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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: COLIN L. POWELL *CP*

SUBJECT: Letter from President Mubarak of
December 15, 1988

In the attached message, President Mubarak expresses his deep appreciation for the opening of a U.S.-PLO dialogue. As Mubarak has indicated to you in several recent messages, he has worked hard to persuade Arafat to finally meet our conditions.

Attachment

Tab A Letter from President Mubarak of
December 15, 1988

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cc: Vice President
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ראש הממשלה
THE PRIME MINISTER

Jerusalem, July 17, 1988.
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Dear Senator Boschwitz,

I thank you and your colleagues for your letters of June 21, 1988 regarding three educational projects in Israel.

Upon receiving them, and in appreciation of your special friendship for our country, I consulted my colleagues, the Vice Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Finance, as well as our Legal Advisers.

MACHON ALTA LUBAVITCH SCHOOL

Unfortunately, in addition to the reasons explained in my former letter, we also encounter serious legal problems related to this request.

THE JERUSALEM INSTITUTE OF TALMUDIC RESEARCH

The question of Government support to non-governmental institutions was recently raised before the Supreme Court of Israel following a report by the State Comptroller considering serious irregularities in the handling of allocations to such institutions. In the course of the proceedings before the Supreme Court, the Attorney General gave an undertaking in regard to the subject of financial support to such institutions. He issued binding directives to all Government offices whereby applications of such institutions have to be dealt with in accordance with clear and specific criteria.

VISHNITZ INSTITUTION OF B'NEI BRAK

Henceforth, all institutions must submit their request for financial support to the relevant Government Ministry. A special committee was established to consider these applications in accordance with clear-cut criteria and regulations. It was specifically stated there can be no discrimination in favour of any institution by giving it preferential treatment.

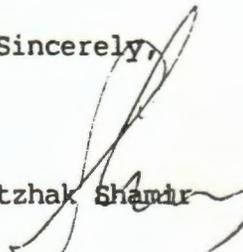
The Hon. Senator Rudy Boschwitz
United States Senate
Washington DC

Copies of the attached letters were hand delivered to Kenneth Duberstein from the Office of SEN. RUDY BOSCHWITZ

There is no doubt in my mind that your request is on behalf of a very worthy cause. However, in the light of the above, the Government cannot approve assistance to any institution unless it conforms to the procedures that have now been laid down.

I hope that you appreciate and understand the position we have taken. May I ask you kindly to bring my explanation to the attention of the co-signatories of your letter.

Sincerely,


Yitzhak Shamir

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THE PRIME MINISTER

Jerusalem, May 18, 1988.

Dear Senator Boschwitz,

It is some time since your letter of March 16 reached me. As you know, at the time I was in the United States, and since then we have been preoccupied with the continuation of the Peace Process, with our security problems and, happily, also with our Anniversary celebrations.

Moreover, your request was being carefully studied and considered.

We are of course familiar with the projects for which you requested our assistance, and greatly appreciate the efforts that you and your colleagues are making on their behalf. I wish we could respond positively to your request.

Regrettably this is not possible. As you know, we have made extraordinary efforts to strengthen our economy; to stop and reduce the inflation. In fact, one of the principal reasons for creating a Government of National Unity was this great economic challenge. It was obvious that we would have to introduce tough measures and that we would demand economic sacrifices from our people. Therefore it was felt that the two major political parties should work together and seek the cooperation of the Histadrut Trade Union in order to present a united front.

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The Hon. Senator
Rudy Boschwitz
United States Senate
Committee on Foreign Relations
Washington DC 20510

The effort can be regarded as successful. You know that we have managed to bring down the inflation, and there are encouraging signs of improvement in our economy.

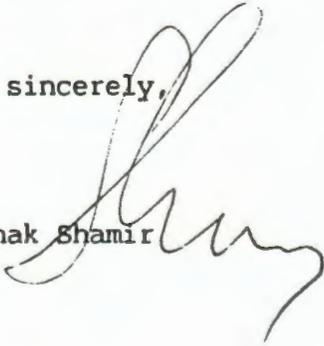
One of the key factors in producing these results is the agreement between the two parties to introduce severe budget cuts in all departments. We have not deviated from that decision in the administration of our health services, because if we depart from the general rule the whole system of economic constraints could break down.

