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May 19, 1995

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MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: COIT D. BLACKER

FROM: SHEILA N. HESLIN

SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to Azerbaijani President Aliyev

Attached are two Presidential letters to Azerbaijani President Aliyev, congratulating him on their nation's independence day and emphasizing U.S. support for Azerbaijan's sovereignty and territorial integrity. The first could be released to the public. The second, is a private message urging Aliyev to take steps toward peace, informing him of our support on Caspian oil development, and encouraging him to keep his commitment to hold parliamentary elections this fall.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached memorandum to the President.

Attachments

- Tab I Memorandum to the President
 - Tab A Public Letter to Azerbaijani President Aliyev
 - Tab B Private Letter to Azerbaijani President Aliyev
- Tab II Incoming

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E.O. 13526, Sec. 3.5 (b)
White House Guidelines, September 11, 2006
By 12 NARA, Date 2/4/2020
2017-0470- M

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WASHINGTON

May 20, 1995

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

ANTHONY LAKE 

SUBJECT:

Letter to Azerbaijani President Aliyev

Purpose

To have Secretary of Energy Hazel O'Leary hand deliver a letter to Azerbaijani President Aliyev during her visit in Baku.

Background

Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary will be meeting with Azerbaijani President Aliyev in Baku next week and has offered to hand deliver a message to President Aliyev at that time. Your letter to President Aliyev congratulates him on Azerbaijan's national independence day and emphasize U.S. support for Azerbaijan's sovereignty and territorial integrity. You underscore the potential for joint commercial cooperation in Caspian Sea energy development, the need for further progress on a settlement of the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh and the importance of free and fair parliamentary elections next fall.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tabs A.

Attachment

Tab A Letter to Azerbaijani President Aliyev

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. President:

I want to extend my warm congratulations to you and to the people of Azerbaijan as you celebrate your national independence day on May 28. For more than seventy-five years, this day has been a symbol of the determination of the Azerbaijani people to build an independent, sovereign state.

The United States remains committed to Azerbaijan's independence and territorial integrity. We will continue to assist your efforts to build Azerbaijan's sovereignty and prosperity over the long term through expanding American-Azerbaijani cooperation across the full range of our relations. Today, I want to touch on three issues: support for a lasting peace settlement, development of Caspian Basin energy, and progress on market reform and democratic elections.

A lasting peace settlement is key to a secure and stable Azerbaijan. I continue to be deeply concerned about the costly conflict surrounding Nagorno-Karabakh. After more than a year, the cease-fire continues to hold but remains fragile. The positive, unilateral actions recently taken by both sides are a welcome development, but more must be done to build confidence between both sides. Greater dialogue and practical cooperation between Armenia and Azerbaijan are needed on the way to a political settlement. For instance, progress toward opening land corridors between Turkey, Armenia and Azerbaijan could help facilitate dialogue and cooperation between your peoples. That would build confidence on both sides. The United States will continue to support OSCE efforts to promote a negotiated peace and to back a settlement with a multinational peacekeeping force.

We place priority on the successful development of Caspian Basin oil because it is key to Azerbaijan's development as a fully sovereign and prosperous state, it involves multi-billion dollar U.S. commercial interests, and it represents an important new source of oil for global energy needs into the twenty-first century. The United States will work actively with Azerbaijan, other governments in the region, the international financial institutions, and private companies to support the development and export of the Caspian Sea's vast energy reserves. Over the

next several months, it will be important to ensure that early oil can be exported reliably and economically to the West. That will provide a basis for financing the construction of multiple pipelines from the region, including a pipeline through the Caucasus to Turkey. Equally important, we will support efforts by the littoral states to reach agreement on a division of the Caspian that is consistent with international standards and promotes the rapid, environmentally-sound development and export of Caspian oil.

Strong democratic practices and a market-oriented economy are the third fundamental key to Azerbaijan's future prosperity and stability. I have watched with concern the internal political turmoil that has plagued Azerbaijan since 1992. As we have discussed previously, political stability in Azerbaijan can only be built on the foundation of pluralism and democratic institutions. In the run-up to the Parliamentary elections that you plan for this Fall, I encourage you to do all in your power to ensure that all political parties in Azerbaijan are allowed to gather and have access to the media. I want to assure you that the United States stands ready to provide support to Azerbaijan to ensure that your elections are free and fair.

I look forward to seeing you and continuing our dialogue. On behalf of the American people, I wish the Azerbaijani people a joyous celebration and a future of lasting peace and prosperity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

His Excellency Heydar Aliyev
President of the Republic of
Azerbaijan
Baku.



Washington, D.C. 20520

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May 12, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR ANDREW D. SENS
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Subject: National Day Message from President Clinton to
Azerbaijani President Aliyev

Attached is a draft letter from President Clinton to Azerbaijani President Aliyev for Azerbaijan's National Independence Day. The letter focuses on three important bilateral issues: U.S. support for concrete steps on democratic development and protection of human rights, U.S. support for U.S.-Azerbaijani cooperation in Azerbaijan's oil development, and U.S. encouragement for progress in the Nagorno-Karabakh peace negotiations. We have been engaging in regular dialogue with the government on these three issues and believe that a message from the President will reinforce our position to the Azerbaijani leader.

