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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 18, 1998

Dear Representative Pascrell:

Thank you for your letter regarding a Jackson-Vanik waiver to Vietnam. I understand your concerns about moving forward with the waiver, but I believe this course is the right one to take and will help us advance our objectives with Vietnam.

First, I want to assure you that achieving the fullest possible accounting for our POW/MIA's remains the top priority in our bilateral relations with Vietnam. I am fully committed to this effort and will exhaust every possible lead to determine the fate of those still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War. 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. We have a comprehensive POW/MIA accounting program in Vietnam that includes joint operations and unilateral activities conducted by the Vietnamese. Because of the high degree of Vietnamese cooperation and the concrete results we have achieved, I determined Vietnam was cooperating fully and in good faith with us in achieving the fullest possible accounting for Americans unaccounted for in the Vietnam War.

Similarly, I share the importance you attach to Vietnam's policy on emigration. Through the efforts of Ambassador Pete Peterson, Vietnam agreed last year to revise emigration regulations, which allowed the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to expedite interviews of Vietnamese eligible for the Resettlement Opportunity for the Vietnamese Returnee (ROVR) program. The change has increased significantly the number of ROVR candidates being processed by the INS. The Vietnamese authorities have located and approved for interview 14,000 of the estimated 18,000 persons we believe are eligible to participate in ROVR.

Vietnam also has established a solid record in its implementation of the Orderly Departure and AMERASIAN programs. The Jackson-Vanik waiver will build on this momentum and encourage the Vietnamese government to take further steps toward implementing a system that offers its people the opportunity to emigrate freely. We will, of course, continue to press the Vietnamese for an accounting of those not presented for interview under the ROVR program and for speedy processing of those approved for immigration to the United States by the INS.

The State Department's latest human rights report highlights Vietnam's poor record. This issue is a critical item on our agenda with Vietnam and Ambassador Peterson has initiated a formal human rights dialogue with Vietnamese officials to prompt greater respect by the government for the rights of its citizens, including the release of political and religious prisoners. We will continue to press for improvements.

Thank you again for writing me on this very important issue.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Bill Pascrell, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 17, 1998

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER *SB*
LARRY STEIN *LS*

SUBJECT: Letter from Representative Pascrell on Vietnam

Purpose

Reply to Representative Pascrell on Vietnam policy.

Background

Representative Pascrell objects to any waiver of the Jackson-Vanik amendment for Vietnam, arguing that Vietnam has not shown sufficient progress on POW/MIA accounting.

Your reply expresses your belief that the non-MFN Jackson-Vanik waiver will promote further progress on POW/MIA accounting, which remains our priority objective with Vietnam.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Representative Pascrell
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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BILL PASCRELL, JR.
8TH DISTRICT, NEW JERSEY



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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

May 14, 1998

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President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing with regard to your recent waiver of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment of the Trade Act of 1974 as it pertains to Vietnam. As you know, the Jackson-Vanik Amendment bars the U.S. government from giving trade and investment funding to non-market economy nations unless the President certifies compliance with human rights and free emigration. Concerning the Republic of Vietnam, the Amendment also contains very specific requirements of cooperation toward the accounting of U.S. personnel missing from the Vietnam War.

I believe that your waiver of Jackson-Vanik relating to Vietnam was premature because the current National Intelligence Estimate has not been fully completed. Therefore, I ask that you re-evaluate your decision to waive Jackson-Vanik. Moreover, if the National Intelligence Estimate, which is scheduled to be released shortly, indicates that Vietnam is not meeting U.S. intelligence expectations on the disclosure of information regarding our captured and missing in action, then I further ask that you suspend the waiver and reinstate Jackson-Vanik. We should not engage in full economic and trade relations with Vietnam until all our captured and missing in action are fully accounted for. This can only be achieved with Vietnam's full cooperation.

This is a matter of great concern to numerous constituents of mine, many of whom served America with valor in Vietnam. I eagerly await your response.

Sincerely,

Bill Pascrell, Jr.
Member of Congress

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON
May 22, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR GLYN DAVIES

NSC Executive Secretariat

FROM:

JANET MURGUIA *ED for Jan*
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 call Peter Greenberger at x67500.

The following is a brief description of the letters:

- 1) Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski (D-MD) and Sen. Paul S. Sarbanes (D-MD), concerning the Northrop Grumman Corporation and Secretary Cohen's upcoming trip to Argentina,
- 2) Rep. David Dreier (R-CA) and others, concerning trade relations with China,
- 3) Rep. Bill Goodling (R-PA), concerning the President's upcoming trip to China,
- 4) Rep. Sue Myrick (R-NC) and 152 others, concerning the President's upcoming trip to China,
- 5) Rep. Jim McDermott (D-WA) and Rep. Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ), concerning recent events in India,
- 6) Rep. Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ), urging the Administration to support peace talks in Cyprus,
- 7) Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ), concerning the Jackson-Vanik Amendment and Vietnam,
- 8) Rep. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) and 35 others, concerning Indonesia; and,
- 9) Rep. Charles E. Schumer (D-NY), concerning U.S. foreign policy toward Iran.

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PRESIDENT



NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR

FROM:

Rep. FASCRELL

PREPARE A RESPONSE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S OR NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR'S SIGNATURE WITHIN 10 DAYS. IF A LETTER DOES NOT REQUIRE A RESPONSE, PLEASE RETURN IT TO RECORDS MANAGEMENT (RM 379) WITH THIS FORM, ANNOTATED ACCORDINGLY.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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May 28, 1998

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER *DR*
THROUGH: SANDRA J. KRISTOFF *SK*
FROM: JAMES M. GAGNON *JM*
SUBJECT: Letter from Representative Pascrell on Vietnam

Representative Pascrell wrote the President regarding the Jackson-Vanik waiver for Vietnam. The proposed reply reviews our policy and reaffirms that achieving the fullest possible accounting for our POW/MIA's remains our top priority.

Concurrences by: *CA* Charles Allen, *ML* Malcolm Lee, *SB* Scott Busby
GAW Gina Abercrombie-Winstanley

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FOR JOHN W. FICKLIN

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