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STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY
ON THE AGREEMENT CONCERNING
SOVIET IMMIGRATION AND THE
TRADE BILL

The President would like to clarify one point regarding assurances on immigration as related in the exchange of letters published by Senator Jackson on October 18, a point which appears to have been widely misunderstood.

All the assurances we have received from the Soviet Union are contained in the letter from the Secretary of State to Senator Jackson. This letter, as I am sure you have already noted, does not contain specific numbers. Rather, it sets forth the principles to be applied in handling applications and visas of those wishing to immigrate.

The Senator, in his reply to the letter of the Secretary of State, set forth certain guidelines or understandings which he proposes to apply in the renewal when the President's waver authority is considered by the Congress. With respect to these guidelines or understandings in the Senator's letter, the Administration has agreed only that, as stated in the Secretary's letter, they "will be among considerations to be applied by the President" in exercising authority provided for in the Trade Bill.

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