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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANNE WEXLER

SUBJECT: Follow-up Letters to Persons Who Attended SALT Briefings in the White House

Your meetings with national leaders on SALT have been well-received and generated enthusiasm. To build on this, we recommend sending the attached letter to the briefing attendees except those with whom you will be following up personally. The letter is intended to move the recipients toward written support of SALT.

_____ Approve (Send letter)

_____ Disapprove

Rich --

As edited... however, if a presidential is used to write them, then their should not be a presidential "thank you": if this in the case, letter writing mean can be sent over another signature or behalf of President, with Presidential thank you.
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

5/29/79

TO: ANNE WEXLER
FROM: RICK HUTCHESON

No need for the President to personally clear the follow-up letter to those who attended the SALT briefing. Susan Clough has edited the letter slightly.

Thanks.
To

I was pleased to be able to thank you for meeting with me on the Strategic Arms Limitation agreement, and appreciated the opportunity to discuss the issues involved.

As the national discussion of SALT begins, I would be interested in both your comments on the briefing and your views on the agreement. Having your opinion on these matters will be helpful to me in the weeks ahead.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
FOR ACTION:

Bernie Aronson

FOR INFORMATION:

Brzezinski
Moore

FROM: Rick Hutcheson, Staff Secretary

SUBJECT: Wexler re Follow-up letters to those attending SALT Briefing

TO:

Wexler

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE STAFF SECRETARY BY:

TIME: 9:00 am
DAY: Wednesday
DATE: May 30

ACTION REQUESTED:

X Your comments

Other:

STAFF RESPONSE:

___ I concur. ___ No comment.

Please note other comments below:

PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately. (Telephone 7052)
MEMORANDUM

Date: May 27, 1979

FOR ACTION: 

✓ Bernie Aronson

FOR INFORMATION:

Brzezinski
Moore

FROM: Rick Hutcheson, Staff Secretary

SUBJECT: Wexler re Follow-up letters to those attending SALT Briefing

ACTION REQUESTED:

X Your comments

Other:

STAFF RESPONSE:

_____ I concur. _____ No comment.

Please note other comments below:

[Signature]

5/29/79

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 25, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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_____ Approve (Send letter)

_____ Disapprove
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DRAFT
5/25/79

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I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
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Zbig said he had talked to Anne Wexler.... and he has urged her that this be "signed by the Secretary of State so as to not dissipate the capital of the President.

For most people getting a message from the Secretary of State is a big deal anyway."

Anne still thinks you should sign it.... that it would take two weeks to get it cleared through the State Department.

She thinks Brzezinski is confused because he thought it was to be a letter and not a telegram, which she thinks then should be signed by you. That if you think Cy should sign it, obviously a call would expedite the two-week delay.

--ssc
6/9

Susan

This is the text of the Panama Canal Mailgram. Dr. Bezentski also has a copy—Anne would like for you to take a look at it and make any changes—

Thanks—

Joe Norton
Dear

Because of your interest in the Panama Canal Treaties last year, I want to make you aware of the status of the implementing legislation presently being considered by the House of Representatives. As you know, ratification of the Treaties insured that the United States would continue to operate the Canal until the end of the century, with the right to defend it permanently.

Next week the House of Representatives will probably vote on legislation (H.R. 111) designed to implement the terms of the Treaties. Unfortunately, some of those who opposed the Treaties believe mistakenly that by amending the implementing legislation, they can rewrite the terms of the Treaties. They believe they can somehow delay or derail the Treaties, and that the United States can then continue to operate the Canal as it does today.

This is a delusion. The Treaties are an international obligation and a part of our law. The effective date of the Treaties is October 1. **Time is running out.** The failure to adopt H.R. 111 by the passage of amendments making it unworkable could cause grave national and international disruptions.
With effective legislation, the defense of the Canal and its efficient and safe use by our shippers will be assured.

Without effective legislation we run the risk of a closed Canal, of prejudicing its security by reviving Panamanian animosities, and of impairing the credibility of our pledged word throughout the Western Hemisphere. In effect, the proposed amendments would repudiate the treaties and risk the loss of all our legal rights to operate the Canal and to maintain forces in Panama after October 1. Moreover, this could jeopardize thousands of jobs in Atlantic and Gulf Coast ports, and interrupt the daily flow of one-half million barrels of Alaska North Slope oil bound for the oil-dependent Northeast.

Opposition to the legislation, like opposition to the Treaties last year, is organized and active. The need for manifestations of support is pressing. I urge you to express your support of H.R. 111, without amendments, this week.

It is imperative that Congress adopt legislation which honors our commitments and insures the defense and effective operation of the Panama Canal.