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Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 88 / 04 / 29

Name of Correspondent: Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Jerry Donaldson M.D.

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Subject: Protests U.S. policy regarding Israel's recent treatment of the Palestinians.

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ACTION CODES:

- A - Appropriate Action
- C - Comment/Recommendation
- D - Draft Response
- F - Furnish Fact Sheet to be used as Enclosure

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S/S# 8814490
DATE May 20, 1988

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

For: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan
FROM: Dr. Gregg C. Donaldson
DATE: April 24, 1988
SUBJECT: West Bank Disturbances

WH Referral Dated: May 5, 1988
NSC ID# (if any): 580062

 The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State

ACTION TAKEN:

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XXX information copy of a direct reply is attached
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 cited below
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 proposed travel
 Other (see remarks)

REMARKS:

Alinda L. Kennicott
for Director
Secretariat Staff

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T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

MAY 5, 1988

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 580062
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 24, 1988
TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN
FROM: DR. GREGG C. DONALDSON
POST OFFICE BOX 1016
AL AIN, ABU DHABI UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
SUBJECT: PROTESTS U.S. POLICY REGARDING ISRAELS
RECENT TREATMENT OF THE PALESTINIANS

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

MAY 20 1988

Dr. Gregg C. Donaldson
RD 1, Box 202
Buffalo Mills, Pennsylvania 15534

Dear Dr. Donaldson:

I am replying to your message to President Reagan concerning the disturbances in the West Bank and Gaza and U.S. policy toward Israel.

The United States has watched with profound concern the pattern of violence in the occupied territories which began in early December. We are deeply grieved by the loss of life and by the large number of people who have been wounded. Such events threaten the well-being of both Palestinians and Israelis and harm the prospects for a peaceful resolution of the forty-year-old Arab-Israeli conflict.

The absence of peace and the resulting twenty-one years of Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza have exacted a toll on the 1.5 million Palestinians in the territories and on the citizens of Israel as well. In the absence of a political agreement between the parties, the prevailing atmosphere has been one of mutual tension and mistrust. This environment has contributed to the recent violent protests by Palestinians and has prompted harsh security measures by Israeli authorities to restore order.

The United States has repeatedly urged both sides to adopt practices that avoid unnecessary confrontation and calm tensions. We oppose the use of lethal force and consider beatings and deportation to be counterproductive to the peace process and Arab-Israeli reconciliation. At the same time, we acknowledge the need for the preservation of public safety and believe that the Israelis have the right to seek the restoration of order in the occupied territories. We have taken a stance in the UN Security Council consistent with our overall assessment of the situation, while also noting that we do not believe that the Council should dwell repeatedly on the same issues.

The current unrest underscores the urgent need for movement in the Middle East peace process. In our view, direct negotiations based on UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, entered into and concluded by the parties to the conflict freely and without coercion, offer the best hope of ensuring security and recognition for Israel and realization of the legitimate rights of the Palestinians. We hope that a revitalized peace process will lead soon to a substantial change in conditions in the West Bank and Gaza.

A fundamental aspect of U.S. involvement in the peace process is our historic and moral commitment to the security of Israel. President Reagan emphasized in his September 1982 Middle East initiative that, in order for the peace process to succeed, the security and legitimacy of Israel must be assured. Our military and economic assistance reflects this U.S. commitment to Israel as a free and democratic state and helps to give Israel the confidence to move forward in the search for peace.

We hope that all the parties involved will regard the disturbances as a challenge to work harder on practical steps to bring about reconciliation, negotiations, and peace. We will continue to be involved and do our best to move the peace process forward.

I am sending the enclosed material in the belief that you will find it of interest.

Sincerely yours,



Charles E. Redman
Assistant Secretary
for Public Affairs and
Department Spokesman

Enclosure.

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DOS
President Ronald Reagan
Washington D.C.
United States of America

Gregg Donaldson, M.D. 8814490
RD 1 Box 202 580062
Buffalo Mills, Pa.
15534

Dear President Reagan:

April 24, 1988

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S. Kelley
Having lived now for the past 4½ years in the Middle East (Jordan and the United Arab Emirates), and having made many Christian and Muslim arab friends (including Christian and Muslim Palestinians), and having grown up in a predominantly Jewish suburb of Washington D.C. with some of my best friends being Jewish and pro-Israel, I believe I am speaking from a relatively well informed point of view.

