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WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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I - INCOMING

Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 88 10 10 3

Name of Correspondent: Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Richard Hill

MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: Letter signed also by Donald Harris -
Seeks help in preventing the closing of
the In'ash El-Usra Family Aid Society in
the West Bank

ROUTE TO:

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ACTION CODES:

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

- I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary
- R - Direct Reply w/Copy
- S - For Signature
- X - Interim Reply

DISPOSITION CODES:

- A - Answered
- B - Non-Special Referral
- C - Completed
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FOR OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

- Type of Response = Initials of Signer
- Code = "A"
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- CBn - Presidential & First Lady's Correspondence**
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 M - Mailgram
 O - Memo
 P - Photo
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 V - Telephone
 X - Miscellaneous
 Y - Study

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8821705

Date August 2, 1988

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Ronald Reagan
From: Mr. Richard Hill and Mr. Donald Harris
Date: June 30, 1988
Subject: Seeks help in preventing the closing of the In'Ash
El Usra family aid society in the West Bank.

WH Referral Dated: July 14, 1988
NSC ID# (if any): 595935

 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.
XXX 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:

Michael R. Engman for

Director
Secretariat Staff

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

July 29, 1988

Mr. Richard Hill and
Mr. Donald W. Harris
667 32nd Street
Richmond, CA 94804

Dear Mr. Hill and Mr. Harris:


Thank you for your letter of June 30, 1988 concerning the closing of the In'Ash El-Usra society in the West Bank. I am responding on behalf of President Reagan.

We understand that the vocational center, heritage center, library, administrative offices, bakery and day care center have been closed. The orphanage is still open and functioning.

The Government of Israel is well aware of our concern over practices which adversely affect the Palestinian population in the West Bank and Gaza. Such practices foster rather than reduce tensions and make reconciliation and compromise more difficult.

We believe that the protection of human rights and the end of violence can best be achieved through a comprehensive settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute. To this end, Secretary Shultz has proposed a realistic plan to achieve direct negotiations, and has made several trips to the region in an effort to bring the parties to the conflict to the negotiating table. The Secretary's initiative reflects our view that direct negotiations based on United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 offer the best hope of ensuring security for Israel and realization of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

Sincerely,


Charles N. Patterson, Jr.
Acting Director,

Office of Israel and Arab/Israeli Affairs

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REFERRAL

JULY 14, 1988

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 595935

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JUNE 30, 1988

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. RICHARD HILL
667-32ND STREET
RICHMOND CA 94804

SUBJECT: LETTER SIGNED ALSO BY DONAL HARRIS - SEEKS
HELP IN PREVENTING THE CLOSING OF THE IN'ASH
EL - USRA FAMILY AID SOCIETY IN THE WEST BANK

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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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

June 30, 1988

Ronald Wilson Reagan
President of the United States of American
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan,

We are writing to ask your help in stopping the Israeli authorities from closing the In'Ash El-Usra family aid society in the West Bank.

Since 1965 this Palestinian humanitarian organization has provided aid to Palestinian orphans and widows, and it is the largest such institution of its kind in the Israeli military occupied territories.

The Israelis are patently lying when they cited "Anti-Semitic" reasons for closing this institution. We believe they are just trying to put more economic and social pressure on the Palestinians in order to destroy the Palestinians' desire for freedom and democracy.

Please investigate this matter immediately. You can contact the Palestine Human Rights Campaign office in Chicago for full information. Their phone number is (312) 987-1830.

Thank you for any assistance you can give.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Hill *Donald W. Harris*
Richard Hill and Donald W. Harris
667 - 32nd St.
Richmond, CA 94804

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

February 17, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR PAUL STEVENS

FROM: DON GREGG *g*

SUBJECT: VP Dinner with Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir

The Vice President will host a dinner honoring Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, on Wednesday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the Department of State.

