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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 4, 2000

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Again, thank you for writing on this important issue. I look forward to continued joint efforts to support freedom of the press in Russia.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Neil Abercrombie
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3704

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Gary L. Ackerman
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-1602

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Dear Shelley:

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The Honorable Shelley Berkley
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2801

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 4, 2000

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The Honorable Howard L. Berman
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0526

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Sherrod Brown
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3513

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Lois Capps
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0522

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2003

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Gary A. Condit
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-1518

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Dear Joseph:

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The Honorable Joseph Crowley
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3207

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Peter Deutsch
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0920

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Julian C. Dixon
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0532

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Dear Lloyd:

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The Honorable Lloyd Doggett
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-4310

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Eliot L. Engel
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3217

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Dear Lane:

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The Honorable Lane Evans
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-1317

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Dear Bob:

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The Honorable Bob Filner
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0550

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WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Mark Foley
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0916

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WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Martin Frost
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-4324

THE WHITE HOUSE

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The Honorable Sam Gejdenson
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0702

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The Honorable Richard A. Gephardt
Democratic Leader
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2503

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The Honorable Alcee L. Hastings
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0923

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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3813

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The Honorable Tim Holden
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3806

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The Honorable Rush Holt
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3012

THE WHITE HOUSE

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The Honorable Steny H. Hoyer
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2005

THE WHITE HOUSE

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The Honorable Tom Lantos
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0512

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The Honorable Sander M. Levin
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2212

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The Honorable Nita M. Lowey
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3218

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The Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3214

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House of Representatives
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House of Representatives
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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2103

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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Robert Menendez
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3013

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The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3208

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The Honorable Grace Flores Napolitano
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The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3006

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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0508

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The Honorable Joseph R. Pitts
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3816

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House of Representatives
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DATE: 04 AUG 00

SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE RE GUSINSKIY

REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 07 AUG 00

COMMENT:


(FOR)

JOHN W. FICKLIN

NSC RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICE

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 2, 2000

ACTION

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER *sent for*
CHARLES M. BRAIN *MB*

SUBJECT: Congressional Correspondence

Signed 8/4/00

Purpose

Respond to letter from 52 Members of Congress regarding the Gusinskiy case.

Background

Representative Henry Waxman and fifty-one colleagues wrote to urge you to express concerns about the arrest of Vladimir Gusinskiy and pressure on Russia's independent media. Your response expresses appreciation for their advocacy on behalf of independent media in Russia and highlights the prominence of this issue during your visit to Moscow.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letters to Members of Congress
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

June 15, 2000

The Honorable William J. Clinton
 President of the United States
 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
 Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to express our deep concern about the sudden arrest in Moscow of Vladimir Gusinsky, owner of Media-Most, which is one of Russia's only national independent news outlets.

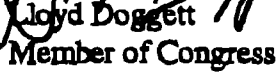
Mr. Gusinsky's arrest, only weeks after masked officers of the Russian Federal Security Service carrying assault weapons raided Media-Most headquarters, is a serious escalation of the Russian Government's pattern of assaults on independent journalists and media that are critical of President Putin's administration. As you know, he was taken into custody on the evening of June 13 and is being held incommunicado at one of Moscow's most brutal prisons. While we have no knowledge of the evidence against him, we are concerned that this harsh treatment does not follow any norms of due process or respect for human rights.

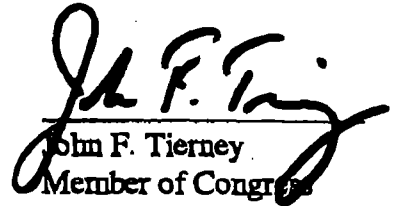
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During your recent visit to Moscow, your discussions with President Putin and your appearance on Media-Most owned radio show *Echo Moskvy* (Echo of Moscow) underscored your personal commitment to promoting freedom of the press in Russia. We believe, therefore, that your intervention at the early stages of this crisis is important.

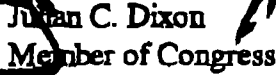
We request that you personally convey to President Putin U.S. concern regarding the integrity of an independent media in Russia, the safety of the Russian Jewish community, and the human rights of Mr. Gusinsky. We also request that the United States take action as a member of the Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) to invoke the special Human Dimension mechanism to require Russia to formally justify Mr. Gusinsky's arrest. We believe that the U.S. should seek cooperation from other OSCE countries on the enforcement of this mechanism. Immediate bilateral and multilateral diplomatic action will be necessary for a swift resolution of this urgent situation.

