



# Intelligence Information Report

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COUNTRY USSR

SUBJECT [redacted] Concern Over Possible Trade Restrictions Because of US Congressional Attitudes/Concern Over Pro-War Attitude as seen in Heroes Welcome Given US Vietnam POW's

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1. In March 1973, [redacted] The meeting was only for something less than one hour so many subjects were covered in a hurried, superficial manner.
2. The main thrust of [redacted] questions centered around US/USSR trade. It is fairly safe to say that he was preoccupied with the subject and also concerned with matters that related to it. He talked at length about US Congressional attitude towards trading with the Soviets and US Congressional attitudes on the relationship between Soviet treatment of Jews and trade relations. He asked to be filled in as completely as possible on both of these subjects. He wanted to know what the probable outcome, from the Congressional standpoint, would be. [redacted] that the relationship between trade and exit permits for Jews was a matter of the greatest sensitivity in the USSR. He also said that the publication of the recent decree on the subject of exit visas was largely misinterpreted and that it had actually been issued to state the limits of what would be done in some cases. He was also extremely interested in US public reaction to the Jewish problem in the USSR and its current relationship to trade.
3. [redacted] expressed great interest in the heroes welcome afforded the returning prisoners of war from Vietnam. He wondered if the welcomings were indicative of a reversal of public attitudes about the war. He seemed to think that the current public attitude was very much in favor of the war.

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