We would very much appreciate your providing background papers, talking points, a biography, a suggested guest list and an appropriate toast for the Vice President's use by cob Wednesday, March 2.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ID 8801224

REFERRAL

DATE: 17 FEB 88

MEMORANDUM FOR: STATE SECRETARIAT

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION: TO: STEVENS

SOURCE: GREGG, D

DATE: 17 FEB 88

SUBJ: VP DINNER W/ ISRAEL PM SHAMIR ON 16 MAR

REQUIRED ACTION: PREPARE BACKGROUND PAPERS / TALKING

POINTS / BIO / GUEST LIST / TOAST

DUE DATE: 02 MAR 88

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TO: STEVENS
FROM: GREGG, D

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ORIGINAL SUBJECT:

PREPARE BACKGROUND PAPERS / TALKING POINTS / BIO / GUEST LIST /
TOAST FOR VP DINNER W/ ISRAEL PM SHAMIR ON 16 MAR

ACTION: PREPARE TALKING POINTS
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TO: STEVENS

FROM: GREGG, D

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KEYWORDS: ISRAEL

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PERSONS: SHAMIR, YITZHAK

SUBJECT: PREPARE BACKGROUND PAPERS / TALKING POINTS / BIO / GUEST LIST /
TOAST FOR VP DINNER W/ ISRAEL PM SHAMIR ON 16 MAR

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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June 8, 1988

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. Paul Schott Stevens
National Security Council Staff

FG006-12

SUBJECT:

Alerting NSCS on Presidential
Correspondence

Enclosed is the original of a letter to President Reagan
from Israelin Foreign Minister Shimon Peres
which is transmitted for your information.

This correspondence was received in the Information Manage-
ment Section of the Executive Secretariat on June 8, 1988
A copy has been assigned to the appropriate bureau for action.

^x
S. McElhany

Director, S/S-I
Information Management Section
Executive Secretariat
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Thank you for Hospitality

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Jerusalem, May 29, 1988

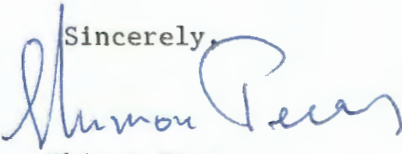
Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to you out of a sense of deep appreciation for your warm welcome and for the meaningful discussion we had during my visit to Washington. In the course of our talks, I had yet another opportunity to witness your dedication to the cause of global peace, especially in the troubled region of the Middle East. Peace has been the theme of your administration, and you, Mr. President, will surely be recorded in the annals of history as one of the greatest builders of world peace and stability.

The peoples of the Middle East are turning their eyes to the summit meeting this week, with the belief that it will bring new hope for the solution of the long-standing conflict.

Hundreds of thousands of Jews in the Soviet Union also look upon you as their ray of hope, their torch of liberty. They, too, will follow with prayer your talks this week. The attainment of your goals may be the difference for them between continued darkness and the opportunity to fulfill their religious and cultural heritage.

With best wishes for success,

Sincerely,

Shimon Peres

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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TO: PRESIDENT

FROM: PERES, SHIMON

DOC DATE: 29 MAY 88
SOURCE REF: 8817912

KEYWORDS: ISRAEL

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PERSONS:

SUBJECT: LTR TO PRES FM FOMIN PERES RE DEEP APPRECIATION FOR WARM WELCOME &
MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION DURING VISIT TO US

ACTION: FOR RECORD PURPOSES DUE DATE: 14 JUN 88 STATUS: C

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United States Department of State

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Washington, D. C. 20520

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July 21, 1988

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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM
S/S

JUL 27 1988

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TO: The Acting Secretary
FROM: PA - George B. High, Acting
SUBJECT: Public's Pro-Israel Tilt Remains Sizeable Despite West Bank Events

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FG006-12

Summary

Four recent polls on the American public's "sympathies" in the Middle East all show pro-Israel "sympathy" remains considerably larger than pro-Arab "sympathy." Pro-Israel sympathy recorded on these polls ranged from 37 percent to 61 percent, due to differences in how the pollsters handled the question. All four polls showed the level of pro-Arab sympathy was between 11 percent and 13 percent.

According to Roper polls, pro-Israel sympathy declined by 18 percentage points between early 1987 and early 1988, after the start of unrest on the West Bank and Gaza. But nearly half of this loss has been recouped, according to Roper's latest poll conducted in April.

End Summary

Pro-Israel Sentiment Still Far Outweighs Pro-Arab Sentiment

All recent polls agree that pro-Israel "sympathy" remains sizeably larger than pro-Arab "sympathy." The polls differ in measuring the level of the predominant pro-Israel sympathy and whether it has declined in recent months. The most sensitive measure of long-term changes in opinion are provided by Roper polls. These show that the percentage who "sympathized more" with Israel fell from 48 percent in February 1987 to a low-point of 30 percent in February 1988, when Palestinian unrest was the leading foreign policy issue in the news. Some of this loss was retrieved by April, when Roper found pro-Israel sympathy stood at 37 percent (see Table 1, attached).