I am sure you will understand, dear Senator, that, in the circumstances, we are unable to assist the institutions to which you referred in your letter.

Please accept my appreciation and good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Yitzhak Shamir



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June 21, 1988

The Honorable Yitzhak Shamir
Prime Minister
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Thank you for your response to the letter of March 16, signed by 29 senators, supporting three educational projects in Israel that are important not only to Israelis but to many Americans. The projects are attended by large numbers of Americans as well as Israeli students. As was noted in the earlier letter, the first school, the Machon Alta Lubavitch School in Safed, requires \$4.5 million for badly needed building and dormitory facilities. The second, the Jerusalem Institute of Talmudic research, also is in strong need of a new building, with an estimated cost of \$3.5 million. Finally, the Vishnitz Institution of B'nei Brak has a large capitol construction and operational budget that needs State assistance. The total amount of Israeli assistance required, however, is slight: around \$16 million dollars.

Each of these worthy institutions have more than 60% of their budgets covered by private American donations.

In your letter, you wrote of the sacrifices that the people of Israel have made to return to economic stability and of the budgetary constraints you have had to impose. We are indeed gratified that your economy has improved so dramatically, and are proud of the role that our country was able to play in helping you achieve that.

However, what we are suggesting is a relatively minor expenditure that is small in comparison to the very substantial private and public support for Israel emanating from the U.S. Those of us who signed the March letter were disappointed and perplexed, therefore, by your response. We are now joined by other colleagues who share our concern and our hopes, and we renew our request for funding these projects. Funding could be accomplished, moreover, over more than one year, thereby lessening any budgetary impact.

Mr. Prime Minister, this request comes from many who have fought to assure the highest possible levels of U.S. assistance to Israel in its struggle to achieve economic strength and stability, and to survive and achieve peace in the Middle East. We strongly urge to reconsider and to take a deeper review of the possibility of responding favorably to this very reasonable request.

