THE SITUATION ROOM
FROM: JACK MARSH

Please dispatch the following message from Russ
Rourke to General Scowcroft, and also send an
information copy to Dick Cheney.

Thanks.
JOM:cb



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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I would appreciate your guidance.

cc: DCheney
PBuchen

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SAKHAROV

THE WHITE HOUSE
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Rabbi Korf

send plane to
pick up Sakharov
for Bicentennial
event -

in spirit of Sakharov
then Dobrynin - "we
are second party to
detente - they should
do this" - "I accept
w/ pleasure," said
Pan-Amman - paid

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

For ticket -

once a week

from Moscow

First President
v. S. Citizens League -

14 Dec - ~~14 Dec~~ -
Shankman Ambr -
camp

D.C. -
6 PM Reception

7 - 11 AM

1. Sakharov reception
Pres. award -

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

2. Seamon
3. Carl Curtis
4. Aubrey Bush
5. Mrs. Pendleton

... ..
Koy called Clements -
need transportation
from Moscow
Ken Bailey said
they need OK from
WH -

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

No commercial
flight would get
him here -

Persons are ready
to approve - they haven't
said no to

1, Will we arrange
transport

2. If we did, would
they let him go -

By DOD NARS date 1/13/82

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
December 3, 1975

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FROM: JACK MARSH *Jack Marsh*

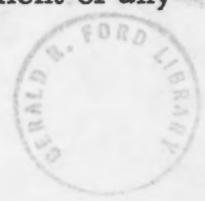
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TO: JACK MARSH AND RUSS ROURK

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3. To my recollection, we have never sent a military aircraft overseas to pick up a foreign leader, although that is largely irrelevant to the case here. I agree with you that we have to handle this case carefully, but I ^{should} think that Phil Buchen's legal opinion plus the arguments above ought to do the trick. I wish I had some more brilliant thoughts to give you on the matter but about the only thing I can add is I am glad I am here and not back there with you. Seriously, if you need any more ^{input,} thoughts, please let me know. I would ^{appreciate being} like to be apprised of developments.

4. Warm regards.

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Rabbi Korff expressed his deep appreciation for the very comprehensive effort we had made in exploring all facets of his request. In fact he invited me to attend the December 14 dinner if my schedule permitted. He again added that he had no desire to embarrass the White House. He was instrumental in turning off a man from Holland who asked Korff to invite Solzhenitsyn to the dinner. Korff felt that such an effort might again present an embarrassing situation for the President.

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Following my final turn off to Korff, I gave Cohen a promised wrap-up report. He accepted our entire statement with the same practical understanding that characterized my last discussion with Korff.

cc: DCheney
JMarsh
PBuchen
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MEMORANDUM TO: DUDLEY CHAPMAN
FROM: RUSS ROURKE

Dudley, if you have any further thoughts, please
let me know as soon as possible. I plan to call
Rabbi Korff with a turn-off on Friday morning at
the latest. Any additional back-up arguments
you might have would be helpful.

Thanks.

cc: PButen
BHyland

RAR:cb

MEMO



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MEMORANDUM TO: BILL HYLAND
FROM: RUSS ROURKE

Bill, based on Brent Scowcroft's guidance, I plan to call Rabbi Korff with a turn-off by Friday a.m., at the latest. I call your attention also to the attached commercial flight schedule. If you have any further suggestions over and above Brent's memo and those items we discussed previously, please let me know.

Thanks.

cc: PBuchen
DChapman

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RUSS:

The following flight leaves every FRIDAY from Moscow to Washington:

LV. Moscow	8:15 a.m.	AEROFLOT #243
AR. London	8:55 a.m.	
LV. London	10:40 a.m.	PAN AM #107
AR. Dulles	2:10 p.m.	

(any other flight would have to connect in either Copenhagen, Paris, London, Prague, Frankfurt and then on to New York - then to Washington.)

The following flight leaves Washington every MONDAY & WEDNESDAY to Moscow:

LV. Dulles	6:45 p.m.	TWA 890
AR. Paris	8:25 a.m. (on Tues., or Thurs.)	
LV. Paris	12:05 p.m.	AEROFLOT #270
AR. Moscow	5:45 p.m.	

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TO: JACK MARSH /
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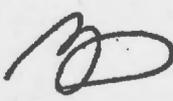
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3. To my recollection, we have never sent a military aircraft overseas to pick up a foreign leader, although that is largely irrelevant to the case here. I agree with you that we have to handle this case carefully, but I ^{should} think that Phil Buchen's legal opinion plus the arguments above ought to do the trick. I wish I had some more brilliant thoughts to give you on the matter but about the only thing I can add is I am glad I am here and not back there with you.

Seriously, if you need any more ^{input,} ~~thoughts~~, please let me know. I would ^{appreciate being} ~~like to be~~ apprised of developments.