Pro-Arab Sentiment Has Been More Stable Than Pro-Israel Sentiment

Fluctuations in sympathy for the "Arab nations" have been much smaller than changes in pro-Israel sympathy. The percentage who "sympathized more" with the "Arab nations" rose from 8 percent in February 1987 to 13 percent in February 1988, and retreated to a mid-point of 11 percent in April 1988, according to Roper polls.

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Decline in Pro-Israel Sentiment Matched by Rise in Non-Committal Views

Although respondents were offered only two response categories ("more with Israel" or "more with the Arab nations"), Roper has also recorded "volunteered" neutral responses of neither side/both sides as well as the familiar "don't know" responses. The "neutral" and "don't know" responses are an indicator of how much of the public (roughly one-half on the average) chooses not to side with either Israel or the Arab nations, or pays no attention to the issue. These non-committal responses increase when sympathy for Israel declines. Respondents who formerly were pro-Israel sympathizers are much more likely to give non-committal responses than convert to pro-Arab sympathizers. Roper found a total of 44 percent gave non-committal responses in February 1987 (30% neither side/both sides and 14% don't know). This rose to a high of 57 percent in February 1988, and then fell slightly to 53 percent last April (37% neither side/both sides and 16% don't know). (See Table 1)

Other Pollsters Record Fewer Non-Committal Responses

Differences between pollsters regarding the level of pro-Israel sympathy depend largely on their attention to the variety of volunteered neutral responses expressing sympathy with "both" Israel and the Arab countries or with "neither side."

A Marttila and Kiley poll conducted in April for the American Jewish Congress obtained a "no opinion" response of 26 percent, but did not record any neutral responses. As a consequence, it found a much larger percentage of pro-Israel sympathy than Roper -- 61 percent vs 37 percent. (There was hardly any difference in their percentages of pro-Arab response -- 13% vs 11%.) Moreover, Marttila/Kiley found no change in pro-Israel sympathy from an identical poll taken in October 1986 (i.e., 61% on both polls), and found a small increase in pro-Arab sympathy (from 10% to 13%). In contrast to Roper's poll, pro-Israel sympathizers critical of recent Israeli actions who might have been disposed to volunteer a neutral response in early 1988 were not given that option on the Marttila/Kiley poll; few were willing to make the larger switch from a pro-Israel to a pro-Arab position. (See Table 2)

Other pollsters who have recorded neutral responses, but to a lesser extent than Roper, have found the percentage of pro-Israel sympathizers somewhere between those obtained by the Roper and Marttila/Kiley polls. For example, a Los Angeles Times poll taken in March-April recorded a neutral response of 18 percent (compared to 37% by Roper and 0% by Marttila/Kiley) and found the level of pro-Israel sympathy was 51 percent -- approximately

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TO: POWELL

FROM: HIGH, G

DOC DATE: 27 JUL 88
SOURCE REF:

KEYWORDS: ISRAEL

MIDDLE EAST

PERSONS:

SUBJECT: PUBLIC PRO ISRAEL TILT REMAINS SIZEABLE DESPITE WEST BANK EVENTS

ACTION: FOR RECORD PURPOSES

DUE DATE: 30 JUL 88

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 26, 1988

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MEMORANDUM FOR KEN DUBERSTEIN

FROM: JOHN C. TUCK *JCT*

SUBJECT: Morris Abram Telephone call

I returned Morris Abram's call to you of this date. He reiterated the points made in the attached letter to you. He is very concerned that Israel is under attack and that the United States does not agree with certain measures taken by Israel under Israel's obligation to quell riots and restore order. He is also upset that Clayton Yeutter will be holding hearings concerning Israel when there are seven other states with worse records on human rights. He is sending identical communications to the President and to the Secretary of State.

Attachment

NSC # 8806539

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SEP 6 1988

Date: 9/6/88

FOR: Colin Powell

FROM: KEN DUBERSTEIN

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CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS OF MAJOR AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

Morris B. Abram
Chairman

Malcolm I. Hoenlein
Executive Director

August 26, 1988

Mr. Ken Duberstein
Chief of Staff to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Ken,

The community is deeply disturbed by several recent developments. As a predicate, the following facts are to be noted:

1. Israel does not occupy a single inch of ground as a result of aggression on its part.
2. All occupations are onerous, but occupations can only cease when peace is established.
3. The obstacle to peace between Israel and the Middle East continues to be Arab intransigence illustrated by the Palestinian National Covenant and the Khartoum Declaration.
4. Under International Law, Israel is charged and obligated to restore order in the territories. None in the Administration have disputed this in the numerous discussions I have had.
5. Israel is not faced with protest demonstrations, but with revolt - violent and threatening, not only to Israel but to the inhabitants of the territories.

