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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Ed / Kenick

Oct 97 LTR

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Oct 97 LTR

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1998

Dear Mr. Donohue:

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I am confident this comprehensive strategy will help us move more rapidly toward normalization of overall relations between the United States and Vietnam, and I look forward to working with you toward that goal.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Thomas J. Donohue
President and CEO
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
1615 H Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20062-2000

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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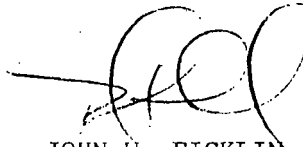
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 27, 1998

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

SAMUEL BERGER (K) Fm
GENE SPERLING GBS

Signed
4-6-98

SUBJECT: Jackson-Vanik Waiver for Vietnam

Purpose

Reply to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the American Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam, and the Asia-Pacific Council of American Chambers of Commerce on Vietnam policy.

Background

The Chambers wrote to support full economic normalization for Vietnam and the granting of a waiver of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment. Your reply expresses thanks for the Chambers' support and your belief that the Jackson-Vanik waiver will promote Vietnamese cooperation on a number of issues.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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March 23, 1998

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER *(10) R*
THROUGH: SANDRA J. KRISTOFF *SJK*
FROM: JAMES M. GAGNON *JMG*
SUBJECT: Response to Letter Supporting the Jackson-Vanik
Waiver for Vietnam

Members of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the American Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam, and the Asia-Pacific Council of American Chambers of Commerce wrote the President supporting full economic normalization with Vietnam. The President's reply expresses appreciation for the Chambers' support and notes the granting of Jackson-Vanik waiver will encourage Vietnamese cooperation on other issues as well.

Concurrences by: *CR for* Eric Schwartz, *JB* Joe Bouchard, *NH for* James Baker, *Malcolm Lee* *(10) for*

RECOMMENDATION

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

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President
Tab A Letter to U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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October 20, 1997

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, American Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam, and Asia-Pacific Council of American Chambers of Commerce support full economic normalization with Vietnam. We urge the Administration to act immediately to waive application of Section 402 of Title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 (the Jackson-Vanik amendment), which will pave the way for the Export-Import Bank and Overseas Private Investment Corporation to begin support of U.S. projects in Vietnam.

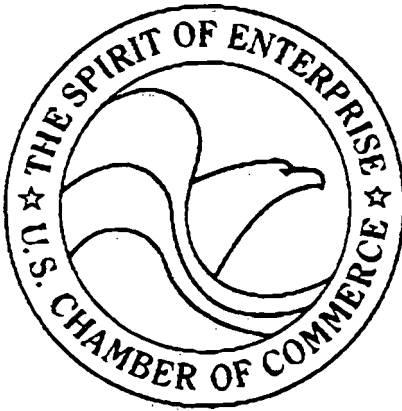
We supported and applauded the Administration when you lifted the trade embargo in February 1994, and when you established diplomatic relations with Vietnam in July 1995. The growing links between our nations have not only fostered commercial activity, but also strengthened Vietnamese cooperation on a range of other issues, including the question of MIAs. The arrival of Ambassador Pete Peterson and the ongoing negotiations for a bilateral trade agreement have been important steps in furthering economic relations with Vietnam. But more needs to be done.

While many U.S. companies have opened up offices in Vietnam since the embargo was lifted in 1995, those companies are at a serious disadvantage compared to European and Asian competitors whose governments provide more direct assistance to Vietnam in addition to standard trade and investment programs which we still lack. American companies operate without the support of many crucial government export promotion programs. This support is critical in a number of major procurement decisions being made by Vietnam.

We urge you to fully support the continuation of the ongoing trade agreement negotiations, which we hope will lead expeditiously to market access for U.S. companies and reciprocal MFN status. We further ask that you support Ambassador Peterson's efforts to make the new consulate in Ho Chi Minh City fully operational, which will benefit the many U.S. companies and citizens based there.

We stand committed to supporting you in your effort to normalize economic relations with Vietnam. Thank you for your consideration of our views.

U.S. Chamber of Commerce American Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam
Asia-Pacific Council of American Chambers of Commerce (APCAC)



THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION

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Manager, Asia

Subject: Trade with Vietnam

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Per - Jim Gagnon NSC, Vietnam

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Phone: *65517*

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 10, 1998

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. MYRON BRILLIANT

SUBJECT: URGES PRESIDENT TO SUPPORT THE CONSTINUATION
OF THE ONGOING TRADE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS,
TO MARKET ACCESS FOR U.S. COMPANIES AND
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COMMENTS: *To NSC per Jim Gargnon NSC, Vietnam*

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LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER
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SUBJECT: Jackson-Vanik Waiver for Vietnam

Purpose

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