I am ashamed that my government refuses to condemn publicly the way in which the Israeli government has chosen to try to bring the Palestinian uprising under control. By saying little against their methods and by vetoing U.N. Security Council resolutions condemning what most of the world has seen on their television screens, we are silently agreeing with their methods of brute force, intimidation, and harassment. I along with others watched arms being broken by rocks, olive trees owned by Palestinians and a world symbol of life and peace, being bulldozed down, and houses being blown up in reprisals. And let us not kid ourselves by saying...ahh but these are just isolated instances. They are not! When the Israeli government controls access to areas, not only to the press but to any outsiders, you know there is something to hide!

In the United States our criminal code convicts those that aid and abet others in the commission of a crime. The U.S. government stands to be convicted of the acts of the Israeli government because of our aid and refusal to stand up to the spoiled child. You know as well as I the Israeli government could not exist without U.S. economic and military aid. Thus the U.S. government, as an accomplice, helped commit the murder of Khalil Al Wazir, Abu Jihaad.

No matter what he had done in the past, he was not charged and brought to trial but murdered. The U.S. is further implicated by complicity in the invasion of a sovereign country by a commando force, without due process of law and without cause. The U.S. government, which includes you and I, is guilty by association. And I refuse to accept that guilt and so I must speak out!

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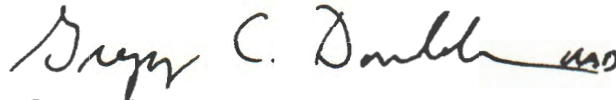
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A concerned citizen.

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Gregg C. Donaldson, M.D.

P.O. Box 1016

Al Ain, Abu Dhabi

United Arab Emirates

Until June 1, 1988

OASIS HOSPITAL
P. O. BOX: 1016
AL AIN-ABU DHABI
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The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

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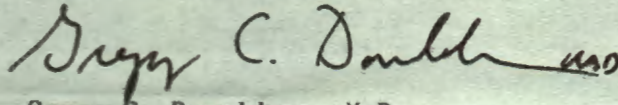
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A concerned citizen

George C. [Signature]

George C. [Name]

P.O. Box 1010

Albany, New York

United States Post Office

April 1, 1958

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8733189

Date NOV 25 1987

FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Reagan

From: Chaim Herzog

Date: November 16, 1987

Subject: Appreciation for Welcome Reception

WH Referral Dated: _____
NSC ID# (if any): _____

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Department of State.

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REMARKS: This letter is simply a thank-you letter and does not require a response.


Director
Secretariat Staff

NSC # 8708531

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S/S 8733189

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 18, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Grant S. Green
National Security Council Staff

SUBJECT : Alerting NSCS on Presidential
Correspondence

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Charles A. Jackson, Jr.
Director, S/S-I
Information Management Section
Executive Secretariat
647-3836

EMBASSY OF ISRAEL
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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November 16, 1987

My dear Mr. President,

I have been asked by President Chaim Herzog to transmit to you the following message:

"To: H. E. Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America

On our return to Israel from the historic first State Visit of the President of the State of Israel to the United States, I hasten to send you on behalf of Aura and myself our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the wonderful welcome accorded us and for a visit which will long live in our memories. The relations between the United States and Israel have been special ones, based as they are on human values and common principles, but you have succeeded in elevating them to new heights. I sincerely hope and pray that you will enable us to receive Mrs. Reagan and yourself in Israel so that you can feel at first hand the gratitude and appreciation of the nation.

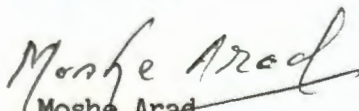
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In friendship,

(sd.)