I believe that Israel is under attack, to a large extent, because it calls to mind American interests and values in the Middle East. Israel and the United States are not only friends, but support each other because of common interests. It is the right of the United States to criticize Israel and of Israel to differ with the United States. However, when the two allied countries differ, it should be done (as with NATO allies) in an atmosphere

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of friendship and frankness. I understand that the United States does not agree with certain measures taken by Israel under its obligation to quell the riots and to restore order. But one must not lose sight of the fact that the people deported, the instigators of the riots, are harming the very people they claim to be helping. No one is being deported to life threatening situations or to Siberia or to alien countries. They are being deported to places where they have colleagues and, presumably, freedom - place where they may even continue to harass Israel.

All of us know that in other countries, including those who are instigating the outcry against Israel, the people deported would be in prison, labor camps or shot.

You know that the Jewish community, as Israel, wants to see negotiations leading towards peace. But I know of no one in the Administration who feels that Israel can negotiate under these threats.

Therefore, we are deeply concerned by the following recent developments:

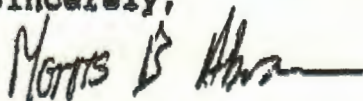
1. The tone of the demarche presented to Israel this week which we recognize was not made public by its representatives.
2. The tone and text of the resolution which at this moment is before the Security Council of the United Nations.
3. The actions of the Trade Representatives of the United States in scheduling hearings at which Israel will be included (at the behest of representatives of intransigent Arab interests).

We recognize, and applaud, the dedication of the United States to the principles of human rights, but the most pristine principles cannot be applied by a state at war with its neighbors and behest by insurrection in areas where it has an international legal obligation to restore order.

We trust these actions do not represent a change in policy or attitude, but nevertheless they are bound to be seen as such.

This is a particularly sensitive time and such actions by the US government (and a friendly and supportive administration) can only encourage Israel's enemies, increase its sense of isolation and impede the prospects for peace.

Sincerely,



Morris B. Abram
Chairman

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TO: POWELL

FROM: DUBERSTEIN, K

DOC DATE: 06 SEP 88
SOURCE REF:

KEYWORDS: ISRAEL

PERSONS: ABRAM, MORRIS B

SUBJECT: LTR FM CONF OF PRESIDENTS OF MAJOR AMER JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS RE
ISRAEL UNDER ATTACK FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Date September 23, 1988

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

FG006-12



REFERENCE:

To: President Reagan
From: The Reverend Leonard B. Bjorkman
Date: June 20, 1988
Subject: Writes regarding his recent experience on the
West Bank and Gaza Strip

WH Referral Dated: September 16, 1988
NSC ID# (if any): 8805559

 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.
- X X 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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Joy Salpini
for Director
Secretariat Staff

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Bjorkman:

I have been asked by the White House to respond to your letter to President Reagan of June 20, 1988, concerning the situation in the West Bank and Gaza. We appreciate your bringing to the President's attention your eyewitness account of recent events in the Occupied Territories.

We too are deeply concerned about conditions affecting the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, and we have consistently spoken out on the need for both sides to exercise restraint and to avoid actions that exacerbate tensions. We oppose the use of lethal force, beatings, and deportations against the Palestinian population as counterproductive to efforts to bring about reconciliation.

At the same time, we acknowledge Israel's genuine security concerns and the need for the preservation of order. Fire bombs, rock throwing, and inflammatory rhetoric from the Arab side that calls into question the existence of the State of Israel inevitably fuels Israeli anxieties and adds to tensions between the two sides. We note with concern the use of threats and violence by leaders of the uprising to intimidate the inhabitants of the West Bank and Gaza and prevent them from any discussion with Israeli officials.

