

December 11, 1972

Dear Mr. Badillo:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your December 10 letter to the President in which you were joined by several of your colleagues in expressing concern for the Soviet Jews.

You may be assured that your letter will be presented to the President at the earliest opportunity. In the meantime, I will be pleased to see that it receives careful consideration by the President's foreign policy advisers.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Richard K. Cook
Deputy Assistant
to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

RKC:EF:rks

bcc: Dr. Kissinger w/incoming for appropriate handling

December 20, 1972

Dear Mr. Badillo:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your December 19 telegram to the President regarding the conflict in Vietnam.

I shall pass along your message for the President's attention as soon as possible.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

Richard K. Cook
Special Assistant
for Legislative Affairs

Honorable Herman Badillo
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: w/inc. to Dr. Kissinger - for further handling

RKC:EF:mvm

October 25, 1972

Dear Mr. Badillo:

I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your letters to the President in reference to the matter of the proposed merger of Caribbean Atlantic Airlines with Eastern Airlines.

You may be assured the President will be advised of your views on this matter at the earliest opportunity.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

Richard K. Cook
Deputy Assistant
to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to Peter Flanigan for further action.

RKC:EF:VO:vo

July 29, 1972

Dear Mr. Badillo:

This is in response to your letter to the President of July 27, concerning operating subsidies for the low-rent public housing programs.

The Administration has the issue of public housing operating subsidies under intense review at this time. Legislation over the past several years has severely eroded the rental base available to support the operations of local housing authorities. We are seriously concerned about this situation and are actively seeking a solution which serves the long-term best interests of all concerned -- the tenants, the local housing authority, the community and the Federal taxpayer. This means, of course, that we must consider not only the demonstrated needs of local housing authorities, but also the very severe fiscal constraints within which the Federal Government must operate in order to avoid undesirable inflationary pressure.

We appreciate receiving your views on this subject. You may be assured they will be given careful consideration in our further review and decisions on this issue.

Sincerely,

Richard K. Cook
Deputy Assistant
to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

RKC:OMB:VO:keb

Cleared by Gifford

bcc: w/incoming to Bill Gifford for further handling

July 13, 1972

Dear Mr. Badillo:

As you will recall, you recently wrote expressing your concern over the terrorist attack at Lod Airport in Tel Aviv and urging that steps be taken to ensure that such acts of violence will not be repeated in the future.

In view of your concern over this matter, I thought you would find of interest the enclosed copy of the State Department report on actions which the United States government has taken in light of the Lod Airport attack.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

Richard K. Cook
Deputy Assistant
to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Enclosure

bcc: Dr. Kissinger - FYI Log No. 4968

RKC:VO:cjd

July 19, 1972

Dear Mr. Badillo:

This is in further response to your letter of June 22, in which you were joined by several of your colleagues, concerning the case of Judith and Gavriel Shapiro.

You are already aware of the basic facts in the case. On June 8 Miss Judith Silver, a U.S. citizen, married Soviet citizen Gavriel Shapiro in a private religious ceremony in Moscow. Her visa having expired, Mrs. Shapiro left the Soviet Union to return home on June 12. Immediately after her departure Mr. Shapiro was taken into custody by Soviet authorities. He was released on June 30, pending completion of the official investigation. Soviet authorities have now scheduled a July 26 trial date to hear charges against Mr. Shapiro.

The President is fully aware of Mrs. Shapiro's difficulties, and has directed that the United States should do what it appropriately can to help. Officers of the Department of State have met several times with Mrs. Shapiro concerning her desire to be reunited with her husband. Our Embassy in Moscow has been in touch with Soviet authorities concerning the welfare and whereabouts of Mr. Shapiro, who has been charged with evading military duty after seeking unsuccessfully to emigrate. We have also been in contact with the Soviet Embassy in Washington and have urged a favorable solution. We will continue these efforts.

The U.S. Government condemns all restrictions on free emigration from the Soviet Union or any other country. Our representatives have frequently spoken on this issue before

the United Nations and in other public forms. We intend to continue our policy of calling to the attention of world public opinion the plight of Soviet citizens who are denied the right to emigrate.