Most Sincerely,

Alan Cranston

Alan Cranston

Rudy Boschwitz

Rudy Boschwitz

Jim Sasser

Paul J. Dixon

W. Kim

Spark Hatemog

Dennis DeConcini

Tom Harkin

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John Quinn

Al Simpson

Paul Cannon

Walt Stinson

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Pat Wilson

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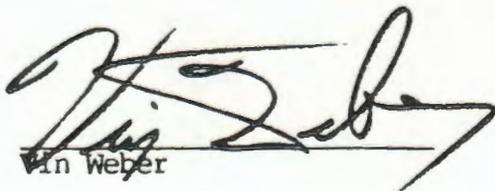
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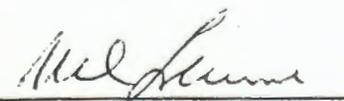
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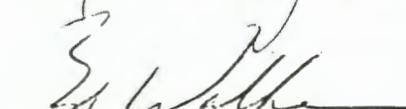
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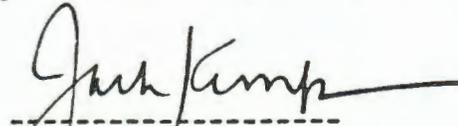
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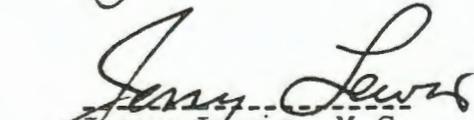
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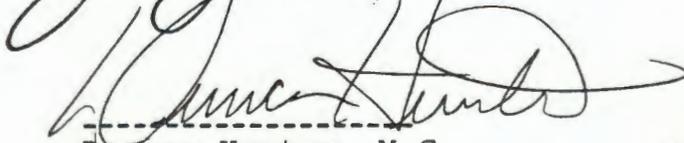
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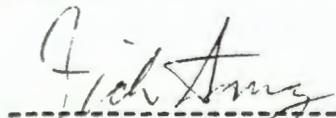
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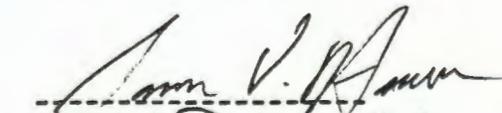
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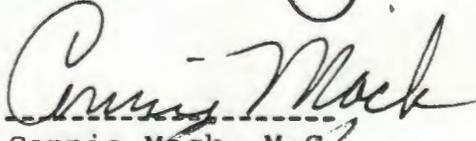
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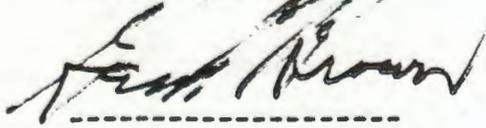
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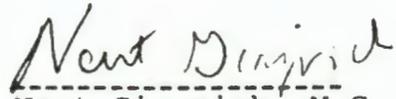
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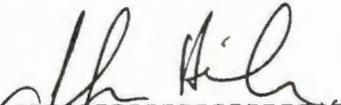
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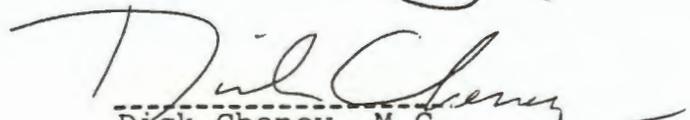
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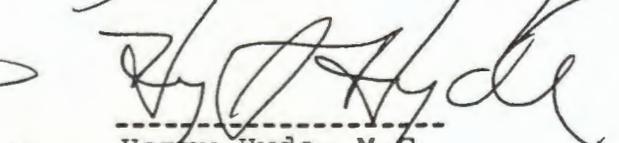
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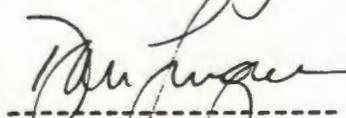
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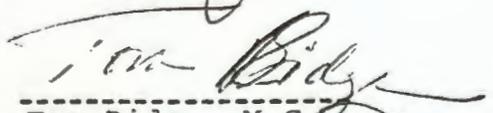
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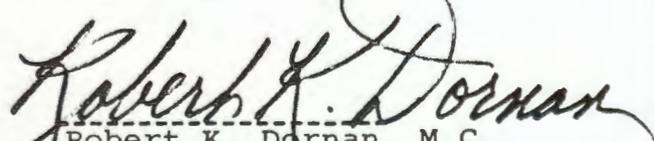
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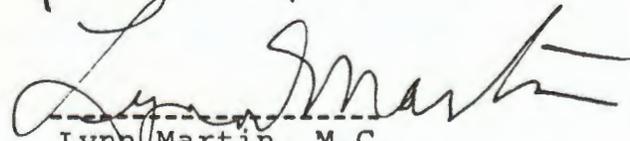