We believe that the protection of human rights and the end of violence can best be achieved through a comprehensive settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute. As you know, Secretary Shultz has traveled several times to the region in recent months in an effort to bring Israel and its Arab neighbors to the negotiating table. To this end, he has put forward a plan to achieve through direct negotiations between Israel and each of its neighbors a comprehensive peace providing for the security of all states in the region and for the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

The Reverend Leonard B. Bjorkman,
Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse,
3049 East Genesee Street,
Syracuse NY

In the period ahead, the United States will remain active and engaged. We continue to urge moderation and dialogue on all parties.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



John L. Hirsch,
Director, Office of Israel
and Arab-Israeli Affairs

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MEMORANDUM FOR COLIN L. POWELL
THE WHITE HOUSE

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SUBJECT: U.S. and Israeli Participation in Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's Meeting with the President and Luncheon at the White House March 16, 1988

Lists of recommended participants in the briefing of the President and the meeting and luncheon with the President are attached.

Attachment:

Recommended Guest List.

Richard W. Mueller
for Melvyn Levitsky
Executive Secretary

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Secretary of State George Shultz
Secretary of Defense Frank C. Carlucci
White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker
National Security Advisor Colin L. Powell
Counselor of the Department of State Max Kampelman
Assistant Secretary of State Richard W. Murphy
Ambassador Thomas Pickering
Ambassador Robert Oakley

Israeli Participants

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir
Ambassador Moshe Arad
Elyakim Rubinstein, Cabinet Secretary
Yossi Ben Aharon, Political Advisor
Arye Mekel, Political Advisor
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SUBJECT: REQUESTS A MEETING WITH JEWISH THEOLOGICAL
SEMINARY STUDENT ELANA SHEIBA WHO NEEDS HELP
IN HER EFFORTS TO FREE HER PARENTS, LEV AND
VERA SHEIBA, FROM THE SOVIET UNION

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November 29, 1988

Dear Dr. Villane:

The President has asked me to thank you for your recent letter in which you suggest a meeting with him for Elana Sheiba who is attempting to assist her parents in emigrating to America from the Soviet Union.

Unfortunately, due to his limited time in office and heavy schedule commitments, the President is unable to see Ms. Sheiba.

I am sorry we cannot be of service in this instance.

Sincerely,

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Anthony M. Villane, Jr., D.D.S.
Commissioner
Department of Community Affairs
for the State of New Jersey
William Ashby Community Affairs Building
101 South Broad Street - CN 800
Trenton, NJ 08625-0800

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November 1, 1988

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Reagan:

As a member of New Jersey Governor Thomas H. Kean's cabinet, I am writing to you for assistance in an emigration matter related to the Soviet Union.

I respectfully request and would be eternally grateful if you could find time to arrange a meeting with Elana Sheiba, currently a Jewish Theological Seminary student in New York, who desperately needs your help in efforts to free her parents from the Soviet Union.

They are Lev and Vera Sheiba of Leningrad who have been refused emigration since 1980, even though they have applied twice a year since that time.

Elana applied for permission to come to our country when she reached the age of 18 in 1987. Her application, which was approved, was made separately from her family.

I feel confident that a conversation with Elena would convince you to make a special effort, perhaps by direct contact with the Soviets, to release her parents. Their life-long wish was that they would ultimately be able to join their daughter.

In closing, I would like you to know that your tenure in office has been an inspiration to me. I wish you happiness and contentment when you and Nancy return to private life.

Sincerely,

Anthony M. Villane Jr., D.D.S.
Commissioner



NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

March 15, 1988

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MELVYN LEVITSKY
Executive Secretary
Department of State

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COL WILLIAM F. MATZ
Executive Secretary
Department of Defense

SUBJECT: Participants List for the Official Working Visit
of Prime Minister Shamir of Israel

Attached is a list of participants for the Official Working Visit
of Prime Minister Shamir on March 16, 1988.

For *Margaret Batjer*
Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Participants List

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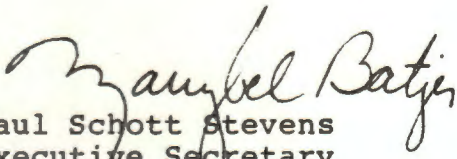
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For


Paul Schott Stevens
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The Honorable George P. Shultz
Secretary
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Recently you received a letter critical of Israeli Prime Minister Shamir for his stated unwillingness to give up "land for peace" and remonstrating with the Prime Minister to yield on that position.

The letter was signed by several Senators whose support and concern for Israel is beyond question.

I was invited to add my signature but declined. I declined even though I share the fervent desire of those who did sign for a real and lasting peace in the Middle East, and share the view that the U.S. has an important role in achieving that peace.