Sincerely,

Richard K. Cook
Deputy Assistant
to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

rkc;nsc:VO:cjd

June 28, 1972

Dear Mr. Badillo:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your June 22 letter, which was also signed by several of your colleagues, in behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Gavriel Shapiro who wish to be re-united.

You may be assured that your interest in this matter will receive very careful attention.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Richard K. Cook
Deputy Assistant
to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

bcc: w/inc to Dr. Kissinger - for further
draft reply, please

RKC:EF:kmt

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

June 22, 1972

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

BT
Recently, an American citizen, Judith Silver, married a Russian citizen, Gavriel Shapiro, in Moscow.

Gavriel is a young Jewish activist who has been seeking permission to emigrate to Israel. Thus far, he has been unsuccessful. Shortly before your recent visit to the Soviet Union, Gavriel was again called to active military service-- an action that seems to have been designed to prevent him from attempting to contact you.

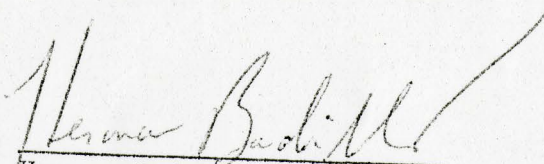
Gavriel and Judy were married in a religious ceremony. Because religious ceremonies are not recognized in the USSR, the couple twice applied for permission to have a civil ceremony. Both requests were denied and they were told to return on June 30.

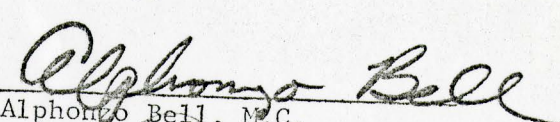
Since Judy's visitor's visa expired before that date, she returned to the United States.

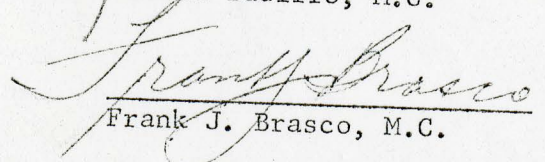
Gavriel was arrested immediately after Judy's departure and he is now in prison.

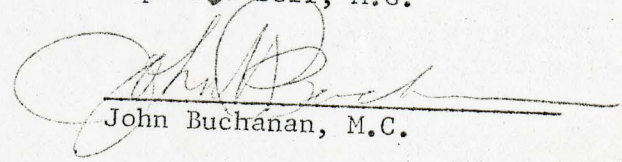
We strongly urge you to take all possible steps to contact Soviet officials about this case and to help re-unite this couple.

Sincerely,


Herman Badillo, M.C.


Alphonso Bell, M.C.


Frank J. Brasco, M.C.


John Buchanan, M.C.

Phillip Burton
Phillip Burton, M.C.

Hamilton Fish
Hamilton Fish, Jr., M.C.

Bill Frenzel
Bill Frenzel, M.C.

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William Keating, M.C.

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Parren J. Mitchell
Parren J. Mitchell, M.C.

May 31, 1972

Dear Mr. Badillo:

I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your letter to the President, in which you were joined by the other Members of the New York Congressional Delegation, regarding a site on the East Coast for construction of a deepwater port to accommodate very large cargo carriers.

You may be assured that your views will be called to the President's attention at the earliest opportunity after his return to Washington, and in the meantime I will share your letter with the appropriate members of the staff.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Richard K. Cook
Deputy Assistant
to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: w/inc to John Whitaker - for appropriate handling
bcc: w/inc to Sol Mosher, Ass't to the Sec of Commerce - FYI

RKC:EF:jlh

June 7, 1972

Dear Mr. Badillo:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letter to the President regarding the tragedy that occurred last week at Lod Airport in Tel Aviv, and urging that steps be taken to ensure that such acts of violence will not be repeated in the future.

