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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. -

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Cruz

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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*

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# — 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  
12123 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.

WE, THE PEOPLE



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 DM NAR date 1/13/82

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  
WASHINGTON

Rabbi Korf

send plane to  
pick up Sakharov  
for + Brezhnev  
event -

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



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

For ticket -

once a week

from Moscow

First Presidential  
v. S. Citizens League -

14 Dec - ~~14 Dec~~ -

Shachan Amer -  
camp

D.C. -

6 PM Reception

7 - 11 AM

1. Sakharov receiving

Pres. award -



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

2. Simon
3. Carl Carter
4. Arthur 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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TO: General Scowcroft

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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 <sup>should</sup> I 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 <sup>input,</sup> ~~thoughts,~~ please let me know. I would <sup>appreciate being</sup> ~~like to be~~ apprised of developments.

4. Warm regards.

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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  
BHyland

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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: PButten  
BHyland

RAR:cb



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December 4, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: BILL HYLAND  
FROM: RUSS ROURKE

Bill, based on Brent Scowcroft's guidance, I plan to call Rabbi Kerff 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 Breat'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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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 <sup>should</sup> 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 <sup>input,</sup> ~~thoughts~~, please let me know. I would ~~like to be~~ <sup>appreciate being</sup> 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



THE WHITE HOUSE  
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  
strengths by Soviets - being  
pushed by G.S.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

① \_\_\_\_\_;

1) 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;

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

~ doesn't want to  
embarrass W.H. - man  
from Holland wanted to  
bring ~~Seignior~~ to dinner -  
doesn't want him to  
embarrass - Nixon said  
don't keep your best heads  
from attacking TT Ford.  
Talk as Ralph Hartland  
& 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

Wm. Strauss

Gen. James Fry

~~Wm.~~

Memo by hand

Be specific / <sup>what we did</sup> ~~never no dice~~

1. Messengers -
2. Arab ambassadors attending
3. Israelis boycotting

Newletter: use the people

U.S. Citizens Congress  
Washington

Editor, Ralph D. O'Brien

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

Will meet w/ his board  
people -



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Russell H. Noyke

Mr. Barry  
Cooperatives

Box 1221 Connecticut  
(N.Y.)  
5th Floor



To R  
Date 12-4 Time 3:30

**WHILE YOU WERE OUT**

M. Audley Chapman  
of 6297

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

RETURNED YOUR CALL ☐

Message

(in Ken  
Lazarus  
office now)  
(has memo!)

Operator

EFFICIENCY® LINE NO. 4725 AN AMPAD PRODUCT

Nathan Ruff

THE WHITE HOUSE  
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' Salcharov

1. Need? Bill  
(extra) Apples

2. Altern. - Command

3. Legal -

1. \_\_\_\_\_.

Not taking initiative in  
- calling -



*Aeroflot*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*Fri.-*



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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

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





December 5, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: BILL HYLAND

FROM: RUSS ROURKE

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If you have any problems with my memo, please feel free to make any appropriate changes. I promised to send my memo to Korff by messenger this afternoon.

Thanks again for your help.





December 5, 1975

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Nevertheless, let me reiterate that I have been advised that, should it prove possible for Dr. Sakharov to visit the United States, our Embassy would be only too happy to do whatever is appropriately possible to assist him.

Your very understanding manner and helpful attitude are deeply appreciated.

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Sincerely,

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Counsellor, John O. Marsh, Jr.

Rabbi Baruch Korff  
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RAR:cb



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 5, 1975

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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, reading "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

*Not unless they ask  
for one, or it becomes  
an issue - lets hope it  
simply dies!*

*R.*

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**FILE COPY**

THE WHITE HOUSE  
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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.

*J*



*revised ltr*

| cc: B. Scowcroft

*D. Cheney*

*R. Nessen (w/attachmts)*



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Archivist's memo of March 16, 1983

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

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Thanks again for your help.

→ RUSS  
I think we ought  
to be a little fuzzier  
on what we  
might have done  
or will do.

*Bill Hyland*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 5, 1975

*a major difficulty*

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*indicated* *was* *we had*  
~~The~~ *A* major problem ~~was~~, as I ~~indicated~~ *indicated* to you, that ~~there was~~ *n* no

evidence *A* that the Soviet authorities were in fact prepared for Dr. ~~S~~

Sakharov to leave the Soviet Union. As for as special transport *A*

was concerned *A*, 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 . . .~~ *=>*  
for which they are appropriate.

*nevertheless,*

Let me reiterate that *on Embassy* should the opportunity present itself, ~~we~~ *A* would be only too happy to do whatever we can to assist Dr. Sakharov ~~in connection with any administrative or mechanical problems he might have in leaving Russia or upon his arrival,~~ in the event the Soviets decide to permit his departure ~~aboard commercial air transportation.~~

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*the Soviet Union*

*as far as special transportation*

*that should permission be granted*

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With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Russell A. Rourke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Russell" being the most prominent part.

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