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DATE-TIME 22 November 94 16:03

FROM Battenfield, Pat

CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT Subject: Letter to Jesse Helms [UNCLASSIFIED]

TO Roundtree, Beverly J.

CARBON_COPY Rice, Susan E.

TEXT_BODY

Beverly, I left a double red dot package on your desk for Susan's concurrence -- a reply from Lake to Helms -- Mr. Lake was asking about it this morning, so we need to move it tonight. Please call me once Susan has concurred and I'll pick it up.

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DATE-TIME 22 November 94 17:25

FROM Seaton, James B.

CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT Subject: Press Conference [UNCLASSIFIED]

TO Bell, Robert G.

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TEXT_BODY

When the question was asked about Jesse Helms' comments, particularly his comments (yesterday?) about the President needing a bodyguard if he comes to North Carolina, the President responded that the Senator's "remarks were unwise and inappropriate." There were no questions related to readiness issues.

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DATE-TIME 26 January 95 17:58
FROM Joshi, M. Kay
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT Liaison Office packages [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Hill, Roseanne M.
Roth, Stanley O.
Suettinger, Robert L.

CARBON_COPY Baker, Jane E.
Blieberger, Marion H.
Darby, Melanie B.
Gray, Wendy
Hawkins, Ardenia R.
Hilliard, Brenda I.
Joshi, M. Kay
Millison, Cathy L.

TEXT_BODY

As promised, attached are the documents contained in package 0502. These documents can be used in preparation of the response to the letter I faxed to you earlier today. Please prepare the new package and send a diskette with it.

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][[0502LTRS.DOC : 4413 in 0502LTRS.DOC]]

FYI: diskette 0502 will remain here in this office until all the letters have been signed. The package is currently with the President and will hopefully be signed tonight.

Thanks.

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FILE DATE** 26 January 95 9:0

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FILE NAME** 0502TL.DOC

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January 26, 1995

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

FROM: ROBERT L. SUETTINGER

SUBJECT: Letter from Senator Helms and Eight Other
Members of Congress About POW-MIA Issues in Vietnam

Attached at Tab I is a Memorandum for the President asking him to sign the letter at Tab A to Senator Helms and 8 other Members of Congress who wrote urging that the United States not open a liaison office in Hanoi until Congress has had a chance to review the annual report on POW-MIA issues required under Section 1034 of Public Law 103-337.

The letter appears to be a misunderstanding of long-stated U.S. policy on opening a liaison office, or an effort to strengthen Congress's hand in the process of developing relations with Vietnam. Given the fact that all but one signer is a committee or subcommittee chair, it is important that we state our position as clearly as possible.

Concurrence by: Bill Danvers

RECOMMENDATION

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

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachment

Tab I Memorandum for the President

Tab A Letter to Senator Helms and 8 Other Members of Congress

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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26 January 95 14:50

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cc: Vice President

Chief of Staff

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE
PATRICK GRIFFIN

SUBJECT: Letter from Senator Helms and Eight Other
Members of Congress About POW-MIA Issues and Vietnam

Purpose

To reply to a letter from Senators Helms, Smith, Specter, Thurmond, Thomas and Snowe and Representatives Gilman, Bereuter and Dornan urging you not to open a liaison office in Hanoi until Congress has reviewed a required annual report on POW-MIA issues.

Background

Last year, when you lifted the trade embargo against Vietnam, you decided that the United States would move forward with Hanoi to open "liaison offices" in each others' capitals, subject to the resolution of some claims settlement and diplomatic property problems left over from the war. These issues have now been resolved to the Secretary of State's satisfaction and final documents will be signed in a low-key ceremony in Hanoi on January 28. At that point, the U.S. Liaison Office in Hanoi and the Vietnamese Liaison Office in Washington will be declared open.

Public Law 103-337 requires the Secretary of Defense to provide Congress with a list of all U.S. POW-MIAs about whom Vietnamese or Laotian officials might be able to provide further information. We are still preparing the report but do not want it linked to the liaison office. We do, however, want to respond to the Senators' letter before opening the office on January 28.

There appears to be some misunderstanding on the part of the signatories of the letter that opening the liaison office implies a

normalization of relations. Your reply, therefore, reiterates the nature of the liaison offices and indicates that they do not constitute anything close to full diplomatic relations. It makes the point that any change in our relations still depend on progress toward full accounting in the four areas stipulated last year.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Senator Helms and 8 Other Members of Congress

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

**ATTACHMENT
FILE DATE**

26 January 95 17:53

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for the letter you and your colleagues wrote on the subject of the U.S. and Vietnam opening liaison offices in each others' capitals.