Chaim Herzog
President of Israel

Sincerely,



Moshe Arad
Ambassador

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

EMBASSY OF ISRAEL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20008

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The President
The White House
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TO PRESIDENT

FROM HERZOG, CHAIM

DOCDATE 16 NOV 87

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KEYWORDS: ISRAEL

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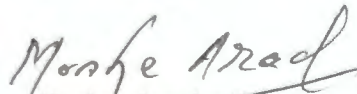
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 9, 1988

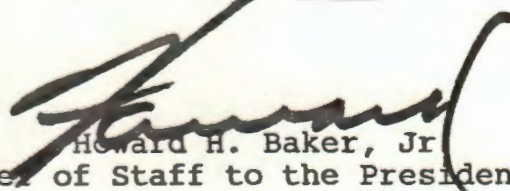
Dear Sam:

I have taken the liberty of passing your letter on to Secretary George Shultz and General Colin Powell.

I enjoyed our visit, although it was very brief. I especially appreciate your well thought out observations.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely



Howard H. Baker, Jr
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Samuel William Sax
Laventhol & Horwath
300 S. Riverside Plaza
Suite 1110
Chicago, IL 60606

HHB:nsw

regarding Israel and the Camp David accord

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 9, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY GEORGE SHULTZ
GENERAL COLIN POWELL

FROM: HOWARD H. BAKER, JR.

SUBJECT: Samuel Wm. Sax

Sammy Sax, from Chicago, is a prominent member of the Jewish community in that city. He passed along these thoughts to me which I thought might be useful.

Attachment

April 7, 1988

TO: Senator Howard Baker
Chief of Staff
WHITE HOUSE
Washington, D.C. 20500

FROM: Samuel Wm. Sax

Dear Howard:

Thank you for the time Thursday and the request for this note. The Arab-Israeli war is just that ... a war! The main point of my comments to you were that the perceived politics of the current round of diplomacy was confusing to the audiences that I have addressed as recently as the Illinois Primary.

These groups, mostly Jewish War Veterans and the like, stated, over and over, that the administration appears to have abandoned the Camp David process in favor of an international conference. Translated, the Camp David accord was between President Carter and Prime Minister Begin, but not between the Republican party and the Labor Party in Israel. It appears that this Administration favors the Labor Party.

I talked to friends in Israel this morning covering both sides of the political spectrum, and they said that Secretary Shultz was clear, direct and humanistic on Israeli television, and that the intellectuals and upper class in the country respected him. However, the masses hated his going to the public and not through the "chain of command" i.e., the Prime Minister. For the the majority of the Israeli viewing audiences, this is a new experience. They are simply not used to that method. Sunday's New York Times further supports my observations. The article by Abba Eban states that he would have preferred to follow the procedures and composition of the 1973 Geneva Conference with American and Soviet leadership alone. Governor Dukakis, announced he now favors the notion that the United States should support the framework established by the Camp David accords in 1978 for the future of the Westbank and Gaza, after having earlier supported the letter from thirty Senators supporting Secretary Shultz.

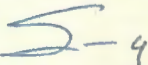
I think we both agree that the situation in the area is a grid lock, and coupled with the elections this year in both countries, it is a very hard environment. Here are some suggestions:

Senator Howard Baker
April 7, 1988
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- . Reintroduce, at least for public relations purposes, some recognition of the Camp David Process. You might consider having President Reagan ask the Secretary of State, upon his return, to brief President Carter either privately or publicly.
- . Given the extraordinary strength, leadership, and humanity of President Reagan, I think it is possible to invite low level military dialogue, perhaps through the Naval War College and the like. In fact, there is a precedent since General Magdoub of Egypt and General Tamir and others spent an entire year at the Madison Hotel in such dialogue prior to Camp David.
- . Of the four key Israeli players, Shamir, Sharon, Peres and Rabin, Rabin and Sharon probably will give the most credibility to any plan, and they voted in favor of Camp David.

I certainly hope and pray that the Secretary of State will get something going.

With warm regards,



Samuel Wm. Sax

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JUNE 28, 1988

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. MERLE THORPE JR.

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THAT THE PRESIDENT PROTEST TO
DEFENSE MINISTER RABIN, THE ISRAELI PRACTICES
AGAINST THE PALESTINIANS IN THE WEST BANK

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COMMENTS: ENCLOSURES JOINT STATEMENT OF 14 U.S. BASED
CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS WORKING WITH
PALESTINIANS IN THE WEST BANK

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S/S 8820324

Date July 8, 1988

FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Reagan

From: Merle Thorpe, Jr.