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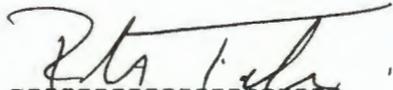
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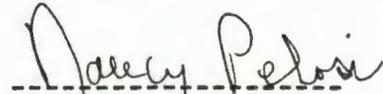
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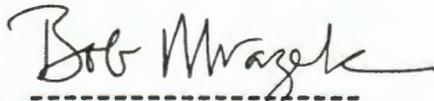
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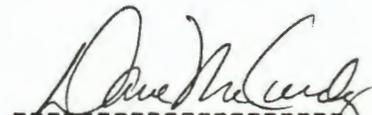
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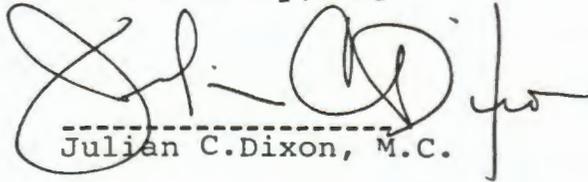
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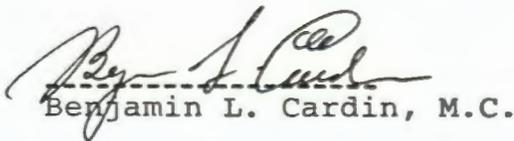
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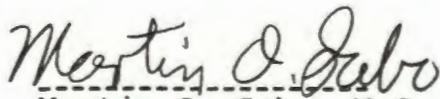
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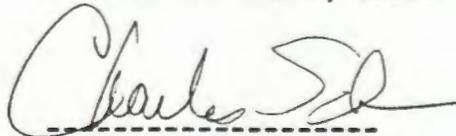
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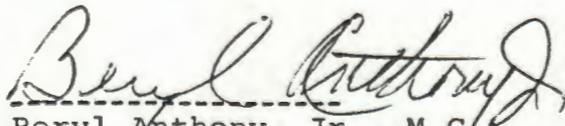
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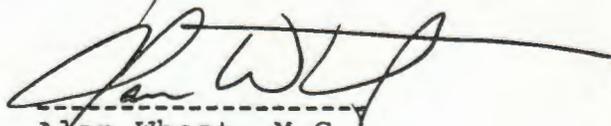
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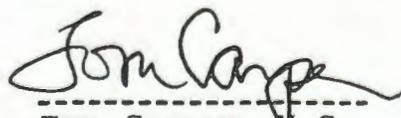
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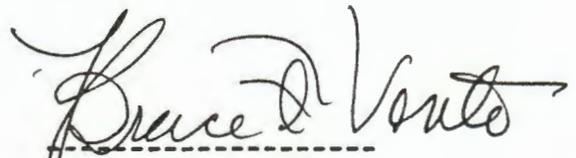
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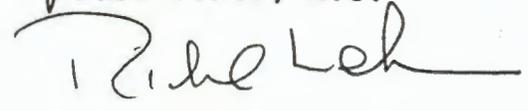
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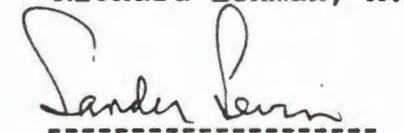
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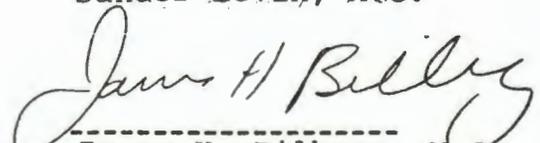
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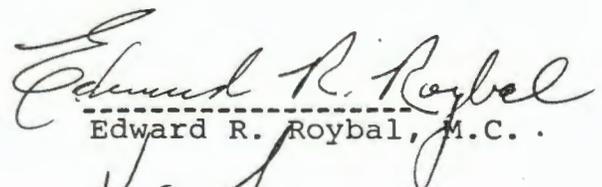
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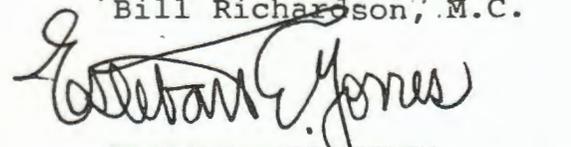
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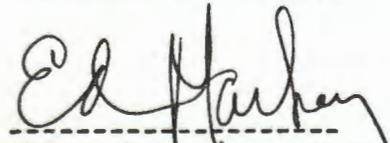
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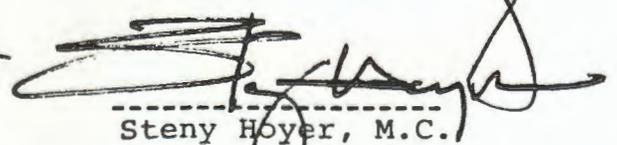
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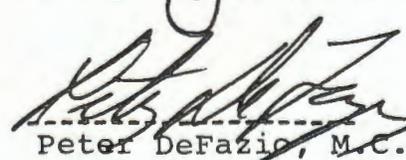
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March 16, 1988