When I lifted the trade embargo and announced our intention to open liaison offices in February of last year, I did so in order to advance the goal of achieving a full accounting for our POW-MIAs. The purpose of the liaison office is to enhance our ability to achieve such progress, and I made very clear at the time that the setting up of liaison offices does not constitute the establishment of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Vietnam. You should note that the office is being opened under the framework of the 1963 Geneva Convention on Consular Relations. I continue to believe that any decision on normalizing relations with Vietnam depends on additional progress in accounting for our POW-MIAs.

Our policy of pressing for additional progress is achieving results in the four areas I stipulated: concrete results from efforts by Vietnam to recover and repatriate American remains; continued resolution of discrepancy cases, live sightings and field activities; further assistance in implementing trilateral investigation with the Lao; and accelerated efforts to provide all POW-MIA-related documents that will help lead to genuine answers. However, I am not fully satisfied that progress has been sufficient to justify moving beyond the steps we agreed to last year. I want to assure you that I will continue to press for additional progress before taking steps to normalize relations with Vietnam.

Regarding the opening of the liaison office, we have worked over the last years to resolve technical and legal issues involving financial claims related to the war and the return of former U.S. government properties. We have kept Congress fully informed of the progress of those negotiations. Now that the problems have been resolved, we will sign a diplomatic property agreement and a claims settlement agreement on January 28, 1995 in Hanoi. Shortly thereafter, the United States Liaison Office in Hanoi and the Vietnamese Liaison Office in Washington will be officially opened.

With respect to the report required by Public Law 103-337 providing a list of all U.S. POW-MIAs about whom Vietnamese or Laotian offices can produce additional information or remains, the Defense Department is preparing the report and will forward it as soon as possible. I wish to reiterate that the liaison office will facilitate the work of full accounting, as well as enable consular services to be provided to the growing number of American citizens travelling to or working in Vietnam. It would not, therefore, be in the interest of the goal of full accounting to delay the opening of the liaison office.

Thank you again for your continued interest in this issue. My Administration will continue to work closely with the Congress on Vietnam policy, and I appreciate hearing your views.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Jesse Helms
Chairman, Committee on

Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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DATE-TIME 31 January 95 17:47
FROM Joshi, M. Kay
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT Subject: RE: Call for Nancy [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Hilliard, Brenda I.
CARBON_COPY NO CC's on THIS MESSAGE
TEXT_BODY

Haven't got a clue!

From: Hilliard, Brenda I.
To: Joshi, M. Kay
CC: /N, NonRecord at A1
Subject: RE: Call for Nancy [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 1995 05:42 PM

Refresh my memory -- what is Pastor being nominated for???

From: Joshi, M. Kay
To: @CROSS - Cross Hatches
CC: /N, NonRecord at A1
Subject: Call for Nancy [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 1995 05:38 PM

Should Nancy call in, please pass the following message:

Bob Pastor called to inform her that he has written up a statement on his nomination. The Post may publish it. The statement blames Jesse Helms for what happened. The statement is consistent with the conversation between Pastor and Nancy in November.

Thanks.

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DATE-TIME 03 March 95 17:20
FROM Funches, Christina L.
CLASSIFICATION ***** CLASSIFICATION NOT FOUND *****
SUBJECT FW: 10 or 11 I couldn't read--getting help from WHLA--will send as
TO Andreasen, Steven P.
Bell, Robert G.
Hahn, Keith D.
Jones, Steven R.
Kelly, Sandra L.
Moody, Angelyn D.
Seaton, James B.
Sestak, Joseph A.
Witkowski, Anne A.
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Five more signatories to package 1241:

Domenici
Bennett
D'Amato
Abraham
McCain

From: Funches, Christina L.
To: Moody, Angelyn D.
CC: /N, NonRecord at A1
Subject: 10 or 11 I couldn't read--getting help from WHLA--will send as soon as possible [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Friday, March 03, 1995 04:14 PM

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Bob Dole
Jesse Helms

Larry Craig
Ted Stevens
Lauch Faircloth
Kay Bailey Hutchison
Don Nickles
Strom Thurmond
Bob Smith
Dan Coats
John Warner
Orrin Hatch
Richard Shelby
Dirk Kempthorne
Jon Kyl
Trent Lott
Thad Cochran
Bill Cohen
Rick Santorum
John Ashcroft
Conrad Burns
Kit Bond
Larry Pressler
Olympia Snowe
Slade Gorton
Hank Brown
Connie Mack
Mitch McConnell
Alan Simpson

MS Mail

DATE-TIME 20 March 95 14:54
FROM Marshall, Betty A.
CLASSIFICATION ***** CLASSIFICATION NOT FOUND *****
SUBJECT Please advise me on the attached. Thank you.
TO Funches, Christina L.
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ATTACHMENT FILE DATE 20 March 95 14:15
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 cc: Vice President
 Declassify on: OADR
 Chief of Staff

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE
 LAURA TYSON
 PATRICK GRIFFIN

SUBJECT: Your Response to Senator Jesse Helms

Purpose

To respond to a letter from Senator Helms regarding the proposed acquisition by France Telecom and Deutsche Bundespost Telekom of a 20 percent equity interest in Sprint.