But I did not sign because I could not in conscience urge the Israeli Prime Minister to take steps I would not myself take if, like Mr. Shamir, the survival of Israel as a free state within secure boundaries were my responsibility.

It is true that U.S. policy supports the concept expressed in UN Security Council Resolution 242 that Israel should be prepared to relinquish some but not all lands won by Israel from her Arab neighbors in the 1967 war in return for the guarantee of peace.

But even if one accepts that general proposition, there is a necessary order as to which of its two parts must come first: the guarantee of peace must precede the relinquishment of land, and Israel and Shamir are entirely justified in insisting that the precise mechanism for achieving that guarantee come first.

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The Honorable George P. Shultz
March 11, 1988
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Why? For the obvious reason that relinquishing the land without having insured the guarantee is, or may be, giving away secure boundaries in return for nothing but an empty promise. It could, in short, prove to be a dangerously naive mistake, an act of faith offered to those who, except for Egypt, have done little to warrant faith. What practical recourse has tiny Israel -- after giving up land critical to its survival -- should such an act of faith prove unwarranted once again?

So what is the precise mechanism for assuring that Israel will be guaranteed the right -- and the ability -- to exist as a free nation within the inescapably less secure boundaries which are envisioned in a swap of land for peace?

Having read carefully the letter sent by you, Mr. Secretary, to Prime Minister Shamir, I am little comforted and frankly do not wonder at Shamir's reluctance to sign on until he has received such reassurance from the U.S.

You have proposed that Israel commit to a process of negotiation in an "international conference" which it is said "will not (according to the text of the Shultz proposal printed in the March 8, 1988 Los Angeles Times) be able to impose solutions or veto agreements reached" by Israel in a series of bi-partisan negotiations with "each of its neighbors which is willing to do so."

Query: What peril is posed by a neighbor unwilling to negotiate? How will the neighbor who refuses to negotiate with Israel be bound by Israel's negotiations with others?

And how can Prime Minister Shamir be expected to believe that this international conference, which "will not be able to impose solutions," will, in fact, exist for any purpose other than to "impose solutions"? With the proposed conference, consisting of hostile neighbors, except Egypt, and either hostile (the Soviet Union and People's Republic of China) or indifferent (the United Kingdom and France) permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, except for the U.S., how can this international conference be expected not to exhort and pressure and criticize Israel in a very public and calculated propaganda campaign aimed at imposing "solutions" that may undermine Israel's security?

The Honorable George P. Shultz
March 11, 1988
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Soviet missiles in the Bakaa Valley of Lebanon threaten Israel today. Why should the Soviets be invited to participate in an international conference? It is in fact the sense of the Senate that they should not be unless and until the Soviet Union has resumed diplomatic recognition of Israel, substantially liberalized emigration of Soviet Jewry from the Soviet Union to Israel, and been invited to participate by Israel as well as Jordan and Egypt. The Senate so voted unanimously only last October 9, 1987, when we passed S. Res. 217 as an amendment to the FY88 Department of State Authorization bill, a copy of which is attached.

I understand fully the sincere and heartfelt desire for peace that prompted my colleagues to compose their letter to you. But I would respectfully suggest that before we pressure Israel to give up land critical to its survival, both the Executive branch and the Congress should pressure Israel's Arab neighbors -- whose interests we are protecting against the threat of Iran by our naval presence in the Persian Gulf -- to give convincing evidence that such land will not become a base for terrorism or an attack upon Israel.

Many times in the recent past, many Senators who signed the letter to Prime Minister Shamir have voted or threatened to vote to withhold arms sales to Arab states which do not find it possible to concede Israel's right to exist within secure boundaries.

We have said in effect, "First peace, then arms."
Now we should say, "First peace, then land."

Also, to pressure Mr. Shamir and his government now is ill-timed and ill-advised. It seems to me that it unwisely and unfairly undermines our friend and ally, as have our recent votes in the U.N., at a time of already intense pressure. Rather than gratuitous advice, let us give support of the kind that strengthens Israel's bargaining power to insist on a convincing guarantee of her right to exist in peace, freedom, and security -- so that, with that guarantee, she may be able to safely relinquish land for a peace that will be genuine and lasting.

Sincerely,



PETE WILSON

cc: The Honorable Howard Baker
The Honorable Colin Powell

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