Date: June 24, 1988

Subject: Requests that the President protest to Defense Minister Rabin, the Israeli practices against the Palestinians.

WH Referral Dated: June 30, 1988
NSC ID# (if any): 583202

 The attached item was sent directly to the Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

- A draft reply is attached.
- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- XX An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
- The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.
- Other (see remarks).

REMARKS:

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

July 8, 1988

Merle Thorpe, Jr.
Foundation for Middle
East Peace
Suite 800
555 13th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Thorpe:

I have been asked to respond on behalf of the President to your letter of June 24, 1988 concerning Israeli human rights practices on the West Bank. Many of these concerns were addressed in our response to your letter of May 27, 1988 which was addressed to John Whitehead.

Regarding the overall U.S. approach to the Arab-Israeli conflict, between February and June 1988 Secretary Shultz traveled three times to the Middle East to promote a new initiative to reinvigorate the search for peace. Although there have not yet been any major breakthroughs, none of the parties to the conflict has suggested that the U.S. initiative be abandoned or that our efforts should stop; on the contrary, all recognized the dangers inherent in the status quo and urged that we continue to work to bring about negotiations.

In the period ahead, the United States will remain heavily involved and in close touch with the parties. We are willing to help shape opportunities that exist and to discuss the details required to launch a realistic negotiating process. There will be no diminution of the American effort. We are confident of our initiative, confident of the desire of the parties to proceed, and confident that the peace process can be carried forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Holzman".

John Holzman, Acting Director
Office of Israel and
Arab/Israeli Affairs

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PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
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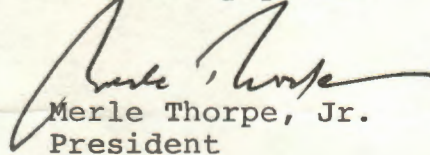
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Very truly yours,


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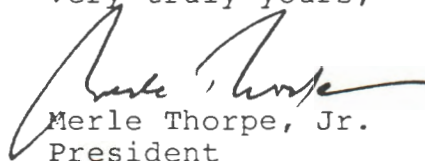
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Enclosure

HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS SPEAK ON WEST BANK AND GAZA CONDITIONS

We are a group of U.S.-based charitable and development organizations that render humanitarian assistance to Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. We are deeply concerned about the deterioration of conditions affecting Palestinians, particularly since the beginning of the popular uprising in December 1987. Lives today are marred by increasingly aggressive Israeli military practices against the civilian population. These brutalize and demean both Palestinians who face such treatment and Israeli soldiers who feel compelled to act in this way. Whatever the provocation, such practices are not acceptable. They are inconsistent with universally recognized norms of behavior and violate principles of international law pertaining to conduct toward civilians under military occupation and the provision of medical and humanitarian assistance.

Specific practices, many of which our personnel have witnessed, include:

- systematic and indiscriminate beatings;
- widespread use of tear gas, rubber bullets, and live ammunition;
- repeated attacks on hospitals, clinics, and medical personnel;
- administrative detentions and mass arrests;
- protracted curfews, house demolitions, and other forms of collective punishment;
- and extended closure of schools and universities.

These practices, which will leave enduring physical and psychological scars, must be stopped immediately.

It is important that the present confrontation be placed within the context of the long unresolved Israeli-Palestinian dispute. Ultimately, the protection of human rights and the end of violence can only be assured by a comprehensive settlement.

As concerned U.S. organizations, we call upon our government to protest these practices to the highest levels of the Israeli government, to pursue vigorously efforts to bring an end to violence on the ground, and to press for a solution that will realize security and self-determination for both Palestinians and Israelis.

Orin Parker
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*America-Mideast Educational
Training Services, Inc.*

Asia Alderson Bennett
Executive Secretary
*American Friends Service
Committee*

Peter Gubser
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MEMORANDUM FOR RHETT DAWSON

FROM: PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS *PS*

SUBJECT: White House Statement on the President's
Meeting With Israeli Defense Minister
Yitzhak Rabin

The President's photo opportunity with Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Tuesday, June 28, 1988, 2:00-2:10 p.m., provides a good chance to reaffirm our commitment to a strong U.S.-Israeli relationship and reinforce a need for progress in the peace process. Attached is an interagency coordinated statement. We recommend that it be issued on Tuesday, June 28, following the President's meeting with the Defense Minister.