The bloodshed inflicted upon those innocent men, women and children by terrorists was a tragedy of profound and shocking proportion. In expressing his personal grief to the Prime Minister of Israel, the President called upon all nations to reaffirm their commitment to seek an end to the use of force and violence so that such deeds may be banished from human society.

You may be assured that your letter will be called to the President's attention at the earliest opportunity.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

Richard K. Cook
Deputy Assistant
to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: w/inc to Dr. Kissinger - for further appropriate handling

RKC:RMcf:EF:jlh

May 11, 1972

Dear Mr. Badillo:

This is in further response to your letter to the President in which you were joined by several members of the New York Congressional Delegation concerning relocation of the Northeast Regional Office of the Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

This regional office administers Child Nutrition, Food Distribution, and Food Stamp Programs through cooperative working arrangements with State agencies. The exceptions are Child Nutrition Programs for private schools in States where the State Education Agency is prohibited from administering a school lunch program in private schools, and the authorization of grocers to accept food stamps which is carried out through field offices.

The relocation of this regional office will not adversely affect the school children in New York City who are recipients of aid through the Child Nutrition Programs. These programs for both public and private schools in New York are carried out by the New York State Education Agency through cooperative working arrangements.

I am informed that all of the employees of the regional office are assured of their present jobs at the new location. Their moving costs will be paid. Adequate housing is available in the community and assistance in finding housing will be given to employees when the relocation site and date are established. Assistance in locating other employment also will be given to those who are unable to make the move.

The considerations entering into the decision to relocate the regional office were evaluated carefully. The move is being made to strengthen delivery of the food and nutrition programs throughout the region served. Additionally, the relocation to a community of lower population density is in accord with objectives of Title IX of the Agricultural Act of 1970.

We appreciate your deep interest in effective administration of the food and nutrition programs and in the welfare of the employees concerned in this move.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

Richard K. Cook
Deputy Assistant
to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc to Bill Galbraith(Agric) - FYI
bcc to Bill Gifford - FYI

RKC:AGRIC:EF:kb

May 15, 1972

Dear Mr. Badillo:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letter in which you join with your colleagues in urging an early response to the offer of "good offices" for the negotiation of the Vietnam conflict by the Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr. Kurt Waldheim. You may be assured that your views will be brought to the President's attention at the earliest possible time, as well as being shared by his advisers on foreign policy.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

Richard K. Cook
Deputy Assistant
to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

RKC:RMCF:ki (cleared by NSC)

bcc: w/inc to Dr. Kissinger for draft reply
as soon as possible.

bcc: w/inc to Clark MacGregor - FYI

May 6, 1972

Dear Mr. Sedillo:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your May 4 letter to the President in which you were joined by several of your colleagues in expressing concern over reports of a new campaign of repression against Soviet Jews, and urging that the President use all diplomatic channels to protest the campaign.

You may be assured that your letter will be called to the President's attention at the earliest opportunity, and it will also be shared with his foreign policy advisers.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

William F. Timmons
Assistant to the President

Honorable Herman Sedillo
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: w/inc. to Dr. Kissinger - for further action.

WFT:EF:MVM

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DEMOCRATIC STEERING COMMITTEE

May 4, 1972

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

Dear Mr. President:

While American diplomats have been negotiating the details for your forthcoming trip to Moscow, the Soviet Secret Police has been making its own preparations: It has embarked on a new campaign of terror and repression against Soviet Jews.

Specifically, it is sweeping the streets of any Jews who might try to draw attention to their plight during your visit -- activists have been drafted into the army although they have already served; Jews, including pregnant women, attempting to attend synagogue have been brutally beaten and arrested -- all in attempt to frighten the Jews into silence.

We urge you to protest the use of your trip to launch this campaign. We urge you to use all diplomatic channels to express your extreme displeasure at this brutal repression.

We the undersigned deeply appreciate
your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Yps.

Herman Badillo
HERMAN BADILLO

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May 1, 1972

Dear Mr. Badillo:

This is in further response to your March 21 letter to the President concerning the water and sewer grant programs of the Farmers Home Administration.

