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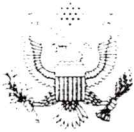
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The attached material is part of
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thanks,

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TO: The Secretary

THROUGH: The Deputy Secretary

FROM: EUR - R. G. H. Seitz
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SUBJECT: Extension of Jackson-Vanik Waiver Authority for the
Czech and Slovak Federal Republic

ISSUE FOR DECISION

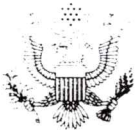
Whether to transmit to the President for signature a determination that would extend the Jackson-Vanik waiver for the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic for a year.

ESSENTIAL FACTORS

Under the provisions of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment (Section 402 of the Trade Act of 1974), in order to extend his waiver authority and continue those waivers currently in force, the President must transmit a determination to Congress no later than June 3 stating that extension of the general waiver authority and the continuation of specific waivers, including that for the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, will promote the freedom of emigration objectives of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment. This memo pertains only to extending the waiver authority for the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic.

On February 20, during the visit of President Havel, the President waived application of the Jackson-Vanik amendment. Pursuant to this, Ambassador Hills signed the U.S.-Czechoslovak trade agreement on April 12, 1990. This Agreement, when ratified by both parties, would provide for trade to be conducted on a most-favored-nation basis between the parties. U.S. ratification has been delayed pending passage by the Congress of new approval procedures. We intend to submit the trade agreement for Congressional approval as soon as these new procedures are put into effect.

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Under current law, there is no constitutional provision for Congressional veto of waiver extensions. However, as mentioned above, Congress is considering important revisions to the Jackson-Vanik Amendment. Separate bills which would give Congress the authority to disapprove waiver extensions by fast-track joint resolution have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate. The proposed legislation has been referred to conference but was not passed before the Memorial Day recess.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

As the President noted in the report transmitted to the Congress on February 20, 1990, the Czechoslovak government has already instituted reforms ensuring freedom of emigration for all its citizens. The reform government led by President Vaclav Havel has made considerable progress toward democracy and respect for human rights. It has implemented sweeping liberal emigration policies, eliminating virtually all the emigration restrictions of the previous communist regime. Under the new travel regulations issued by the GOC on January 1, 1990, potential emigrants need only a valid passport and a foreign immigrant visa. Passports are now issued routinely and are valid for travel to all countries. Citizens no longer need exit visas to travel. All pending bilateral family reunification cases have been resolved.

We expect that Congress will support continuation of a Presidential waiver of Jackson-Vanik for Czech and Slovak Federal Republic. As a result of our detailed bilateral discussions, we have ample information to respond to any concerns or questions members of Congress may raise concerning Czechoslovakia's emigration policy and practices.

Further, since the President waived application of the Jackson-Vanik amendment on February 20, 1990, new laws have been passed guaranteeing freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of association, and freedom of the press. Czechoslovakia's ethnic groups have agreed that inter-ethnic disputes should be solved by constitutional means.

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RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached memorandum (TAB A) to the President recommending that he transmit to Congress the appropriate documents reporting his determination to continue the waiver now in effect for the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic.

Attachment:

Tab A - Memorandum to the President