Background

Noting that Germany and France do not permit foreign companies to deliver basic (voice telephony) services in their countries, the Senator urges you to support the principle of reciprocity whereby the proposed acquisition of France Telecom and Deutsche Bundespost Telekom would be blocked as long as Germany and France refuse to open up their markets.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached letter at Tab A.

Attachment

Tab A Response to Senator Helms

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DATE-TIME 21 March 95 18:48
FROM Marshall, Betty A.
CLASSIFICATION ***** CLASSIFICATION NOT FOUND *****
SUBJECT I got it right this time, per your request
TO Gray, Wendy
CARBON_COPY NO CC's on THIS MESSAGE
TEXT_BODY
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of February 27 regarding the proposed acquisition by France Telecom and Deutsche Bundespost Telekom of a 20 percent equity stake in Sprint.

In his recent speech to the G-7 Information Ministerial in Brussels, the Vice President stated that "we intend to open foreign investment in telecommunications services in the United States for companies of all countries who have opened their own markets." My Administration has consistently supported the principle of comparable market access as a key element in its international trade policy. I intend to pursue that approach vigorously so as to ensure that existing restrictions on foreign access to U.S. telecommunications services are lifted only for those companies whose countries allow comparable access to their markets.

Although I cannot comment on the merits of the France Telecom/Deutsche Bundespost Telekom petition for a declaratory ruling currently pending before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), my Administration will soon provide comments to the FCC on its Notice of Public Rule Making concerning whether the "public interest" criterion for granting foreign access to the U.S. telecommunications market should include an assessment of the degree to which the petitioner's country of origin grants comparable access to U.S. firms.

I appreciate knowing your views on this subject.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-3301

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RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached letter at Tab A.

Attachment
Tab A Response to Senator Helms

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FILE DATE**

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March 8, 1995

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: ALEXANDER VERSHBOW

FROM: ANTHONY GARDNER

SUBJECT: Presidential Response to Letter of
Senator Jesse Helms

The President has received a letter from Senator Jesse Helms regarding the proposed acquisition by France Telecom and Deutsche Bundespost Telekom of a 20 per cent equity interest in Sprint (which is currently under review by the FCC). Noting that Germany and France do not permit foreign companies to deliver basic (voice telephony) services in their countries, the Senator urges the President to support the principle of reciprocity whereby the proposed acquisition of France Telecom and Deutsche Bundespost Telekom would be blocked as long as Germany and France refuse to open up their markets.

Concurrence by: Greg Simon, Michael
Froman, Bill Danvers

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward to the President for his signature the letter attached at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President

Tab A Response to Senator Jesse Helms

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DATE-TIME 20 July 95 15:29
FROM Rice, Susan E.
CLASSIFICATION ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
SUBJECT Subject: RE: ~~[CONFIDENTIAL]~~
TO Cicio, Kristen K.
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TEXT_BODY

Many thanks.

From: Cicio, Kristen K.
To: Rice, Susan E.
CC: /R, Record at A1; Bass, Peter E.
Subject: FW: ~~[CONFIDENTIAL]~~
Date: Thursday, July 20, 1995 02:54 PM

Susan,

I did find this e-mail (shortly after we spoke) and put it on top of his pile and put two red dots on it...

Kris

From: Rice, Susan E.
To: @NSA - Nat'l Security Advisor
CC: /R, Record at A1
Subject: FW: ~~[CONFIDENTIAL]~~
Date: Thursday, July 20, 1995 02:48 PM

Peter, here it is again per your request. Thanks.

From: Rice, Susan E.
To: @NSA - Nat'l Security Advisor
CC: /R, Record at A1; @AFRICA - African Affairs; Kyle, Robert D.; Mack, Kathryn S.; @LEGISLAT-Legislative Affairs; Soderberg, Nancy E.
Subject: ~~[CONFIDENTIAL]~~ Malawian Tobacco
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 1995 08:14 PM

Sandy,

We'd be grateful for your help on an issue involving Mickey Kantor.

Issue: Should we allow Malawi's 12,000 MT tobacco quota (TRQ) to be zeroed

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Background: To appease tobacco state members, including Jesse Helms, Kantor cut a deal in late June to reduce the overall TRQ for tobacco from 150,000 MT to approximately 120,000 MT. This would be accomplished by eliminating all "non-principal and non-substantial" suppliers. These include Malawi, Chile, Thailand and the Phillipines. This deal was cut without an interagency process and without consideration of the foreign policy implications of doing so.