The President's 1973 budget for FHA proposed a grant program of \$42 million and a loan program of \$300 million for FY 1972, an increase in the total for grants and loans of about \$150 million over the 1970 level. The 1972-1973 level is the highest in the history of the Farmers Home Administration sewer and water program. These expanded loan and grant programs together with the funding under the HUD, BDA, and sharply increased EPA programs (\$2,362 million for 1972 as compared with \$664 million in 1970) provide substantially increased resources for rural sewer and water facilities.

In addition to the above, this Administration has submitted general and special revenue-sharing proposals to the Congress which upon enactment will make additional resources available to State and local governments which could be used to help finance the construction of needed rural sewer and water facilities.

For the foregoing reasons, there are no plans at this time to increase the 1972 program level of \$42 million for Farmers Home Administration sewer and water grants.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

Richard K. Cook
Deputy Assistant
to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

RKC:OMB:EF:ki

bcc to Bill Gifford - FYI
bcc to Ron Landis (OMB) - FYI

April 6, 1972

Dear Mr. Badillo:

In Bill Timmons' absence, I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your April 5 telegram to the President, in which you and several of your colleagues expressed concern about the war in Vietnam.

You may be assured that your views will be called to the attention of the President at the earliest opportunity.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

Richard K. Cook
Deputy Assistant
to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc w/inc to Dr. Kissinger -for appropriate handling

RKC:EF:rm



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

APR 10 1972

IN REPLY REFER TO:

APR 7 - 1972

Dear Mr. Badillo:

This is in further response to your letter of March 2 regarding the proposed trans-Alaska pipeline.

The final environmental impact statement was made public and delivered to the Council on Environmental Quality on March 20. No action will be taken on the pipeline right-of-way application for at least 45 days from that date. During this period we intend to confer with others both inside and outside government before reaching a decision.

The Department conducted hearings on the trans-Alaska pipeline during August 1969 in Fairbanks, Alaska, and February 1971 in Washington, D. C., and Anchorage, Alaska. Additionally, Department spokesmen have testified at six pipeline-related Congressional hearings during October and November 1969. The published record from the February 1971 hearings exceeds 10,000 pages. Because of the scope and volume of this public expression, additional hearings are not planned.

The enclosed press release explains the history of the environmental impact statement and the efforts that have gone into its preparation.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) W. T. Pecora

Acting Secretary of the Interior

Hon. Herman Badillo
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Enclosure

cc: William E. Timmons

April 3, 1972

Dear Mr. Badillo:

In Bill Timmons' absence, I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your letter to the President, in which you were joined by several of your colleagues in urging the President to increase his budget request and ask for full funding to the highest authorization level of Title 1 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

You may be assured that your letter will be called to the attention of the President and those who advise him on budgetary matters.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Richard K. Cook
Deputy Assistant
to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

bcc w/inc to Bill Gifford - for further action
bcc w/inc to Ed Morgan - FYI

RKC:EF:dac

March 27, 1972

Dear Mr. Badillo:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your March 21 letter to the President, in which you were joined by several of your colleagues in urging that funds be released for expenditure in Fiscal Year 1972 which were appropriated for the rural water and sewer facilities program operated by the Farmers Home Administration.

Your letter will be brought to the attention of the President as soon as possible. It has as well been referred to appropriate staff members, and you may expect to hear further in this regard.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Assistant to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

bcc w/inc to Bill Gifford - for further draft reply

WET:MCF:EF:dac

March 6, 1972

Dear Mr. Badillo:

Thank you for your March 2 letter to the President urging that public hearings be held on the revised environmental impact statement on the proposed trans-Alaska oil pipeline.

As you may know, extensive public hearings were held prior to the drafting of the original statement. I will be pleased to make inquiry to determine whether additional hearings on the revised statement are contemplated.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Assistant to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

bcc: w/inc to Jack Horton, Deputy Under Secretary of the Interior, for further DIRECT REPLY, with a copy to this office, please.

