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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3/31/90 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 4:00 PM MONDAY, APRIL 2

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: PASSOVER CEREMONY
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THIS IS A SPECIAL TIME OF REJOICING ~~FOR THE~~
~~THOUSANDS OF~~ SOVIET JEWS WHO HAVE MADE THEIR WAY TO
ISRAEL ~~IN RECENT MONTHS.~~

More than
15,000

(this year)

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WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE LENT A HELPING HAND OVER THE YEARS TO MAKE POSSIBLE THE HISTORIC EMIGRATION FROM THE SOVIET UNION OF THOSE WHO HAVE LONG SOUGHT TO LEAVE. THE MODERN EXODUS IS A GREAT EVENT FOR ALL THOSE WHO DELIGHT IN HUMAN FREEDOM. THE UNITED STATES HAS WORKED HARD TO OPEN UP THIS LIFELINE; WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING NECESSARY TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR SOVIET JEWS TO GET TO ISRAEL, INCLUDING PRESSING FOR DIRECT AND INDIRECT FLIGHTS.

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WE ARE GLAD THAT SO MANY WILL CELEBRATE THE SEDER IN ISRAEL. AND WE ARE GOING TO KEEP WORKING SO THAT MANY MORE CAN JOIN THEM.

AS WE REMEMBER THE EXODUS OF THE HEBREW PEOPLE, IT IS MY DEEP HONOR TO WELCOME VLADIMIR RAIZ TO THE UNITED STATES AFTER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF WAITING. \\ VLADIMIR AND KARMELLA, MAY YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN ENJOY MANY YEARS OF HAPPINESS TOGETHER IN YOUR NEW HOME IN ISRAEL.

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April 3, 1990

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST *DD*

FROM: MARY KATE GRANT *MKG*

SUBJECT: PASSOVER CEREMONY

I. SUMMARY

Attached for your review are brief remarks for the Passover message signing ceremony, to be held Wednesday, April 4 at 10:30 a.m. in the Roosevelt Room. You will deliver your 3-4 minute remarks from cards.

II. DISCUSSION

This ceremony is also a welcoming ceremony for Vladimir Raiz, a leading refusenik who was granted an exit visa only recently. His wife, Karmella, will be with him (she was here for the Hanukkah ceremony last December). Also present will be Natasha Stonov, a Soviet Jew who is returning to the Soviet Union to continue to live in refusal with her husband.

While these remarks applaud the progress made in allowing the Soviet Jews their freedom, we also urge the Soviet Union to act on its promises.

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Here are the pronunciations
for Raiz and Stonou from the
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the only thing I need now is
the source for the Elie Wiesel
quote - is it in one of your books?

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(State Dept)

Raiz - Rye-ease
Stonov - Stow-növ

From Bobbie Kilberg - read at a huge rally this
weekend in NYC. Edited by Scowcroft himself
Friday evening. All language safe to use! MK Mon
a.m.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 30, 1990

I am pleased to extend greetings to the members of the New York Coalition for Soviet Jewry and to all those gathered for the "Rally of Response -- Solidarity Sunday."

You are gathered to celebrate history in the making, for the exodus of Soviet Jews, most of whom are going to Israel, is truly a historic moment. The American people have long spoken out for human rights, including the right of Jews and others to emigrate from the Soviet Union to make a new home for their families. I applaud the decisions of the Soviet leadership to enable greater numbers of Soviet Jews to leave. As Americans, we are proud that we have helped to give Soviet Jews the freedom to choose.

We must also be strong in the face of old threats and modern ones. Jews in the Soviet Union are justifiably fearful of the alarming rise in expressions of anti-Semitism, an odious scourge that I believe everyone must condemn and stamp out. The Soviet leadership must take a firm stand against all forms of anti-Semitism, bigotry, intolerance, and defamation.

There is also the threat of terrorism against innocent Jews fulfilling their dream of a return to Israel. To stand resolute against these terrorist threats is to defeat their cowardly perpetrators. Soviet Jews should be allowed free and unimpeded transit as well as direct flights to Israel.

With strength, confidence, and support we will share in history in the making, a great march for Jews into freedom. I pledge my help every step of the way.

Barbara joins me in sending best wishes for a fruitful event. May God bless you and protect your brethren.

George Bush

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