Malawi is a small, very poor country. 70% of its export earnings come from tobacco. (NB: We understand RJR is one of the largest tobacco producers in Malawi.) One million Malawians depend on tobacco production for their livelihood. Malawi has made a phenomenal recent transformation from years of autocratic rule to nascent but thriving democracy. We have encouraged Malawi to stay the course, despite grinding poverty and difficult economic reforms, and provided little in the way of concrete support. As we cut foreign assistance, we have urged Malawi and others to rely on trade not aid. Now we are saying to Malawi -- no trade either. A USDA negotiating team made a good faith commitment to Malawi last December that it would receive a TRQ of 12,000 MT. We are about to break that deal and in the process substantially undermine our relations with Malawi and foster doubt in the minds of other southern African states about the credibility of our stated commitment to democracy and increasing two-way trade. Malawi has already protested.

None of the other countries on the list are so dependent on a single export. No other country comes so close to qualifying as a substantial supplier. Malawi just misses the 10% threshold. USTR informs that, legally, we could reinstate Malawi without adding back the other three countries.

The problem is politics. We have talked to USTR staff. They understand the problem and acknowledge that State and USDA have also expressed concern. No one at our level on the USTR staff appears willing to ask Kantor to "renege" on a deal, no matter how ill-conceived. Kantor's staff claim the issue is one of saving "face". We expect this decision will be finalized late this week.

RECOMMENDATION: That you call Kantor this week to stress the importance of preserving Malawi's tobacco imports and urge him to go back to Congress to find a means of sparing Malawi the axe -- either by simply allowing Malawi's tobacco in (and increasing the overall TRQ by 12,000 MT) or by finding another means to cut the overall TRQ without screwing Malawi.

_____ Approve _____ Disapprove

If you agree, we will provide talking points.

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DATE-TIME 30 January 96 09:49
FROM Fairfax, Kenneth J.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT More on Russian Nukes and Politics [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Tarullo, Daniel K.
CARBON_COPY NO CC's on THIS MESSAGE
TEXT_BODY

As part of my increasing campaign to get you "up to speed" on Russian nuclear/political issues, here's the Izvestia read-out on the current Gore-Chernomyrdin meeting. Words on the Iran sale and nuke summit are at the end.

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COUNTRY: RUSSIA
 SUBJ: Take 1 of 2 -- Context of Gore-Chernomyrdin Talks Viewed

REF: LD2901111096 Moscow ITAR-TASS Russian 290650 --
 'Significant Differences' at Gore-Chernomyrdin Talks

SOURCE: Moscow IZVESTIYA in Russian 30 Jan 96 p 3

TEXT:

[Report by Vladimir Nadein: "America Is Prepared To Continue Helping Us With Free Advice. The Latest Session of the Chernomyrdin-Gore Commission Opens in Washington in an Atmosphere of Civility and Hopelessness"]

[FBIS Translated Text] Washington -- America's love is fickle. Only recently they would scare small children at night with the name of Viktor Chernomyrdin. Now the White House regards the Russian premier as a bulwark of reforms and the work of the Gore-Chernomyrdin commission as the chief success in recent years. The latest session of this commission opened in Washington Monday. The date was set long ago. Viktor Chernomyrdin was met at the Andrews USAF Airbase by Vice President Gore. Right on the eve of the meeting the Russian and U.S. presidents had spent 40 minutes talking by telephone. If we take a careful look, the conversation was, on the whole, about nothing. About life in general. Yeltsin assured Clinton of his loyalty to the reforms. Clinton assured Yeltsin of his loyalty to support for the reforms....

But what is important here is not so much the words themselves as their music. It was reassuring.

This was at once followed by good news from the Senate. The upper chamber of the U.S. Congress had ratified the SALT II Treaty [as published] by 87 votes to four. This treaty was signed by Presidents Yeltsin and Bush in January 1993. It provides for the arsenal of nuclear charges to be more than halved by the year 2003 - - to 3,500 charges. The Foreign Relations Committee, which is headed by the very conservative Senator Jesse Helms, had been delaying the vote for almost six months. Strictly speaking, this had nothing to do with Russia. J. Helms was using his procedural power to annoy the White House, not the Kremlin. The senator wanted to merge three foreign policy departments into one, the administration objected, and the SALT II Treaty [as published] became the hostage.

Not that Helms regards the Kremlin with favor. He was one of four senators to vote "against."

But the Russian premier will not have to talk with such fierce people. Not counting a whole day without a break at the State Department building, where the joint commission will meet, Viktor Chernomyrdin will also talk with Newt Gingrich, speaker of the House of Representatives, and President Clinton.

The Gore-Chernomyrdin commission in turn consists of a number of committees headed by ministers. Power, space, defense industry conversion, medicine, agriculture, business.... In each of the spheres the sides have their own proposals and their own complaints. Some problems are clearly within the commission's reach. The joint struggle against the global spread of infections requires simple coordination. The delay over supplying Russian space

equipment for a joint station is resolved either with money or by amending deadlines.

