

MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 85-146

WHEREAS, an increasing number of scenarios, including misjudgment, miscalculation, misunderstanding, possession of nuclear arms by terrorist groups or other nations could precipitate the risk of a nuclear confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union, situations that neither side anticipated, intended, or desired; and

WHEREAS, the current communication links represent equipment of the 1960's and as such are outdated and limited in their capabilities; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan, responding to Congressional initiatives, proposed the establishment of additional and improved communication links between the United States and the Soviet Union, and other measures to reduce the risk of nuclear confrontations, and has initiated discussions at a working level with the Soviet Union covering the following:

(a) The addition of a high-speed facsimile capability to the direct communication link (hotline).

(b) The creation of a joint military communication link between the United States Department of Defense and the Soviet Union Defense Ministry.

(c) The establishment by the governments of the United States and the Soviet Union of high-rate data communication links between each nation and its embassy in the other nation's capital; and

WHEREAS, United States Senators Sam Nunn (D-Georgia), John Warner (R-Virginia), and Bill Bradley (D-New Jersey) sponsored an amendment to the 1985 Department of Defense Authorization proposing the establishment of United States and Soviet Union Crisis Control Centers, which was adopted by the United States Senate by a vote of 82-0; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of crisis control centers in Washington and Moscow could reduce the risk of increased tensions and nuclear confront-

1 ations and accidental nuclear war, thereby enhancing the security of both the
2 United States and the Soviet Union; and

3 WHEREAS, these centers could serve a variety of functions including
4 the following:

5 (a) Discussing procedures to be followed in the event of possible
6 incidents involving the use of nuclear weapons by third parties;

7 (b) Maintaining close contact during nuclear threats or incidents
8 precipitated by third parties or subnational groups; and

9 WHEREAS, the establishment of crisis control centers would, by reducing
10 the risk of accidental nuclear war, promote the public health and safety of
11 every Californian, in each of our cities and counties; and

12 WHEREAS, the establishment of these United States and Soviet Union
13 Joint Crisis Control Centers is more likely to occur upon a showing of broad
14 public support for them;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mariposa County Board of
16 Supervisors, a political subdivision of the State of California, that it
17 commends the President for his announced support for these confidence-
18 building measures and for his initiation of negotiations which have occurred,
19 and urges the President to pursue negotiations of these measures with the
20 government of the Soviet Union, and to add to these negotiations the establish-
21 ment of crisis control centers in both nations; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mariposa County supports and endorses
23 the establishment of United States and Soviet Union Crisis Control Centers;
24 and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mariposa County Board of Supervisors
26 encourages the people of Mariposa County to enlist themselves, their families,
27 friends, neighbors, and colleagues in this endeavor to show the President and
28 Congress that there is broad public support for the establishment of crisis

1 control centers; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted
3 to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of
4 Representatives, and to Senators Alan Cranston and Pete Wilson and Represent-
5 ative Tony Coelho.

6 PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of May, 1985, by the Mariposa County
7 Board of Supervisors, by the following vote:

8 AYES: BARRICK, DALTON, ERICKSON, RADANOVICH, TABER

9 NOES: NONE


10 ABSENT: NONE

11 ABSTAINED: NONE

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BEVERLY BARRICK, Vice-Chairman
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

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ATTEST:

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GERALD MC CARTHY, County Clerk and
Ex Officio Clerk of the Board


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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY:

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JEFFREY G. GREEN, County Counsel

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