4. Warm regards.

~~SECRET~~ SENSITIVE

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E.O. 12958, Sec. 3.5

NSC Memo, 11/24/98, State Dept. Guidelines
By W.H.M., NARA, Date 11/28/00



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WASHINGTON

- ① Need - whether they would
let him out
- ② alternatives - commercial
air OK -
- ③ how prohibits - - USC -
- ④ be careful - this is just
the kind of thing that
might prevent it - test of
strengths by Soviet - being
pushed by U.S.



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WASHINGTON

① _____:

2) Moral triumph -
(helped on MFR
Rumania
370 Jawsout to
Israel -
(Romanians)

They may no room on
that flight - We should
call their bluff -

MFR for Russia - Hearings
quietly lined up people.



NSC; Legal Council;

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WASHINGTON

~ don't want to
embarrass W.H. - man
from Holland wanted to
bring sovereignty to dinner -
don't want him to
embarrass - Nixon said
don't let you let heads
from attacking TT Ford.
Talk w/ Ralph Hartleland
& said don't attack.

Should have told on

14th -

Annual hundred
delegates from across
the nation -



(said they've got personal
call from Jack Anderson)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

— Has board of 22

Sen. Strauss

Sen. James Fry

~~Sen.~~

Memo by board

Be specific / ^{what we did}
_{never no dice}

1. Messengers -
2. Arab embassies attacking
3. Israelis boycotting

Newsletter: use the people

U.S. Citizens Congress
Washington

Editor, Ralph Hotel

Attack on labor that were
shrill - didn't like that -

Will meet w/ his board
people -



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Russell H. Novke

Mr. Barry
Cooperatives

Box 1221 ^{ret} Connect

(N.C.)

5th F-1007



To R
Date 12-4 Time 3:30

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M. Dudley Chapman
of _____

Phone _____ 6297
Area Code Number Extension

TELEPHONED	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLEASE CALL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CALLED TO SEE YOU	<input type="checkbox"/>	WILL CALL AGAIN	<input type="checkbox"/>
WANTS TO SEE YOU	<input type="checkbox"/>	URGENT	<input type="checkbox"/>

RETURNED YOUR CALL

Message in Ken
Lazarus
office now

(has memo!)

Operator _____

Nathan Ruff

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WASHINGTON

1. Commercial air available
2. State ready to admit passport and arrangements
3. Cannot do it.



Tien Gary Cohen Jack
- being staffed - Anderson

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

483-
1442

Andri' Salharov

1. Need? Bill
(extra) Apples

2. Altern. - Communist

3. Legal -

1. _____.

Not taking initiative in
- calling -



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

— Just don't have any
authority for ~~it~~

31 U.S.C. 665 -
money will be spent
for purposes appropriated



December 5, 1975

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Thanks again for your help.



December 5, 1975

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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in our conversation concerning

from Moscow
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7.7. >
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With every good wish, I remain,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Russell A. Rourke".

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 5, 1975

RUSS -- Unfortunately, I had
already sent out the copies to
Buchen, Hyland, Scowcroft,
& Cheney before JOM decided
to change letter to Korff. Do
you want to send a revised copy?
Sorry.

Connie connie

*NA unless they ask
for one, or it becomes
an issue - lets hope it
simply dies!*

R.

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FILE COPY

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December 5, 1975

7:00 p.m. -- the attached was
delivered to Rabbi Korff,
Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Conn.
Ave., NW, Room 678, Wash., D.C.
AT SUGGESTION OF Barry
Cooperstein - since he wouldn't
be at 1221 Conn. Avenue, NW, too
much longer.



revised ltr

| cc: B. Scowcroft
D. Cheney
R. Nessen (w/attachmts)

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December 5, 1975 By DRD NARS date 1/13/82

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→ RUSS
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as well do.

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a major difficulty

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~~The~~ *indicated* ~~major~~ *was* ~~problem~~ *we had* ~~was,~~ ~~as I~~ ~~indicated~~ ~~to you,~~ ~~that~~ ~~there~~ ~~was~~ ~~no~~ evidence *that* the Soviet authorities were in fact prepared for Dr Sakharov to leave the Soviet Union. As for as special transport was considered, it appeared that ~~there were~~ commercial transportation *was* available that would fit your ~~so~~ schedule; and *in this connection* ~~there is the problem that according to~~ Legal Counsel's . . . \Rightarrow for which they are appropriate.

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a message
officially

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the Soviet Union

as far as special transportation

that should permission be granted

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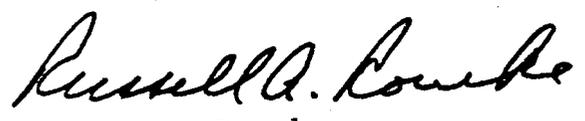
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