On the other hand, there are hopeless matters. For example, it is not at all clear what is to be done about the sale of Russian reactors to Iran. In the past both presidents left the question to the discretion of "second persons." But the nature of the deal is so far removed from a compromise that second persons will hardly be any more successful than first persons.

As is frequently the case, the range of problems which the talks participants do not intend to broach is no less eloquent than that which is to be discussed.

The commission does not propose to devote time to general politics. The agenda features neither Chechnya, nor NATO expansion, nor elections, nor Bill Clinton's April visit to Moscow....

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DATE-TIME 02 February 96 14:37
FROM Ramsay, Martha S.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO McCormick, Shawn H.
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**ATTACHMENT
FILE DATE** 2 February 96 14:12
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am pleased to submit the first of five annual reports on the Administration's Comprehensive Trade and Development Policy for Africa pursuant to Section 134 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

This first report examines the trade and development challenges confronting Sub-Saharan Africa, reviews the policies currently being pursued to address those challenges, and presents a policy framework for the United States as it seeks to support and facilitate African initiatives to address these challenges. With this first report, it is my intention to open a wider dialogue with the Congress and with public and private sector representatives in Africa and the United States. This dialogue will sharpen the focus of the U.S. role in assisting Africa to meet its development challenges and, in the process, promote U.S. trade and investment in the region. Subsequent reports to the Congress will highlight progress in implementing new initiatives and reflect the necessary evolution

of U.S. policy.

The challenges facing Sub-Saharan Africa are difficult and varied. Solutions will not be easy or quick. The most critical element of any development strategy, upon which the success of all other elements depends, is the willingness of the people and their leaders to make the correct, and often difficult, policy choices. It is this point that gives us cause for optimism about Africa today. Increasingly, democratic governments in Africa are implementing market-based economic policies that are placing their countries on proven paths to success.

We must seize this opportunity for partnership with the countries of Africa, because promoting trade and sustainable development in Africa is important for the United States as well as for Africa.

In my letter to the Constituency for Africa in February 1995 I wrote:

Africa matters because of the huge potential of its people and its economies, potential that already creates jobs and exports for our nation. It matters because of the historic ties that bind our peoples. And it matters because the great global challenges of tomorrow can be seen in the challenges facing Africa today.

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Washington, D.C. 20515-4307

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United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-0801

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DATE-TIME 29 February 96 11:20
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TO Hunerwadel, Joan S.
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to subsection (b) of the Case-Zablocki Act, (1 U.S.C. 112b(b)), I hereby transmit a report prepared by the Department of State concerning international agreements.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Jesse Helms
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-3301

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FROM Burrell, Christina L.
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TO Danvers, William C.
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TO Kinser-Kidane, Brenda J.
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER

SUBJECT: CNN Request for License to Open Havana Bureau

Purpose

To decide whether to approve a request by the Cable News Network
for
a license to open a news bureau in Cuba.

Background

As you will recall, CNN renewed its application for a Treasury
Department license to open a bureau in Havana in November upon
receipt of Cuban government permission to open an office. A half

dozen U.S. news media -- including the Miami Herald, AP, and two other major TV networks -- have license requests pending, but only CNN has received Cuban approval.

The Helms-Burton Act contains provisions authorizing the "exchange of news bureaus" with Cuba under certain conditions, including that the GOC must allow Radio Marti to open offices in Cuba. The Act, however, also codifies authorities under other laws in a manner which State and Treasury Department lawyers have concluded give us parallel authority to approve requests like CNN's whether or not the GOC permits a Marti bureau. The Cuban Democracy Act and U.S. policy before Helms-Burton (notably in your statement on October 6, 1995) clearly set the free flow of information between our countries, including through the establishment of U.S. news bureaus in Cuba, as a priority.

Since CNN renewed its application, we have sought ways to promote the establishment of other news bureaus in Havana, thereby reducing the GOC's ability to "pick and choose" which media can open bureaus. Many in the Cuban-American community see CNN and Ted Turner as too friendly with Fidel Castro and believe, like publisher David Lawrence, that the Miami Herald should be in the first group approved.

Options

There are four basic options:

- 1) To approve CNN's request alone.
- 2) To approve all pending applications -- a largely symbolic gesture because the GOC so far has only agreed to CNN.
- 3) To hold off on approval until the GOC authorizes bureaus from a more representative sampling of U.S. media.
- 4) To delay the application until the GOC gives approval for Radio and TV Marti to open offices -- unlikely to happen soon if ever.

Option 1 has no supporters (not even CNN) because the USG would essentially be "holding back" other applicants and confirming the GOC's right to pick and choose. Option 4 is a non-starter supported only by a very small group of Cuban-Americans. The appeal of Option 3 is that it more closely coincides with the intent of Helms-Burton and our policy of seeking as wide a representation as possible. The GOC has not indicated willingness to open up more rapidly, however; Cuban officials' remarks to CNN have confirmed that Castro, like all other dictators, is firm in allowing only one bureau at a time.

