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OPTION #4 - conform with story.

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NBC Meet Press



OPTIONS FOR SOLZHENITSYN STATEMENT TO BE VOLUNTEERED BY NESSEN

OPTION NUMBER 1:

After the news conference was over Ann Compton asked the President about any plans to meet Alexander Solzhenitsyn. The President didn't feel it was the proper time or setting to answer that question, but he does want to be responsive and so he asked me to relay his views to you.

"I have read some of Mr. Solzhenitsyn's writings and I recognize him as a distinguished Nobel prize winner and novelist. I think you know that I have an open-door policy at the White House and so I would, of course, be pleased to see him if he wishes to see me."

Recommended by: Dick Cheney, Jack Marsh

APPROVE: _____

DISAPPROVE: _____



OPTION NUMBER 2:

Say nothing.

Recommended by: Henry Kissinger, Brent Scowcroft

APPROVE: _____

DISAPPROVE: _____

(It should be pointed out that some reporters have been led to believe that you would have expressed willingness to see Solzhenitsyn but underscored your support for detente, if asked at your news conference.)



OPTION NUMBER 3:

The President feels that it is useful to recall that for many years following World War II there were tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union. The goal of detente has been to seek a reduction of those tensions and thereby to reduce the risk of war. This process, of course, has been and must be mutually beneficial. The President has read some of Mr. Solzenitsyn's writings and recognizes him as a distinguished Nobel Prize winner and novelist. The President thinks you know that he has an open door policy at the White House and so he would, of course, be pleased to see Mr. Solzenitsyn if he wishes to see the President.

But the President would not want any misunderstanding, either in the United States or elsewhere in the world as to the interpretation of such a meeting. It should not be viewed, if it takes place, as undercutting of the process of relaxing tensions in the world.

Drafted from suggestions by: The President, Don Rumsfeld, Ron Nessen.

Recommending against: Dick Cheney, Jack Marsh (on grounds that it concedes, in effect, that there is a connection between a Solzenitsyn visit and detente.)

APPROVE: _____

DISAPPROVE: _____



Card:-



Let the questioning continue until
Gene Risher asks his question
If not 10-yes? Ness



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Chuc AP -



P.F. is willing
to meet with S
it was learned sat
from wit sources.

At the rec. of HAK
Ford last week vetoed
a wit meeting with
S to avoid upsetting
a search for Q by
USSR -



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Howe it was
learned that BRF
has returned



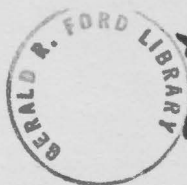
I would have
expressed willingness
to meet with
if he had he asked
on sat
Chatterbox informally
with R after conf-
the — had said then



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were something
he had wanted to
say but not ask
He did not elaborate.

WFF said
later that if
Asked F would
have expressed
willingness to
see S. but would ^{also}
have emphasized





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that ^{such} a meeting
would not constitute
an endorsement
of the N. news
or be aimed

in any way
at undercutting
D.

S is continuing
a tour of US



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TO: **D. RUMSFELD**
R. NESSEN
INFO: **J. JONES**

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

To: Rumsfeld/Warren

From: Cheney

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 11, 1975

TO: RON NESSEN

FROM: TED MARRS

Attached is material for your use in
the event that questions should arise.
It has been cleared with Jim
Wilderotter.

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I have not been employed byexcept on one occasion for a few months more than 14 years ago; my only function at that time was to provide routine medical care.

After completion of training as a Pediatrician I started medical practice -- a full time occupation with emphasis on care of handicapped children. This was interrupted in 1954 by a two-year tour of active duty as a pediatrician in the Air Force.

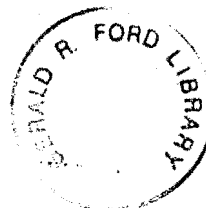
After that tour I attended Flight Surgeon's School in the Air Force and joined the Air National Guard. This was in weekend status in addition to my pediatric practice. I served as flight surgeon and later as hospital Commander.