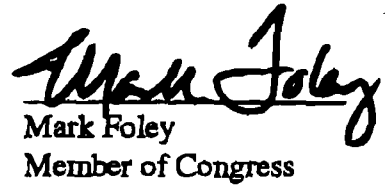

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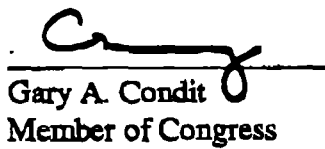

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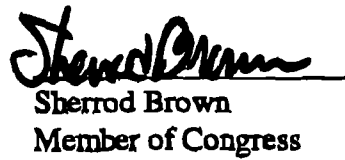

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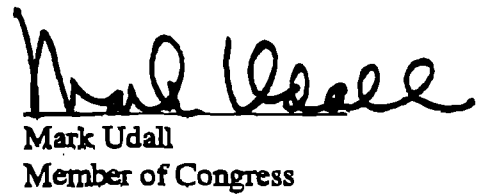

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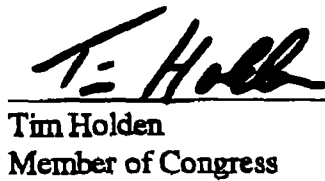

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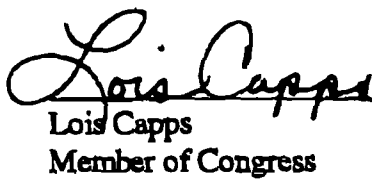

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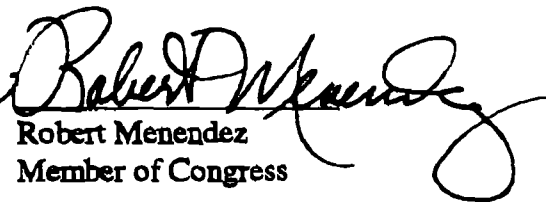

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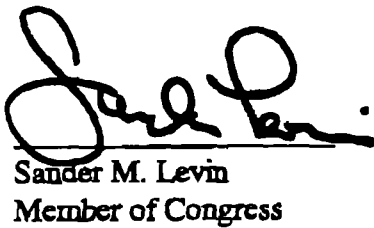

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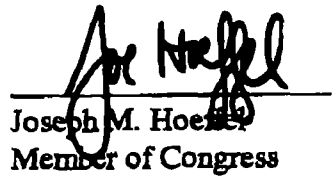

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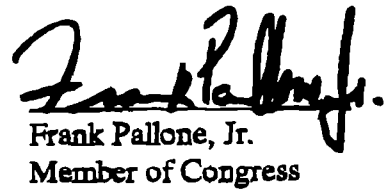

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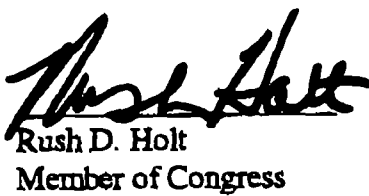

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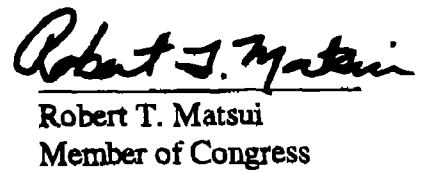

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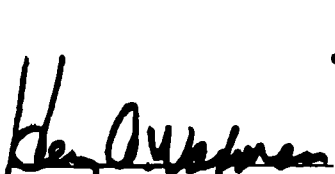
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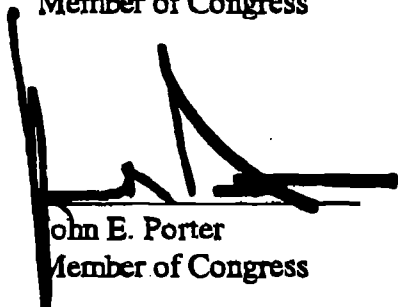
Thank you for your consideration of our interest in this matter. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

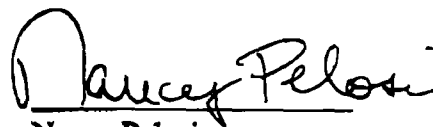

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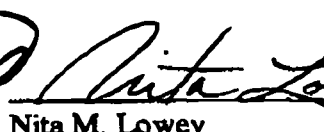
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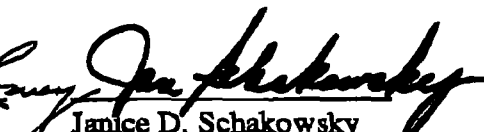

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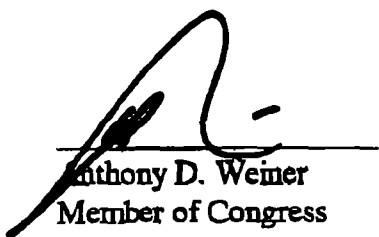

