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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 19, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH
FROM: JIM CONNOR *JEC*
SUBJECT: Meeting with Delegation of
Hungarians

The President reviewed your memorandum of October 18 on the above subject and made the following notation:

"Jack - Have Dick bring it to my attention tomorrow (Tuesday)."

This matter was discussed this morning when Dick Cheney was in the Oval Office.

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WASHINGTON

Jack

Have Dick

bring it to my

attention

Tomorrow (Gus)

handled by Dick Cheney.

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WASHINGTON

October 18, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JACK MARSH 

You have a request for a brief meeting with a small delegation of Hungarians as a part of the observance of the 20th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution.

It is my understanding that this request, which I believe you had earlier approved, has now been disapproved. I would strongly urge you to reconsider this matter for the following reasons:

- (1) I believe your failure to meet with the group will be associated with the Eastern and Central European debate comments, and give critics an opportunity to reopen an issue which I think has been laid to rest;
- (2) A failure to meet with them opens you up to a Solzhenitsyn type of charge;
- (3) There is a question in my mind as to whether the Hungarian group feels there was some commitment for a meeting. This attitude may have been encouraged by their sponsor, Congressman Frank Horton;
- (4) A meeting provides an opportunity to demonstrate your concern about countries behind the Iron Curtain.

I realize there are those who take an opposing view on such a meeting principally the NSC and for that reason I have sent a copy of this memorandum to Brent.

My principal concern is the 20th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolt will receive public attention and I do not want to have develop a situation that provides an opportunity to attack you by those who will try to reopen the Eastern and Central European comments. There is a potential for trouble here that I would like to avoid.

cc: Richard Cheney
Brent Scowcroft
Jerry Jones
Bill Nicholson