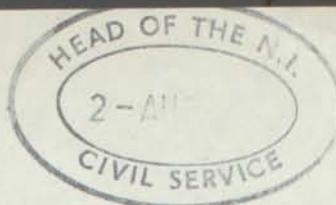


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MARTIN GALVIN, PETITION FROM CONGRESSMAN BIAGGI AND OTHERS

Thank you for your note of 1 August to which you attached a copy of the letter of 17 July to the Secretary of State from Congressman Biaggi and others asking that the exclusion order against Martin Galvin should be rescinded. You asked for advice on how the Secretary of State might respond.

2. I do not think that the Secretary of State, or indeed the Home Secretary, should get involved in direct correspondence with Congressman Biaggi on this matter. The normal procedure for letters from Congressmen and others is that a reply is sent on the Government's behalf by the Ambassador, or senior member of his staff. I suggest that we stick to protocol on this occasion. I see no advantage in the Government trying to respond quickly. To do so would only risk fuelling publicity during the period of the NORAID visit.

3. If the Secretary of State agrees, I suggest that we and the Home Office prepare a reply, which, once submitted to Ministers, we will ask the Embassy to send on behalf of the Government. In the normal course, this is unlikely to be ready until after the NORAID visit, and will therefore be unable to take account of the political climate at that time.

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1 August 1985