In 1961 I was called and asked to report to the Commander of the Air National Guard. He advised me that there was a need for a physician to support an activity important to the security of the United States. He advised that this was not a National Guard activity, but that it was urgent and important. I was then referred to a man who identified himself as representing

..... He assured me that the need for my medical service was an important and urgent matter which had had approval of "highest authority." I later learned this involved medical care for a group of individuals who subsequently participated

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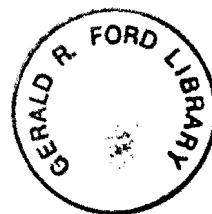
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In connection with this matter, I was then asked to come to Washington and meet with people who would provide details. This I did. The meeting consisted of seeing two doctors who explained that my role would be providing medical care, including aviation medical support. They assured me of adequate equipment for routine medical care. I was not indoctrinated in any way, other than being advised of sensitivity and secrecy and the need to provide good medical care under primitive camp type conditions in a tropical area. This former service was known at the time of employment at the White House.

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CIA AGENT IN WHITE HOUSE NAMED

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENTOLOGY MINISTERS TODAY CALLED FOR THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF DR. THEODORE MARRS, PRESIDENT FORD'S MASON FOR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS. IN A STRONGLY WORDED LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD, COUNCIL PRESIDENT REV. ARTHUR MAREN STATED THAT INFORMATION RECENTLY PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL REVEALED THAT MARRS HAS A 33 YEAR HISTORY OF ACTIVITY WITHIN THE CIA AND OTHER AGENCIES WITHIN THE GOVERNMENTAL INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY. 'DR. MARRS' CLOSE ASSOCIATION AND TIES WITH GOVERNMENT INTELLIGENCE APPARATUS MAY HAVE BEEN THE MOTIVATING FACTOR BEHIND MARRS' RECENT FAILURE TO PASS ON OUR PETITION ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT FORD REQUESTING HAS AID IN OPENING SECRET FILES ON CHURCHES BEING KEPT BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES', MAREN SAID.

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INFORMATION ABOUT DR. MARRS' CIA ASSOCIATION, BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION ON THE HEELS OF RECENT ALLGATIONS OF WHITE HOUSE INFILTRATION BY CIA, IS OF EXTREME CONCERN TO US AND THE ENTIRE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER HIS BACKGROUND IS KNOWN TO THE WHITE HOUSE OR NOT', STATED REV. MAREN. EARLY IN HIS CAREER MARRS WAS WITH THE OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES (OSS), THE FORERUNNER OF CIA WHICH ENGAGED IN MILITARY ESPIONAGE DURING WORLD WAR II. LATER HE WORKED FOR THE CIA. SUBSEQUENTLY, MARRS WAS PART OF THE UNIT WHICH TRAINED INVASION FORCES FOR THE BAY OF PIGS. WE CONSIDER HIS EXTENSIVE INVOLVEMENT IN INTELLIGENCE WORK TO BE A HIGHLY UNUSUAL AND INCOMPATIBLE BACKGROUND FOR A MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR SERVING THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT'.

THE PETITION TO PRESIDENT FORD WAS ORIGINALLY DELIVERED BY REV. MAREN TO DR. MARRS FOR RELAY DURING A WHITE HOUSE MEETING IN FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR. AFTER WAITING FOR TWO MONTHS, WITHOUT ANY RESPONSE WHATSOEVER, THE COUNCIL AGAIN MET WITH DR. MARRS AND PRESENTED HIM WITH DOCUMENTED EVIDENCE THAT FALSE AND MALICIOUS INFORMATION ON THE CHURCH EXISTED IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENTAL FILES, AGAIN URGING EXECUTIVE ACTION. AMONG THE DOCUMENTS WAS A 1969 LABOR DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM DRAWN FROM INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE IRS CHARGING THAT THE SCIENTOLOGISTS PARTICIPATED IN GROUP LSD SESSIONS AND SUBJECTED INITIATES TO SHOCK TREATMENT AND THAT PARENTS OBJECTING TO THEIR CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CHURCH HAD BEEN SHOT, BUT NOT KILLED, BY UNKNOWN PERSONS. LABOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS HAVE SINCE APOLOGIZED FOR THE DOCUMENT.

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HARRIS, HOWEVER, DID NOT RELAY TO THE PRESIDENT EITHER THE COUNCIL'S PETITION ASKING FOR PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANCE IN CORRECTING THE FALSE REPORTS OR ITS EVIDENCE OF ABUSIVE INTELLIGENCE PRACTICES. HE DID NOT RESPOND TO THE COUNCIL UNTIL JUNE 5TH WHEN IN A LETTER TO REV. MAREN, HE STATED THAT 'THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PERTAINS TO ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT RECORDS, NOT TO THE CORRECTION OF SUCH RECORDS' AND SUGGESTED THAT THE CHURCH COUNCIL RESUBMIT ITS REQUEST TO THE VARIOUS AGENCIES UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

THE AGGRESSIVE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY LAST WEEK FILED SUIT AGAINST THE CIA FOR DISCOVERY OF ITS FILES ON THE CHURCH FOLLOWING THE CIA'S REFUSAL TO TURN OVER THE FILES UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT. THE CIA HAD ADMITTED IN A LETTER TO THE CHURCH'S ATTORNEYS THAT THE AGENCY'S FILES 'CONTAIN COMMUNICATION FROM AND TO CERTAIN FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND OTHER AGENCIES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT' BUT REFUSED TO RELEASE THEM TO THE SCIENTOLOGISTS.

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TO RON NESSEN

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MEMORANDUM TO: RON NESSEN
FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: JACK MARSH AND DICK CHENEY

RON NESSEN HAS READ TO US THE PROPOSED STATEMENT CONCERNING SOLZHENITSYN.

WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THE CORRECT STATEMENT WOULD BE A SIMPLE INDICATION OF YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SEE HIM IF HE WISHES TO SEE YOU.

WE FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO ISSUE THE STATEMENT LINKING SOLZHENITSYN TO DETENTE AND OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION. SCOWCROFT AGREES THAT THE TWO SHOULD NOT BE LINKED IN A STATEMENT.

MARSH AND CHENEY BOTH FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO SAY NOTHING AT ALL THAN TO ISSUE A STATEMENT WHICH INDICATES THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO SEE SOLZHENITSYN AND WHICH ALSO DISCUSSES U.S. AND SOVIET RELATIONS.

THUS OUR PREFERRED OPTION WOULD BE A SIMPLE STATEMENT INDICATING YOU WILL SEE SOLZHENITSYN. OUR SECOND OPTION WOULD BE TO SAY NOTHING AT ALL UNTIL NEXT WEEK. SCOWCROFT WOULD PREFER THAT YOU SAY NOTHING AT ALL.

WE ALL AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE A SERIOUS MISTAKE TO ISSUE THE STATEMENT RON READ TO US.

ALSO ALL AGREE THAT THE PROPOSED STATEMENT WOULD CAUSE A CONTINUING PROBLEM AND FURTHER AGGREGATE THE SOLZHENITSYN SITUATION.

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By Dan Rumsfeld ~~_____~~
~~_____~~

Q. has come up concerning Alex S. -

Useful to recall that for many years
following WWII - ^{during the} there ~~was~~ a cold war -
there were numerous tensions and indeed confrontations.

The goal of détente has been to
seek a relaxation of tensions and to
thereby reduce the risk of war, and

~~This project has had a success~~

~~There has been success~~

This ^{process} ~~process~~ of course, ~~requires~~ has been
give on both sides but ~~it must be~~
~~mutual~~. (Mutually beneficial) as it must
be.

I ~~at least~~ have an open door policy -
and I recognize Mr S as a ^{valuable} ~~valuable~~ ^{and honest} ~~and honest~~ ^{driver} ~~driver~~.
Noted price ^{and honest} ~~and honest~~ ^{driver} ~~driver~~. I would of course
be pleased to see him, if he wishes to
meet.

But I would not want any ^{misunderstanding} ~~misunderstanding~~
or elevation in the world, as to the meaning
of such a meeting. I am committed to



Continuing to seek way, to relax
tension in the world

