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### JACKSON-REAGAN EXCHANGE ON JACKSON-VANIK AMENDMENT

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Reagan-Bush Committee today released an exchange of letters between Senator Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) and Governor Reagan.

In his letter to Governor Reagan, Senator Jackson cited the current law on most-favored-nation treatment and expressed the hope that there be no weakening of the existing law either by amendment or interpretation.

Governor Reagan, in his reply to Senator Jackson, stated: "I have supported the legislation, now public law, known as the Jackson-Vanik Amendment. I believe that it was right and proper to link trade concessions to the Soviet Union with significant movement toward free emigration."

In a statement on "Jimmy Carter, Soviet Jewry, and Human Rights" -- also released today -- Governor Reagan pledged "to embrace a clear, unequivocal position so as to foster Soviet compliance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Helsinki Final Act, to which the Soviet Union is a signatory. These agreements assure an individual's right to unharassed freedom of religion, culture, and emigration."

The texts of the letters and statement are attached.

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