WET:VO;jlh

March 6, 1972

Dear Congressman Badillo:

This is in further reply to your letter of February 3 to the President in which you and a number of your colleagues joined in expressing your concern over the tragic situation in Northern Ireland.

We share the concern of the many Americans and others who are disturbed over the conflict in Northern Ireland. From the time of the outbreak of civil disturbances in 1969 until the end of 1971, some 205 deaths were officially recorded. More deaths have occurred since January 1, and the whole world was shocked at the events in Londonderry on January 30. Most functions of government in Northern Ireland, such as public works and social welfare services, have been seriously obstructed. Over 1,000 persons suspected of terrorism have been interned for varying periods of time, but the security situation does not seem to have improved.

President Nixon discussed the Northern Ireland situation with Prime Minister Heath at Bermuda in December. In January, Secretary Rogers discussed the situation with Irish Foreign Minister Hillery and British Ambassador Lord Cromer in Washington. The Secretary expressed our deep concern and said that "if we can play a useful role, and the parties concerned feel it is possible for us to play a useful role, then we would naturally consider it." He also pointed out the complexities of the situation and said that it would be "both inappropriate and counter-productive for the United States to attempt to intervene in any way in the area."

In regard to the United Nations, Irish Foreign Minister Hillery has made it clear that his Government does not intend to seek any action by the United Nations at this

time. His Government recognizes that it would not be possible to achieve anything at the United Nations in opposition to the British, and the British have told UN Secretary General Waldheim that they consider the matter an internal affair and not a matter under UN cognizance. Thus it would not be appropriate for the US Government to raise the matter at the United Nations if neither of the parties directly concerned wish to have it raised.

We believe that any solution of this difficult, complicated, tragic situation can be worked out only by the parties involved. We are hopeful that the British and Irish Governments will continue to consult with each other in the search for a solution which will put Northern Ireland on the road to peace with justice.

Sincerely,

Richard K. Cook
Deputy Assistant
to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

DKC:EF:nm

February 8, 1972

Dear Mr. Badillo:

I would like to thank you for writing to the President concerning Negro History Week which will be observed during the week of February 14.

I have been informed that this observance is under the auspices of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. Annually, the Association contacts the State Governors and officials of local governments requesting that a proclamation be issued to mark Negro History Week. There has been no Presidential proclamation at any time since its inception in 1926. In connection with the observance of Negro History Week in 1971, a group of Negro publishers and authors called on the President to present a number of books for the White House Library.

As you may know, it is not customary, except in unusual circumstances, for the President to issue a proclamation setting aside a particular period for special observance unless authorized to do so by the Congress. I am told that there is no record of such a resolution regarding a Negro History Week having been adopted by the Congress. Should such action be taken by the Congress with respect to such an observance, the matter would, of course, receive most careful attention.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Assistant to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to Bob Brown - FYI
1st para. - input from Wm. Blair

WET:EF:VO:vo

February 8, 1972

Dear Congressman:

I would like to thank you for your January 27 letter to the President, in which you were joined by several of your New York colleagues in urging that Dr. Milton Halpern receive a Presidential Medal of Freedom in recognition of his outstanding work in the area of forensic medicine.

I will be pleased to pass along your suggestion for consideration by the White House staff members who review and evaluate the backgrounds of persons who have been recommended to receive the Medal.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

William A. Timmons
Assistant to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20513

bcc: w/inc to Ray Price - for further ACTION
bcc: w/inc to Eliska Hasek - for consideration
of message on the occasion of his birthday (in
coordination with Ray Price's possible action)

WET:EF:kmt

February 10, 1972

Dear Mr. Badillo:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your February 8 letter to the President, in which you were joined by several of your colleagues in expressing concern about the situation in Northern Ireland and urging that the United States take steps to help resolve the conflict.

You may be assured that your concern and suggestions will be called to the attention of the President and his advisers on foreign affairs at the earliest opportunity.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Assistant to the President

Honorable Herman Badillo
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

bcc w/inc to Dr. Kissinger - for further reply

WET:EF:ki