Option 2, with appropriate conditionality, therefore appears to be the most promising alternative. Under this scenario, we would grant all pending license applications for Cuba bureaus with two conditions: 1) that the bureaus be permitted to conduct their newsgathering activities free from GOC restrictions and harassment; and 2) that the licenses be subject to review in one year, with renewal contingent upon GOC willingness to allow establishment of a more representative sampling U.S. news organizations.

Political Dynamic

This approach appears likely to gain the widest support. Most interested U.S. media, including the Miami Herald (which has withdrawn its reservations), the American Society of Newspaper Editors, and the Committee to Protect Journalists advocate approval for all pending requests. (Many would likely back a First Amendment court challenge to a possible USG denial, which CNN quietly threatened at one point.) Representative Lee Hamilton and eight other Democrats wrote to Secretary Christopher urging approval. Members of your Cuba "Core Group" will support it with the license conditionality we propose.

Other Cuban-American and Republican leaders -- including Senator Jesse Helms -- will not openly support the decision but have indicated they do not intend to oppose it either. Representative Menendez is not supportive, although he does not share the position of Representatives Diaz-Balart and Ros-Lehtinen that CNN or any other

news organization should not be allowed in Cuba until Radio and TV Marti can establish bureaus there. The Cuban-American National Foundation is unlikely to endorse a CNN bureau, but Jorge Mas Canosa's representatives have suggested the organization will take a low-key approach.

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize the Treasury Department to grant pending licenses applications for U.S. news organizations to establish bureaus in Cuba for one year on the condition that they be allowed to operate free from restrictions by the Cuban government. (State and Treasury support.)

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

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FROM Burrell, Christina L.
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TO Battenfield, Pat
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Ranking Member
Committee on Foreign Relations
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Chairman
Committee on Finance
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Benjamin Gilman
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House of Reps

Lee Hamilton
Ranking Member

Committee on International Relations
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Bill Archer
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
House of Reps

Charles B. Rangel
Ranking Member
Committee on Ways and Means
House of Reps

M S M a i l

DATE-TIME 14 February 97 13:03
FROM Rubin, Eric S.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT Latest on Flynn [UNCLASSIFIED]

TO Dowling, J. Nicholas
Feeley, John F.
Johnson, David T.
Lindsey, Christine J.
Marshall, Betty A.
Maxfield, Nancy H.
Peters, Mary A.
Rubin, Eric S.
Schmidt, John R.
Vershbow, Alexander R.
Wozniak, Natalie S.

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^Helms asks recall of U.S. ambassador to Vatican
(adds background, paras 7-9)
WASHINGTON, Feb 14 (Reuter) - Senate Foreign Relations
Committee Chairman Jesse Helms urged on Friday that U.S.
Ambassador to the Vatican Raymond Flynn be replaced because of
alleged ethical violations.
Helms, in a letter to Secretary of State Madeleine Albright,
said a report last December by the State Department's Inspector
General raised serious questions about Flynn, who was mayor of
Boston before becoming ambassador.
"The inspector general brought to light evidence that
Ambassador Flynn had made improper and/or questionable charges
against campaign funds while serving at the Vatican in clear
violation of his ethics undertaking letter to the State
Department's deputy legal adviser dated June 7, 1993," Helms
wrote.
In the ethics letter, written before Flynn was confirmed as
ambassador to the Vatican, Flynn said he would continue to
maintain a campaign committee but that it would not spend any
funds for political activity while he was ambassador.
But Helms said records compiled by the inspector general
indicated that Flynn made credit card charges against his
campaign fund for official travel and other expenses, which he

later reimbursed, and wrote checks against the campaign committee account for apparent political activity.

"In light of these allegations -- in addition to his previous violations of State Department rules -- I hope that you will ask the president to recall Ambassador Flynn and appoint a new nominee to be ambassador to the Vatican," Helms wrote Albright.

Flynn has been reprimanded twice while ambassador. Once, for correspondence the State Department deemed inappropriate partisan criticism of Republican domestic priorities and again for using his campaign-account dollars for political purposes and diplomatic expenses and for having an embassy aide attend to family finances.

Flynn, like other ambassadors, received a letter earlier this month informing him that his term would expire in mid-July. Flynn's mayoral campaign finances were the subject of a probe that resulted in two of his aides being sentenced to prison while he served in Rome.

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TO Rubin, Eric S.
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^Former diplomats critical of Flynn's mission in Rome<

BOSTON (AP) Three former envoys to the Vatican have criticized the mission there of Ambassador Raymond L. Flynn in a letter to President Clinton, according to a published report.

Flynn resigned as mayor of Boston to become U.S. ambassador to the Vatican in July 1993.

