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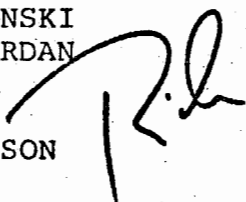
MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

19 May 1978

TO: ZBIG BRZEZINSKI  
HAMILTON JORDAN  
ANNE WEXLER

FROM: RICK HUTCHESON 

SUBJECT: Your Memo, "Human Rights --  
A Rostropovich Concert"

Madeline MacBean has informed my office that Rostropovich and his wife have been scheduled for a White House concert on September 17. If you would like to have the concert scheduled at an earlier date, I suggest you contact Madeline.

cc: Madeline MacBean

MEMORANDUM

## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI  
HAMILTON JORDAN *H.S.*  
ANNE WEXLER *AW*

SUBJECT: Human Rights -- A Rostropovich Concert

Mstislav Rostropovich, the conductor of the National Symphony, and his wife, Galina, are back in the US for the first time since the Russians took away their citizenship. We think it would be most appropriate to invite them to give a concert in the White House at the earliest opportunity.

Their appearance would not only honor two great artists and brave human beings, but would be an important signal that US human rights concerns vis-a-vis the Soviet Union are still very much alive.

Last week, George Meany, Lane Kirkland, and Jerry Wurf gave a small reception in honor of Rostropovich and his wife. They spoke of the couple as symbols of the fight for human rights. At that time, Rostropovich told Anne Wexler that he wanted to make himself available in any way that would further your human rights campaign.

Politically, such a concert would be very useful with the Jackson-Moynihan wing of the Party, and in the broader sense would have great appeal for a number of Eastern European ethnic groups. On the other hand, the concert will be noted in Moscow and would in all likelihood affect the tone of our bilateral relations for a period of time. When a Soviet delegation was here a few months ago, its members declined to attend a Kennedy Center concert where Rostropovich was conducting.

On balance, we believe that the advantages -- particularly the value of a visible symbol of Administration concern for violations of human rights in the Soviet Union -- clearly outweigh the risks, and recommend that you approve the scheduling of this event.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve the scheduling of a White House concert by Rostropovich and his wife in the immediate future.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

DISAPPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

DATE: 18 MAY 78

FOR ACTION: THE FIRST LADY

FRAN VOORDE

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INFO ONLY:

SUBJECT: JORDAN WEXLER BRZEZINSKI MEMO RE HUMAN RIGHTS -- A  
ROSTROPOVICH CONCERT

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+ RESPONSE DUE TO RICK HUTCHESON STAFF SECRETARY (456-7052) +  
+ BY: 1000 AM SATURDAY 20 MAY 78 +  
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ACTION REQUESTED:

STAFF RESPONSE: ( ) I CONCUR. ( ) NO COMMENT. ( ) HOLD.

PLEASE NOTE OTHER COMMENTS BELOW: