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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 7, 1993

Dear Representative Gilchrest:

Thank you very much for your letter concerning the embargo against Vietnam. Your activities in public life and as a Marine Corps veteran make your views especially valuable to me.

My goal in Vietnam is to achieve the fullest possible accounting for our POW/MIA's. Only in achieving that goal can we move on to the broader national goal I believe you share: to close the chapter on the Vietnam War in a way which best promotes unity among the millions of our citizens touched by it.

In July, I made it clear to the Vietnamese authorities that progress in relations between our two nations would depend on further results in obtaining additional remains, resolving discrepancy cases, trilateral investigation with the Lao and access to POW/MIA-related documents. Some progress in each of these areas has been made in recent months. Accordingly, on September 13, I announced my decision to adjust our trade embargo against Vietnam to permit American companies to participate in development projects in Vietnam funded by international financial institutions. We have also just announced \$3.5 million in new humanitarian assistance for Vietnam.

Nonetheless, to make clear to the Vietnamese that more needs to be done to achieve the fullest accounting for our POW/MIA's, I will maintain the trade embargo pending further results by the Vietnamese in the four areas. I hope I can count on your support as we continue to work with Vietnam in pursuit of our national interests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton", with a stylized, cursive script.

The Honorable Wayne T. Gilchrest
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 5, 1993 5 P10:50

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE
HOWARD PASTER *HP*

SUBJECT: Reply to letter From Representative Gilchrest
Concerning the Embargo Against Vietnam

Purpose

To respond to a letter sent by Representative Gilchrest asking that you allow the embargo against Vietnam to expire.

Background

Representative Gilchrest writes to you as an American citizen, a Congressman and a wounded Marine Corps veteran to urge you to lift the embargo against Vietnam. He argues that additional Americans in Vietnam will help speed progress on the MIA issue. Ending the embargo will begin a healing process that will lessen the despair of the families of MIAs. Your response explains your recent decision on the Vietnam trade embargo and makes clear that any changes in your policy toward Vietnam will depend on further progress towards the fullest possible accounting of our POW/MIAs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter to Representative Gilchrest at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Proposed letter from the President to Gilchrest
Tab B Incoming from Gilchrest

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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September 15, 1993

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: KENT WIEDEMANN

FROM: JOHN BASKIN

SUBJECT: Letter to the President From Representative
Gilchrest Concerning the Embargo Against Vietnam

Wayne Gilchrest, congressman from Maryland, has sent a letter (Tab B) to the President requesting that he allow the trade embargo against Vietnam to expire. Attached at Tab A is a proposed response from the President to Representative Gilchrest saying the President appreciates the congressman's letter, explains our latest step towards Vietnam, and notes that further improvement in bilateral relations will depend upon Vietnam's contributions to our achieving the fullest accounting possible for our POW/MIAs.

Concurrences by: William Clements, Jeremy Rosner

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I	Memo from Lake to the President
Tab A	Proposed letter from the President to Representative Gilchrest
Tab B	Incoming from Representative Gilchrest

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 10, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM ITOH
NSC Executive Secretariat

FROM:

HOWARD PASTER *HP*

SUBJECT:

Presidential Correspondence

Attached are copies of letters sent to the President from various members of Congress.

Since these letters address national security issues, we would appreciate your assistance in having drafts written.

Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have any questions, please feel free to call LeeAnn Inadomi at x7500.

The following is a brief description of the letters:

- 1) Wayne Gilchrest (R-MD), concerning embargo against Vietnam;
- 2) Bob Smith (R-NH), concerning relations with Vietnam.

Attachments

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WAYNE T. GILCHREST

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AND FISHERIES
COAST GUARD AND NAVIGATION
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING
SELECT COMMITTEE ON HUNGER

September 9, 1993

The Honorable William J. Clinton
The President
United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20200

Dear President Clinton:

A recent press article concerning your Administration's renewing the embargo against Viet Nam caused me some alarm and disappointment. As an American citizen, a Congressman, and a wounded Marine Corps veteran, I strongly urge you to reconsider your position and allow the embargo to expire.

Throughout this century, America and Viet Nam have made critical errors in judgement toward each other. The first American official, an OSS agent, met with Ho Chi Minh in 1945, and urged President Truman to establish a relationship with the Vietnamese leader. This recommendation was reportedly ignored. The rest is tragic history. I recently had the pleasure of talking with the OSS agent, Archimedes Patti, who is still alive and living in Florida.

One of the major obstacles to improved relations with Viet Nam is the issue of the MIAs. Understandably, this is a priority problem. However, finding a realistic solution is more important than merely discussing the problem. Bringing together all resources, public and private, will help speed a resolution. Today, that means Americans in Viet Nam.

In 1945, the Vietnamese people viewed Americans as liberators against the tyrannical Japanese and the imperialist colonial power, the French. That special relationship still remains, though severely weakened.

Confusion, misinformation and political pressure must not dictate a nation's policies. After careful evaluation of our shared, turbulent history, the appropriate solution is to end the embargo. This policy will finally begin a healing process that will lessen the lingering sense of despair that relatives and friends of MIAs have felt for so long. This change will give the gift of hope to many.

President Clinton, you and I both worked for peace and justice during those turbulent war years. Now, let's finish the job by finally bringing this conflict to an end.

Sincerely,

Wayne T. Gilchrest
Member of Congress

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 15, 1993

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE WAYNE T. GILCHREST

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO RECONSIDER HIS
POSITION AND ALLOW THE EMBARGO AGAINST
VIETNAM TO EXPIRE

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