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Religion / NSC meeting 9/4/96

Comte advising Secy of State  
chaired by Asst Secy for Dem, Human  
Rts, Lbr.

Reports to go to President.

FOIA applies -  
notices / info open to  
public etc.

Complaints re

- INS policies - Christians being persecuted at back of ~~line~~ line

- reporting of rel. persec by St Dept.

(no distinc made re  
denominations)

↓  
- ask for specific cases to be  
looked into

Steve McF - Problem: St Dept reports re (earring: no prob)  
relied on to reject requests for asylum - no  
persecution here!

May letter to Pres - comte not enuf.

Need connect - to INS.

Pres has never made any public stmts

RS - Rollout of comte - w/ pres stmt

Educate delegations of trade + business people w/r/t these  
issues.



# Center for Law and Religious Freedom

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Ms. Baerbel Houck, National Security Council  
Cc: Elena Kagan, Esq., White House Ofc Of Legal Counsel  
Fr: Steve McFarland  
Dt: August 30, 1996  
Re: Invitees To Sept 4 Meeting with Hon. R. Shifter, et al

Christian Legal Society is grateful to Elena and Ambassador Shifter for making time to hear our concerns for persecuted Christian communities abroad and to share NSC's perspective on how best to alleviate this crisis.

### List Of Invitees (Birthdates):

Steven T. McFarland, Christian Legal Society (5/11/55)  
Marc D. Stern, American Jewish Congress (12/6/50)  
Mark J. Pelavin, Union Of American Hebrew Congregations (10/2/61)  
Dr. Richard D. Land, Christian Life Comm'n, Southern Baptist Convention (11/6/46)  
Forest D. Montgomery (2/20/30) and Rev. Richard C. Cizik (9/1/51), National Association Of Evangelicals  
Rev. Oliver S. Thomas, National Council of the Churches of Christ (1/25/55)  
Father Andrew J. Christiansen, Office of Int'l Justice And Peace, U.S. Catholic Conference (2/20/45)  
Samuel E. Ericsson (9/4/44), Advocates Int'l

Unless notified otherwise, we will assume the meeting will be held in Room 476, Old Executive Office Building.

Thank you again for agreeing to address our concerns.

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**TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM**

DATE: August 30, 1996  
TO: Ms. Baerbel Houck, NSC  
Elena Kagan, Esq., W/H OLC  
FAX NUMBER: (202) 456-9100; (202) 456-1647  
FROM: Steven T. McFarland  
RE: Attendees List, Meeting w/ R. Shifter 9/4/96

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- As discussed.
- For your review and comment.
- For your information. No response needed.
- Please sign and return to this office.
- Other: Please confirm room location. Thank you.

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Tele con Steve McFarlane

Smith v. FEHC

4-3 cal SCT.

Bel. lady - unmarried couple.

RFRA - not triggered - bec she can

take to another business

x move to another state

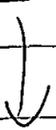
→ 4th RFRA inconst.

Utterly sure RFRA.

→ / DOJ - not entitled bec no maj opinion  
just sit on hands?!

Brief - may differ as to whether lady wife.

Part RFRA /



Done -

What wh

w/ State's br. in oppos

SG - could get extension

PRC -

AHCamp. /

Alan Krečko

Why MFN status why a diff

in condition of house church mtg.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 22, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD SCHIFTER  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
AND COUNSELOR, NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

FROM: STEPHEN R. NEUWIRTH *SN*  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS IN CHINA

I today received the attached letter from the Christian Legal Society (CLS) concerning religious persecution of Christians in China. I would appreciate your guidance on the appropriate way to respond to this letter.

The Administration has a positive and constructive relationship with CLS. Steve McFarland, Director of CLS' Center for Law and Religious Freedom, has played an important role in helping a diverse coalition of religious groups work with the Administration to find common ground on a number of difficult issues relating to religion.

cc: Eric Schwartz  
Alan Kreczko

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**TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM**

DATE: May 31, 1996  
TO: Stephen Neuwirth, Associate Counsel  
Office of Legal Counsel  
FAX NUMBER: 202-456-1647  
FROM: Steven T. McFarland  
RE: Human Rights Violations

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- X   For your review and comment.
- \_\_\_\_\_ For your information. No response needed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Please sign and return to this office.
- X   Other: Will the President intervene in these human rights violations? STM

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*for Steve Neimith*

Dear Steve:

Let me start out by giving you a purely technical answer to your question about most-favored-nation status for China. It is that the Jackson-Vanik amendment to the Trade Act of 1974 provides for the withholding of MFN-status from nonmarket economy countries only if they restrict the right to emigration. There is thus no legal mandate to withhold MFN-status on grounds other than those involving restrictions on emigration. It is true, however, that the Congress, once it votes on a waiver, can vote against it without specifying any reason.

But there is also a substantive answer. This Administration, like other Administrations before it, has reached the conclusion that withholding MFN will not improve human rights conditions in China in general and respect for religious freedom in particular. Although the withholding of MFN will have a significant impact on certain aspects of the Chinese economy, it will not be so serious as to bring about a policy change for the better. On the contrary, it might cause the leadership to tighten its grip further. Beyond that, by "turning up the heat" we might do serious damage to a relationship which we need on such vital national security concerns as the prevention of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, particularly of nuclear weapons. When we are dealing with a country of the size of China, these security concerns must be kept well in mind.

Regarding Ambassador Sasser, I am quite certain that he is well briefed on the issue of the lack of religious freedom in China and that he is well familiar with the problems faced by Evangelical Christians. From what you tell me, it may very well be that he did not know the term "House Church." But that does not mean that he is unfamiliar with the absence in China of freedom of religion for all faiths and the special impact which that state of affairs has on Christians.

I suggest we get together to discuss this matter in further detail.

NBC mtg on religion 8/23/96

Add: Need Hispanic bishop? New Mex Archbishop Ramirez  
Alternate → Also no Asian - Bette Bao Lord?  
Fridelle Spiegel - instead of Post

Rollout - with announcement  
Not President, probably.  
Have to do in early September (?)

\*  
Ch w/ Kawahara/Kawallman  
Assuming St Dept Com'n  
announced here  
Do we need to vet?

## Time Line

<u>Days</u>	<u>Activity</u>
4	Internal State approval of proposed candidates.
3	State/NSC contact candidates before invitations are issued.
2	Secretary extends written invitations and provides forms.
4	Proposed candidates return forms.
5	Potential members' forms reviewed by Diplomatic Security.
2	State submits announcement to Federal Register.
15*	WAITING PERIOD (Usually 15 days) + Misc. Final Vetting * May be waved in whole or part.
3	State files charter with relevant Congressional Committees.
-	Proposed White House event and first meeting of Committee.
-	State prepares Burns/Sens Memo proposing White House event.

38 Days (23 Days if Waiting Period waved)

### Danger Dates

Sept. 14-20 - Bosnian Elections and results  
Sept. 29 - Evangelical Day

### Target Dates

Sept. 30 - FY96 Money Reporting Deadline  
Oct. 2 - Next Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast (possible announcement)  
Oct. 15 - FY96 Spending deadline

Kezemzidah → Ellis

→ Post

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