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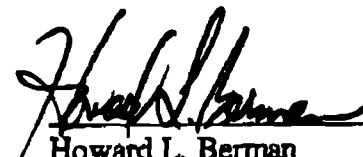

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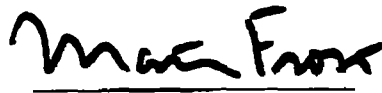

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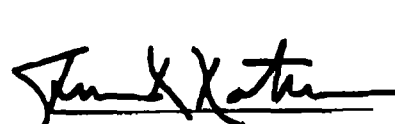

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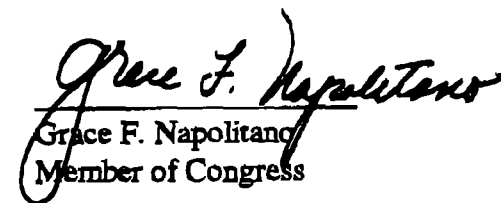

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From: Representative Henry A. Waxman
Date: June 15, 2000

Pages (incl. cover): 6

Comments:

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 19, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT A. BRADTKE
NSC Executive Secretariat

FROM: KAY CASSTEVENS
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 the responses.

Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have any questions, please call Courtney Crouch at x67500.

The following is a brief description of the letters:

- 1) Sen. Jesse Helms (R-SC) and Rep. Benjamin A. Gilman (R-NY), concerning the President's recent meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin and the current situation in Belarus;
- 2) Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA) and seven other Senators, concerning the President's upcoming meeting with King Mohammed VI of Morocco and the United Nation's efforts to secure a democratic referendum for self-determination in Western Sahara;
- 3) Rep. Julia M. Carson (D-IN), concerning workers' rights in China;
- 4) Rep. Joseph R. Pitts (R-PA) and twenty-one other Members of Congress, concerning the United Nation's efforts to secure a democratic referendum for self-determination in Western Sahara;
- 5) Rep. John F. Tierney (D-MA), concerning the National Missile Defense system (NMD);
- 6) Rep. Edolphus Towns (D-NY), concerning the President's recent meeting with Argentina President Fernando de la Rúa and the case of the Buenos Aires Yoga School (BAYS) in Buenos Aires, Argentina; and,

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- 7) Rep. Henry A. Waxman (D-CA) and fifty-one other Members of Congress, concerning the recent arrest in Moscow of Vladimir Gusinsky, owner of Media-Most, one of Russia's only national independent news outlets.

Enclosures

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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July 19, 2000

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MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: MARK MEDISH *MCM*
FROM: CHRIS STRICKLAND AND ANDREW WEISS *CD ASW*
SUBJECT: Response to Representative Henry Waxman and other
Members of Congress on Gusinskiy Case

Representative Henry Waxman and fifty-one other Members of Congress wrote the President to express concern over the arrest of Vladimir Gusinskiy and its implications for Russian press freedoms. The response highlights our public and private handling of the issue.

The NSC received the incoming correspondence on June 15, 2000.

Concurrence by: Mark Tavlarides, Steve Naplan,
David Stockwell *ASW fw*

RECOMMENDATION

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

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum for the President
Tab A Letters to Members of Congress
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 2, 2000

8/2/00

TO: Office of the Staff Secretary
From: NSC Exec Sec

For Pre-clearance OK RWR 8/2

Date of Letters ~~8-8-00~~
8/4ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER *sent for*
CHARLES M. BRAIN *on B*

SUBJECT: Congressional Correspondence

Purpose

Respond to letter from 52 Members of Congress regarding the Gusinskiy case.

Background

Representative Henry Waxman and fifty-one colleagues wrote to urge you to express concerns about the arrest of Vladimir Gusinskiy and pressure on Russia's independent media. Your response expresses appreciation for their advocacy on behalf of independent media in Russia and highlights the prominence of this issue during your visit to Moscow.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letters to Members of Congress
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Henry:

Thank you for your letter regarding the arrest of Russian media executive Vladimir Gusinskiy and the status of press freedom in Russia. I believe that the development of independent media is one of the most important elements of Russia's democratic transformation.

I share your concern about recent threats to Russia's independent media and discussed this issue at length during my trip to Russia and during my meeting with President Putin at Okinawa. I emphasized to President Putin that the international community is watching the Gusinskiy case very closely and that Russia's friends are troubled by signs that media freedoms have eroded in recent months. I also stressed the importance of religious freedom and safeguarding the remarkable flowering of religious life in post-Communist Russia.

The July 27 decision to drop criminal charges and a foreign travel ban against Mr. Gusinskiy was a welcome signal regarding respect for freedom of the press, the rule of law, and due process in Russia. As I made clear publicly, I do not believe people should be arrested because of what they say in their role as members of the press. We will continue to work hard on behalf of democratic principles, human rights, and media freedom in Russia.

Again, thank you for writing on this important issue. I look forward to continued joint efforts to support freedom of the press in Russia.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Henry A. Waxman
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0529

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Bash, Brooks L. (EXSEC)

From: Weiss, Andrew S. (RUE)
Sent: Tuesday, August 01, 2000 8:29 AM
To: Bartlett, L. June (EXSEC)
Cc: @RUSSIA - Russia/Ukraine; @EXECSEC - Executive Secretary; @WWD - West Wing Desk;
Bash, Brooks L. (EXSEC)
Subject: RE: PCKG 4086: Cong Letter [UNCLASSIFIED]

The official USG-style spelling is Gusinskiy. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Bartlett, L. June (EXSEC)
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2000 9:13 PM
To: Weiss, Andrew S. (RUE)
Cc: @RUSSIA - Russia/Ukraine; @EXECSEC - Executive Secretary; @WWD - West Wing Desk; Bash, Brooks L. (EXSEC)
Subject: RE: PCKG 4086: Cong Letter [UNCLASSIFIED]

Re: Gusinskiy Case

Andrew: Revised package received in ExecSec this evening. Also thanks for providing the additional letters, but Staff Secretary has not "pre-cleared" the letter yet.

I will check with Brooks in the a.m. concerning whether these changes warrant a return to WH Leg for clearance.

Spelling: noted is a difference in the spelling of Gusinskiy -- incoming letter spells "Gusinsky" -- perhaps someone has already mentioned this before -- but wanted to check.

June

-----Original Message-----

From: Bartlett, L. June (EXSEC)
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2000 1:27 PM
To: Weiss, Andrew S. (RUE)
Cc: @RUSSIA - Russia/Ukraine; @EXECSEC - Executive Secretary; @WWD - West Wing Desk
Subject: PCKG 4086: Cong Ltr -- Status check [UNCLASSIFIED]

Andrew:

Package is approved by NSC/WH Leg, but we are waiting on pre-clearance of letter by Staff Secretary. I will pull copy back from Staff Secretary and send you the the original package back with the diskette for updating.

June

-----Original Message-----

From: Weiss, Andrew S. (RUE)
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2000 1:21 PM
To: @EXECSEC - Executive Secretary
Cc: @RUSSIA - Russia/Ukraine
Subject: Status check [UNCLASSIFIED]

Do you know if package 4086 is still in the Front Office? It's a POTUS response to Rep. Waxman regarding Gusinskiy case. If it's not too late, we should pull it back for update about this week's developments. Thanks.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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the Gusinskiy case

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~~The ~~decision~~ July 27 decision to drop criminal charges and a foreign ban against Mr. Gusinskiy~~ ^{As a welcome signal regarding respect for freedom of the press, the rule of law, and due process in Russia.}
~~My Administration has repeatedly raised concerns with the Russian leadership about the charges against Mr. Gusinskiy.~~
As I made clear publicly, I do not believe people should be arrested because of what they say in their role as members of the press. ~~I am disappointed by the decision of Russian authorities not to allow him full freedom to travel abroad. We will continue to work to ensure that Mr. Gusinskiy is accorded all protections in keeping with Russian law on behalf of democratic principles, human rights, and media freedom in Russia.~~

Again, thank you for writing on this important issue. I look forward to continued joint efforts to support freedom of the press in Russia.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Henry A. Waxman
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0529

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and my meeting with President Putin at Okinawa.

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~~While in Russia,~~
~~My message, in private and in public, was the same -- a free and vibrant press is fundamental to the success of Russian democracy.~~ I emphasized to President Putin that the international community is watching this issue very closely and that Russia's friends are troubled by signs that media freedoms have eroded in recent months.

~~Regarding~~
~~The arrest of Russian media executive Vladimir Gusinskiy significantly increased apprehensions inside Russia and abroad about respect for the rule of law and freedom of the press.~~ ~~My~~ ^{has repeatedly} Administration immediately raised concerns with the Russian leadership about the ~~circumstances~~ charges against surrounding Mr. Gusinskiy's arrest. ~~As I made clear publicly, I do not believe people should be arrested because of what they say in their role as members of the press.~~ ~~We are closely monitoring the legal proceedings against Mr. Gusinskiy.~~ ^{And will} We will continue to work to ensure that he is accorded all protections in

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Washington, D.C. 20515-0529

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IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

ACTION OFFICER: Weiss

LOG NUMBER: 4086

DUE DATE: Jul. 1

DATE STAFFED: Jun. 20

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO:



PRESIDENT



NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR

FROM: Waxman, et al

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