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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 25, 1998

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I assure you that obtaining the fullest possible accounting of our missing from the Vietnam War is the highest priority in our relations with Vietnam. I remain fully committed to this effort and will exhaust every possible lead to determine the fate of those still unaccounted for. Vietnam's cooperation in our efforts has improved significantly over the past several years and this cooperation has enabled us to take incremental steps to normalize our relations in other areas.

As you note, the intelligence community is preparing a National Intelligence Estimate regarding the extent of Vietnam's disclosure of information on our missing service personnel. The results of that estimate will be taken into account as we continue to advance our agenda with Vietnam on all issues, including emigration and human rights.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton", with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Honorable Robert C. Smith
Chairman
Select Committee on Ethics
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-2903

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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February 24, 1998

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

SAMUEL BERGER 
LARRY STEIN 

SUBJECT:

Letter from Senator Bob Smith on Vietnam

Purpose

To reply to Senator Smith's letter on Vietnam policy.

Background

Senator Bob Smith wrote objecting to any waiver of the Jackson-Vanik amendment for Vietnam arguing that Vietnam has not shown sufficient progress on POW/MIA accounting or freedom of emigration issues.

The proposed reply expresses your belief that the non-MFN Jackson-Vanik waiver will promote further emigration freedoms and affirms that POW/MIA accounting remains our priority objective with Vietnam.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Senator Smith
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

BOB SMITH
NEW HAMPSHIRE
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IN NEW HAMPSHIRE
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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2903

January 30, 1998

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COMMITTEE ON
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

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The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As you know, by law, as delineated in the Tariff Schedules of the United States dating back to 1962, products from those parts of Vietnam "under communist control or domination" have been prohibited from receiving nondiscriminatory trade treatment. As your Administration also knows, Title IV of the Trade Act of 1974, which provides you authority for waiving Jackson-Vanik freedom of emigration requirements, further provides authority for you to withhold non-discriminatory trade treatment to countries based on cooperation with efforts to account for American POWs and MIAs.

I noted with interest the publicly-stated commitment by your National Security Advisor Sandy Berger on December 18, 1997 that your Administration would consult with Congress on whether to waive Jackson-Vanik requirements for communist Vietnam in the near future. This would be a very significant development in U.S.-Vietnam trade relations and would, therefore, be subject to serious Congressional review. Mr. Berger had further stated, "if those consultations go well, I would expect that we would go forward."

I have since learned that the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the Chairman of the House Committee on International Relations, and several other Members of Congress, have written Administration officials to express their objections to waiving Jackson-Vanik requirements at this time without further progress by Hanoi on key issues of concern. I am also aware that several Vietnamese-American groups and veterans groups have contacted the Administration in opposition to this recommendation. Frankly, I share their concerns about the extent of communist Vietnam's demonstrated commitment to free emigration for the Vietnamese people.

Let me also say that the other key issue in the 1974 Trade Act -- POW/MIA accounting -- also compels me to object to any further movement toward nondiscriminatory trade treatment for Hanoi any time soon. I seriously question whether it is appropriate to extend OPIC, Export-Import Bank and TDA benefits at this point in the normalization process. While I recognize that these U.S. taxpayer benefits can be

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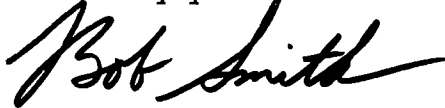
made available provided you waive Jackson-Vanik, I trust you would agree that these benefits should not be made available if Hanoi's POW/MIA cooperation is still lacking in the key areas identified by you and Mr. Berger as matters of highest national priority with respect to U.S. relations with Vietnam. This would include the areas specified by Mr. Berger in his letter to the Senate Majority Leader, Senator Lott, on April 10, 1997.

There can be no doubt that Congress continues to be concerned about the extent of the Vietnamese Politburo's commitment to resolving the POW/MIA issue, notwithstanding some of the progress made by the Defense Department's Joint Task Force (Full Accounting) with their field activities in the region. Indeed, under current law (Section 609 of the FY98 Commerce, State, Justice Appropriations Act), the Administration is prohibited from expending funds for diplomatic relations with Vietnam beyond 1995 levels unless you certify that Vietnam is "fully cooperating in good faith" on the POW/MIA issue. For my part, based on my long involvement with this issue on behalf of the POW/MIA families, I believe there is still very credible evidence that Hanoi is holding back critical information which would answer many questions about the fate of missing American personnel from the war.

As you will recall, in response to Congressional concerns in 1997, Mr. Berger requested the U.S. Intelligence Community to conduct a National Intelligence Estimate to measure whether Vietnam is meeting U.S. intelligence expectations on the disclosure of information or remains associated with captured and missing American servicemen from the Vietnam War. I would hope that you will take this estimate into account this year, in addition to the views of Members of Congress, POW/MIA family members and our veterans, when you consider whether to certify Vietnam's cooperation on the POW/MIA issue, and whether to remove the legal condition for the trade benefits for communist Vietnam referenced above (ie: Jackson-Vanik).

I look forward to hearing from you on this important matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

BOB SMITH, U.S.S.

cc: The Honorable Samuel R. Berger
The Honorable Madeleine K. Albright
The Honorable Trent Lott

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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February 17, 1998

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

FROM: SANDRA J. KRISTOFF *SK*
SUBJECT: Letter from Senator Bob Smith on Vietnam

Senator Bob Smith wrote the President objecting to moving forward with a non-MFN Jackson-Vanik waiver for Vietnam. The proposed reply affirms that the fullest possible accounting for our POW/MIA's remains our highest priority with Vietnam.

Concurrences by: *JB* Joe Bouchard, *MR* Mara Rudman, *SBfer* Eric Schwartz

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I Memo to the President
Tab A Letter to Senator Smith
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: FEBRUARY 13, 1998

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE BOB SMITH

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THE PRESIDENT TO TAKE THE NATIONAL
INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE WHEN HE CONSIDER
WHETHER TO CERTIFY VIETNAM COOPERATION ON THE
POW/MIA ISSUE & WHETHER TO REMOVE LEGAL

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PRESIDENT



NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR

FROM: SEN. SMITH

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 3, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR GLYN DAVIES

NSC Executive Secretariat

FROM:

Janet Murguia *JM*
Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT:

Presidential Correspondence

Attached are copies of letters sent to the President by various Members of Congress. Since these letters address national security issues, we would appreciate your assistance in drafting a response.

Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris Walker at x67500.

The following is a brief description of the letters:

- 1) Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg (D-NJ) and others, concerning the upcoming visit of Prime Minister Tony Blair,
- 2) Sen. Bob Smith (R-NH), concerning the Socialist Republic of Vietnam,
- 3) Sen. John Ashcroft (R-MO), concerning trade relations with the People's Republic of China,
- 4) Sen. Richard G. Lugar (R-IN), concerning U.S. troop deployment to Bosnia; and,
- 5) Rep. Charles B. Rangel (D-NY), concerning the Administration's Comprehensive Trade and Development Policy for Africa.

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Enclosures

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JOHN W. FICKLIN

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