The letter to Clinton was signed by former Ambassadors Thomas Melady and Frank Shakespeare and former Special Envoy William Wilson.

"What do I care about three Republican ambassadors? Why should I be concerned about them? I don't work for them," Flynn told The Boston Globe in an interview from Rome. He said he had served Clinton well.

"The continuing reports on controversies in the U.S. and European media have, in our opinion, hampered the carrying out of the fundamental mission of the American embassy to the Holy See," Melady, Shakespeare and Wilson wrote to Clinton.

"Every step ... should be taken to avoid the appearance that the post is a political toy," they said.

As ambassador, Flynn has been reprimanded twice by then-Secretary of State Warren Christopher once for having made what was considered inappropriate criticism of Republican domestic priorities, and once for his handling of finances.

The three former envoys asked Clinton to reconfigure the Vatican position, which was expanded to involve Flynn in humanitarian missions around the world; Flynn had made that expansion a condition of taking the post.

"The extension of the mission ... has caused a series of controversies which have clouded the integrity of the U.S. mission," the three wrote to Clinton.

"We urge you to return the mission to its traditional role of bilateral, quiet professional diplomacy. This should go a long way

in restoring the image of the U.S. mission, both in the eyes of the American people as well as the world community," the letter said. "I came over here, and I had an expanded role by the president of the United States ... and they don't think it is a good idea, and neither does Jesse Helms," said Flynn, referring to the North Carolina senator who chairs the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "If they have got a problem, they have got a problem with the president of the United States," said Flynn. Eric Rubin, assistant White House press secretary for foreign affairs, said the Clinton administration had no comment on the letter. Flynn said he has been notified that his appointment to the ambassadorial post will expire on or about July 15, and indicated he plans to return to Boston. He told the Globe the chances of his running against Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino this year are very remote, but he did not rule it out completely.

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TO Wozniak, Natalie S.
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To: @EUROPE - European Affairs; @LEGAL - Legal Advisor

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Subject: Flynn 1230 Guidance for packet [UNCLASSIFIED]

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RAY FLYNN

Are you going to follow Jesse Helms's advice and relieve Ray
Flynn?

Hasn't he embarrassed you with his antics and the trouble he's
gotten himself into? Don't you need a more effective Ambassador
at
the Vatican?

☐ Ray's an extraordinary individual. Vatican is a unique post,
needs someone who can bring some real imagination to the job.

☐ Found him helpful in keeping me abreast of Vatican's thinking.
Humanitarian vision, moral authority of Vatican sometimes
underestimated power in changing world for the better. Ray's

helped me stay in touch with that, work with Vatican, Holy Father.

☐ Ray's been in Rome since shortly after first term began. Understand he's planning to return to U.S. this summer.

☐ If Raised: Know there have been some accusations against Ray. They've been dealt with appropriately by the State Department.

☐ If Pressed (we believe the Globe has obtained copies of the Department's two disciplinary letters.): There have been two letters of reprimand from Secretary Christopher and Acting Secretary Tarnoff. Beyond that I am not going to discuss internal State Department disciplinary processes.

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DATE-TIME 04 March 97 08:31
FROM Rubin, Eric S.
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SUBJECT Sen. Smith re: Peterson hold [UNCLASSIFIED]

TO Bendick, Gordon L.
Burrell, Christina L.
Danvers, William C.
Davis, William K.
Hill, Roseanne M.
Johnson, David T.
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^PM-US-Vietnam,480<
^Senator vows to block Clinton's choice for ambassador to Vietnam<
^By ROBERT BURNS=
^Associated Press Writer=
WASHINGTON (AP) One of the harshest congressional critics of President Clinton's policy on normalizing relations with Vietnam vowed to stop the nomination of Pete Peterson to be the first U.S. ambassador to Vietnam since the war.
Sen. Bob Smith, R-N.H., told a veterans' group Monday he might use his senatorial privilege to place a ``hold" on the nomination to prevent a vote on the Senate floor. To do so he would need the approval of Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.
Peterson, a former congressman from Florida and Vietnam veteran, encountered no direct opposition during his confirmation hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Feb. 13, but the committee's chairman, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., has not scheduled a vote.
Helms has not publicly opposed the Peterson nomination.
The White House had no immediate reaction to Smith's remarks.
Smith said he does not question Peterson's qualifications but believes the basis for Clinton's 1995 decision to normalize relations with Vietnam needs to be investigated first. He suggested the president was restoring relations with Hanoi as a payoff to

campaign contributors with Asian business interests.

"I will oppose any Senate action to confirm an ambassador to Vietnam until the impact that illegal foreign campaign contributions may have had on U.S. policy toward Vietnam has been fully investigated," Smith told an American Legion meeting. The American Legion opposes sending a U.S. ambassador to Vietnam, mainly on grounds that the communist government in Hanoi has not cooperated sufficiently in accounting for American servicemen missing from the Vietnam War.