Department of Energy Secretary O'Leary will travel to Baku at the end of May, and we propose that in her meeting with President Aliyev she deliver the President's letter to President Aliyev. We request that a signed original be passed to Secretary O'Leary's Special Assistant, Bob Berls, by Thursday, May 18, or, alternatively, to the Department of State's EUR/CASA office, which has an officer traveling to Baku in conjunction with Secretary O'Leary's trip. They will ensure that Secretary O'Leary receives the letter in time for her meeting with President Aliyev.


Kenneth C. Brill
Executive Secretary

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DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL LETTER

Dear Mr. President:

I want to extend my warm congratulations to you and the people of Azerbaijan as you celebrate your national independence day.

May 28, 1918, is a symbol of the Azerbaijani people's determination to build for themselves a secure, independent state, and today's generation continues that building process. The United States remains committed to supporting Azerbaijan's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

We are also committed to encouraging the development of economic and political reform in Azerbaijan. I watched with concern the internal political turmoil that has plagued Azerbaijan since 1992. These events can only weaken the Azerbaijani state. As we stated in our previous discussions, political stability in Azerbaijan can only be built on the foundation of democratic institutions. As part of that process, it is important that political parties in Azerbaijan be allowed to gather and to have access to the media. Political pluralism and the open competition of ideas is critical to Azerbaijan's transition to a stable democratic state. I hope that you will personally ensure that your government acts on the promises it has made with regard to democracy and human rights.

His Excellency,

Heydar Aliyev,

President of the Republic of Azerbaijan,

Baku.

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I fully support the involvement of U.S. oil companies in helping Azerbaijan develop its vast oil resources. This cooperation will lead to economic success and will open doors to further collaboration in other commercial areas. It will have additional payoffs for Azerbaijan, as Western oil exports help integrate the country with the international community.

I am pleased that you have agreed to the deployment of a personal representative of the OSCE's Chairman-in-Office, who will work to promote peace in the region. I also welcome Azerbaijan's recent release of Armenian civilian detainees. It is positive, unilateral steps such as these that are testaments to Azerbaijan's commitment to a peaceful resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. There are many difficult hurdles ahead of the conflicting parties, but we will continue to work with you within the Minsk Group to help bring a lasting peace to the Caucasus region. We look forward to continuing our dialogue with you on these and other areas of mutual interest.

On behalf of the American people, I wish the Azerbaijani people a joyous celebration and a future filled with peace and prosperity.

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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WASHINGTON

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That you sign the letter at Tab A and ~~B~~

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Tab A ~~Public~~ Letter to Azerbaijani President Aliyev
Tab B ~~Private Letter to Azerbaijani President Aliyev~~

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White House Guidelines, September 11, 2006
By VL NARA, Date 2/4/2010
7-17-0970-111

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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By VR NARA, Date 2/4/2020
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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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The United States remains committed to Azerbaijan's independence and territorial integrity. We will continue to assist your efforts to build Azerbaijan's sovereignty and prosperity over the long term through expanding American-Azerbaijani commercial cooperation in Caspian Sea oil development, support for a lasting peace settlement in Nagorno-Karabakh and an ongoing bilateral dialogue on political and economic reform.

The United States views the development of Caspian Basin oil as a key element of this strategy because it is fundamental to Azerbaijan's growth as a fully sovereign state, involves multi-billion dollar U.S. commercial interests and represents an important new source of oil for global energy requirements into the twenty-first century. American-Azerbaijani commercial cooperation, symbolized in the multi-billion dollar Azerbaijani International Oil Consortium, will help support Azerbaijan's economic recovery and growth, speed its integration into the global economy and deepen the ties between our nations. My hope is this mutually beneficial cooperation will grow substantially.

But some obstacles do remain. I continue to be deeply concerned about the costly conflict surrounding Nagorno-Karabakh. After more than a year, the cease-fire remains fragile. Thus, I was very pleased to learn you agreed to the deployment of a personal representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, who will work to facilitate peace in the region. Likewise, I applaud the recent release of Armenian civilian detainees. These positive, unilateral actions will help build the confidence both parties need to move toward an overall political settlement. Still more must be done on both sides. Specifically land corridors could be opened between Turkey, Armenia and Azerbaijan to facilitate regional trade and recovery. I firmly believe peace can and will come to this troubled region and it will one day prosper. The

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United States, therefore, will continue to support OSCE efforts to promote a negotiated peace and to back a settlement with a multinational peacekeeping force.

Strong democratic practices and a market-oriented economy also will generate prosperity and maintain stability over the medium-term. I have watched with concern the internal political turmoil that has plagued Azerbaijan since 1992. As we have discussed previously, political stability in Azerbaijan can only be built on the foundation of pluralism and democratic institutions. In the run-up to the Parliamentary elections this Fall, I encourage you to do all in your power to ensure the elections are free and fair and that all political parties in Azerbaijan are allowed to gather and have access to the media.

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I am pleased that expanding American-Azerbaijani commercial cooperation, symbolized by the multi-billion dollar plans of the Azerbaijani International Operating Company, will help support Azerbaijan's economic recovery and growth, speed its integration into the global economy, and deepen ties between our nations. My hope is that this mutually beneficial cooperation will grow substantially.

Finally, I remain very interested in continuing our bilateral dialogue on democratization and market economic reform in Azerbaijan. As we have discussed, strong democratic practices and a market-oriented economy are fundamental to lasting prosperity and stability for all nations.

I look forward to seeing you and continuing our work in these critical areas. On behalf of the American people, I wish the Azerbaijani people a joyous celebration and a future of lasting peace and prosperity.

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