Attachment
Tab A White House Statement

cc: Marlin Fitzwater

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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

June 28, 1988

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The President and Vice President paid tribute to what Defense Minister Rabin has done to strengthen Israeli capability for self-defense and its cooperation with the U.S. The Administration was pleased to have been able to support the Minister's request last July for early delivery of additional F-16 aircraft at the best possible price.

Defense Minister Rabin has done much to develop our strategic partnership and give it substance. He has recognized realistically what Israel can afford to develop on its own and is in partnership with us. On issues like Lavi, he's made the tough decisions -- the real measure of leadership. They are necessary to preserve the long-term health of Israel's defense industries and overall security.

The President and Vice President fully endorse the Minister's efforts to strengthen and support Israeli industry and research and development capabilities and pledged to permit Israel to use a portion of FY 90 U.S. assistance in offshore procurement and directed offsets. In addition, they pledged to continue and intensify our work together on the SDI initiative and in other weapons development.

The President and Vice President reaffirmed America's commitment to Israel's security, noting that Israel could never be fully secure without peace. Realism and a willingness to nurture [rather than reject] possible opportunities for peace are essential, as is a climate that makes negotiations possible. While Israel should not be expected to make concessions under the threat of violence, the preservation of order in the territories must neither provide a justification for civilian lawlessness nor act as an excuse for avoiding political discourse with the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza. Neither should violence nor controls on violence become ends in themselves, making a political solution more difficult. The President and Vice President congratulated Defense Minister Rabin for his long record of dedication to the pursuit of peace.

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President Reagan, Vice President Bush and other top officials have met with Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin over the past two days.

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., Director
Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS *PS*

REQUEST: Photo Opportunity and Brief Meeting with
Israeli Defense Minister Rabin

PURPOSE: To promote progress in the Arab-Israeli
peace process.

BACKGROUND: Defense Minister Rabin will visit Washington
June 27-28. He plays a central role in
shaping Israeli policy in the Occupied
Territories, and remains committed to a
negotiated settlement based upon an exchange
of territory for peace.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None

DATE AND TIME: June 27 or 28
DURATION: 10 minutes

LOCATION: Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Defense Minister Rabin

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Photo opportunity and brief meeting

REMARKS REQUIRED: To be provided by NSC

MEDIA COVERAGE: Photo Opportunity

RECOMMENDED BY: NSC Staff, Department of State

OPPOSED BY: None

cc: Tom Griscom

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

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June 1, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR PAUL STEVENS

FROM: DON GREGG *DG*

SUBJECT: VP Meeting with Israeli Minister of Defense

The Vice President will meet with Israeli Minister of Defense Rabin at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, June 27, in his West Wing office. We would very much appreciate your providing background papers, talking points, and a biography for the Vice President's use by cob Wednesday, June 22.

In an effort to comply with present security requirements, we would also appreciate your providing dates of birth and/or passport numbers or Social Security numbers, where appropriate, for all visitors to the Vice President's office or residence. If visitors arrive in a controlled motorcade, it is necessary to provide a list of names only.

An appropriate member of the NSC staff is welcome to attend the meeting.

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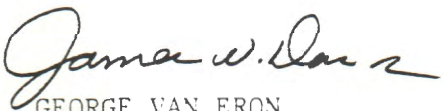
SUBJ: VP MEETING WITH ISRAELI MINISTER OF DEFENSE / RABIN ON 27 JUNE

REQUIRED ACTION: PREPARE BACKGROUND PAPERS / BIOGRAPHY &
TALKING POINTS

DUE DATE: 22 JUN 88

COMMENT:

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DIRECTOR NSC SECRETARIAT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: COLIN POWELL

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FJR*

SUBJECT: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING: Photo with Israeli Prime Minister Rabin

DATE: June 28, 1988

TIME: 2:00 pm

DURATION: 10 minutes

LOCATION: Oval Office

BACKUP LOCATION:

REMARKS REQUIRED: To be provided by NSC

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY PARTICIPATION: No

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