While Smith said the MIA issue also was a basis for opposing Peterson's nomination, his main emphasis was on questions surrounding John Huang, who was one of the Democratic National Committee's top fund-raisers for the 1996 election, in charge of soliciting money from Asian-Americans. Huang is a former official of the Lippo Group, an Indonesian banking conglomerate with interests in Vietnam.

"How often was he (Huang) influencing Clinton administration decisions on Vietnam?" Smith asked in his speech. "And most importantly, what obligation did the president feel he had to John Huang" for his fund-raising efforts.

"The Senate should not be required to put itself on record on the ambassador confirmation until these matters have been fully investigated," Smith said.

Smith said Huang should be compelled to testify to Congress on these questions.

"No testimony, no ambassador," Smith said. "It's that simple. ... If I have to use a filibuster, I will."

In an interview after his speech Smith declined to say whether he planned to place a "hold" on the nomination. "A hold is basically a filibuster," he said, adding that it was one of his options.

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Wayne Allard (R-CO)
Undecided; concerns are
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John Ashcroft (R-MO)
Oppose; concerns on
Constitutional, small business
grounds
Robert Bennett (R-UT)
Lean Support; will vote based
on GOP leadership
Christopher Bond (R-MO)
Lean Oppose
Sam Brownback
(R-KS)
Oppose; concerns re: Russia
Conrad Burns (R-MT)
Lean Oppose;
concerns re small
business, Russia; impacted by
Cheney
Ben Campbell (R-CO)
Lean Support; concerns with
chem demil
John Chafee (R-RI)
Support
Dan Coats (R-IN)
Lean Support
Thad Cochran (R-MS)
Oppose
Susan Collins (R-ME)
Support
Paul
Coverdell (R-GA)
Lean Oppose
Larry Craig (R-ID)
Undecided
Alfonse
D'Amato (R-NY)
Lean Oppose
Mike DeWine (R-OH)
Oppose
Pete Domenici
(R-NM)
Support
Michael Enzi (R-WY)
Undecided
Lauch Faircloth (R-NC)
Oppose
William Frist (R-TN)
Lean Support; concerns on
Constitutional issues
Slade Gorton (R-WA)

Lean Support; under
pressure
from Helms and Kyl to vote 'no'
Phil Gramm (R-TX)
Oppose
Rod Grams
(R-MN)
Lean Support
Charles Grassley (R-IA)
Lean Support
Judd Gregg
(R-NH)
Undecided
Chuck Hagel (R-NE)
Lean Support
Orrin Hatch (R-UT)
Undecided
Jesse Helms (R-NC)
Oppose
Tim Hutchinson (R-AR)
Undecided
SENATORS
COMMENTS

Kay Bailey Hutchinson (R-TX)
Lean Oppose
James
Inhofe (R-OK)
Oppose
James Jeffords (R-VT)
Support
Dirk Kempthorne
(R-ID)
Lean Oppose; problems with
search and seizure
Jon Kyl (R-AZ)
Oppose
Trent Lott (R-MS)
Undecided
Richard Lugar (R-IN)
Support
Connie Mack (R-FL)
Lean Support
John
McCain (R-AZ)
Support; pressured by GOP
leadership
Mitch McConnell (R-KY)
Lean Support

Frank Murkowski
(R-AZ)
Oppose
Don Nickles (R-OK)
Lean Oppose
Pat Roberts (R-KS)
Undecided
William Roth (R-DE)
Lean Support
Rick Santorum (R-PA)
Undecided
Jeff Sessions (R-AL)
Undecided
Richard Shelby (R-AL)
Oppose
Gordon Smith (R-OR)
Lean Support
Robert Smith (R-NH)
Oppose
Olympia
Snowe (R-ME)
Support
Arlen Specter (R-PA)
Support
Ted Stevens (R-AK)
Support
Craig Thomas (R-WY)
Lean Oppose
Fred Thompson (R-TN)
Undecided
Strom Thurmond (R-SC)
Undecided
John Warner (R-WA)
Undecided

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TO Andreasen, Steven P.
Seaton, James B.
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Steve, A wonderful idea. I will not be able to attend (my daughter is sick and I have to leave early so my wife can get to work on time). Please carry on without me, and drink a toast to our conquering heroes on my behalf. Joe

P.S. An appropriate toast would be: "To America's finest Poison Gas Eradication Team; may you never be cornered in a dark alley by Jesse Helms."

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I realize we have postponed follies today, but I thought I would solicit your availability and views regarding a 5:45 "champagne" toast to Bob, Lori, Elisa and our 5 secretaries who have been working so hard on CWC. If it doesn't work today, we could fall back to Monday. Let me know what you think...I'll be happy to pick up the champagne...