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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 25, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

ANNE WEXLER *AW*

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 invite Neem, Neem then should  
not be a presidential "thank you". If this  
is the case, letter inviting Neem can be  
sent over another signature on behalf of  
President, with Presidential thank you.*

*M*

*Red*

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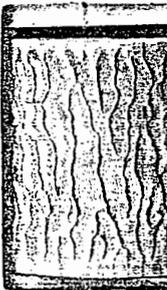
5/29/79

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.



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DRAFT  
5/25/79

To

*I was pleased to be able to*  
~~Thank you for~~ meeting with <sup>you</sup> me on the Strategic  
Arms Limitation agreement, ~~and~~ appreciated this  
opportunity to discuss the issues involved.

*(debate)*  
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,

Date: May 27, 1979

MEMORANDUM

## 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:

 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)

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I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

return to Amp

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Pres telegram

not approved by

Pres

I called

	FOR STAFFING
	FOR INFORMATION
	FROM PRESIDENT'S OUTBOX
	LOG IN/TO PRESIDENT TODAY
	IMMEDIATE TURNAROUND
	NO DEADLINE
	LAST DAY FOR ACTION

FOR ACTION  
FYI

	VICE PRESIDENT
	JORDAN
	EIZENSTAT
	KRAFT
	LIPSHUTZ
	MOORE
	POWELL
	RAFSHOON
	WATSON
	WEXLER
	BRZEZINSKI
	MCINTYRE
	SCHULTZE
	ADAMS
	ANDRUS
	BELL
	BERGLAND
	BLUMENTHAL
	BROWN
	CALIFANO
	HARRIS
	KREPS
	MARSHALL
	SCHLESINGER
	STRAUSS
	VANCE

	ARONSON
	BUTLER
	H. CARTER
	CLOUGH
	CRUIKSHANK
	FIRST LADY
	HARDEN
	HERNANDEZ
	HUTCHESON
	KAHN
	LINDER
	MARTIN
	MILLER
	MOE
	PETERSON
	PETTIGREW
	PRESS
	SANDERS
	WARREN
	WEDDINGTON
	WISE
	VOORDE
	ADMIN. CONFIDEN.
	CONFIDENTIAL
	SECRET
	EYES ONLY

J

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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."

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Anne still thinks you should ~~←~~ no 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

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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Susan

This is the text of  
the Panama Canal  
mailgram. Dr Brezinski  
also has a copy -  
Anne would like for  
you to take a  
look at it and  
make any changes -  
Thanks -

Joe Norton  
2 w

Dear :

Because of your interest in the Panama Canal Treaties last year, I <sup>want you to know</sup> ~~want to make you aware of~~ the status of the implementing legislation <sup>presently</sup> ~~presently~~ being considered by the House of Representatives. ~~As you know,~~ <sup>As</sup> ratification of the Treaties <sup>has</sup> ~~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 <sup>most likely</sup> 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. ✓

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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. <sup>e</sup> In effect, the proposed amendments would repudiate the <sup>T</sup>reaties and <sup>therefore</sup> ~~thus~~ risk the loss of all our legal rights to operate the Canal and to maintain forces in Panama after October 1. <sup>T</sup> Moreover, <sup>T</sup> 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 <sup>visible</sup> ~~manifestations of~~ support is pressing. I urge you to express your support of H.R. 111, without amendments, this week.

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