The Honorable Yitzhak Shamir
Prime Minister
State of Israel

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

As always, it is a pleasure to see you in the United States. We wish you much success in advancing the cause of peace that the people of Israel have for so long sought.

We write to you today, however, on a different, but important, matter: to express our support for three projects in your country. All of them would be of major benefit to a great number of American students attending school in Israel. The first of these is for Machon Alta Lubavitch School in Safed. The projected cost for their building and dormitory facilities is \$4.5 million. The second is a building for the Jerusalem Institute of Talmudic Research in Jerusalem. The cost is estimated at \$3.5 million. Thirdly, the Vishnitz Institution of B'nei Brak has a capitol construction and operational budget of \$8 million, and again needs State assistance.

We understand that you and Minister Nissim have been contacted by a number of United States Senators and Members of Congress requesting funding for these projects. To date, we are unaware of any response on any of these three very worthwhile institutions. All of them have more than 60% of their budgets covered by private American donations.

We would very much appreciate your kind attention to this matter and look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Most sincerely,

Paul Trible

Lucy Beckert

Attila M. Cornell

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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

AUG 26, 88 letter from Morris
B. Abram to Ken Duberstein



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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Zionist Organization of America

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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Name of Correspondent: Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Susan J. Lapham

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Subject: Complains about the treatment she received in Israel - was denied her basic human rights

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8829305

Date October 26, 1988

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Ronald Reagan

From: Ms. Susan J. Lapham

Date: September 23, 1988

Subject: Complains about the treatment she received in Israel,
was denied her basic human rights.

WH Referral Dated: October 6, 1988
NSC ID# (if any): 612894

 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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Director
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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 24, 1988

Ms. Susan J. Lapham
1401 South Barton St.
Apartment 233
Arlington, VA 22204

Dear Ms. Lapham:

I am responding on behalf of President Reagan to your letter of September 23, 1988 protesting the treatment you received at the Allenby Bridge on August 15, 1988.

Following up on your telephone conversation with State Department officer Andrea Richhart, I would like to assure you that the treatment of American citizens by Israeli authorities at entry points into Israel is a matter of concern to us. We have raised the issue of discriminatory treatment with the Government of Israel on a number of occasions, making clear that all American citizens are entitled to equal treatment

I have brought this matter to the attention of the Israeli Embassy in Washington.

Sincerely,

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

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

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

REFERRAL

OCTOBER 6, 1988

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 612894

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED SEPTEMBER 23, 1988

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MS. SUSAN J. LAPHAM
1401 SOUTH BARTON STREET
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ARLINGTON VA 22204SUBJECT: COMPLAINS ABOUT THE TREATMENT SHE RECEIVED IN
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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

September 23, 1988

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear President Reagan:

This letter is to inform you of an incident which took place Monday, August 15, 1988 at 9:30 am, while crossing from Jordan into Israeli occupied West Bank at the Allenby Bridge.

I am an American citizen who was born of American parents (my mother from Michigan and my father from New York) in Jerusalem on October 22, 1957. As you are probably aware, at that time Jerusalem was in Jordan. My parents were working for Church World service and were living in Hebron, a town 15 miles southeast of Jerusalem.

I am currently an employee of the Department of Commerce, U.S. Bureau of the Census, International Statistical Programs Center in Washington, D.C. I have a top secret clearance and have been working there for five years. Consequently, I have two passports, one for private use and one for government travel.

In August I was not travelling on official business so I used my personal passport which has my place of birth simply as "Jordan". From August 13th to the 28th, I was travelling on a fact-finding tour of Jordan, West Bank, Gaza and Israel.

At the Allenby Bridge, after going through a metal detector, a body frisk, a computer data entry station and a luggage search (including confiscation of many personal items), I was separated from the rest of my group.

After searching my luggage, an Israeli soldier took my passport to his superior. They both looked at the passport, then came over to look at me again. They looked again at the passport and pointed to the place of birth. They walked away and brought back a third soldier. Again they pointed to my place of birth in the passport. I asked if there was any problem. No answer. Finally, after conferring with two other soldiers, the first soldier led me into another room. I asked why I was being taken away from the rest of the group but again no answer was given.

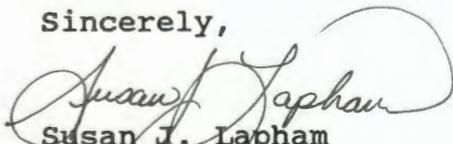
Each soldier was armed with an M-16 automatic machine gun. The

first soldier took me to a female soldier who was also heavily armed and who would not answer any questions. The female soldier took me into a third room, about the size of a small bathroom. This room had no windows, a small bench to sit on and a shelf about waist high. On the shelf were dirty baby diapers and soiled sanitary napkins. The female soldier asked me to remove all my clothes. She left the room for a short while. Upon her return she conducted a thorough search of my body and my discarded clothes, using both her hands and a hand held metal detector. She then sent my shoes to be x-rayed. Finally she asked how much money I was carrying with me and wrote the exact amount directly onto my passport.

I waited approximately 45 minutes for my shoes to be returned and then was taken to a waiting area and rejoined with the rest of my group. After several hours of questioning and delays by the Israeli soldiers, including granting us a one week visa rather than the usual three month visa, we were released six and one half hours after arriving at the border.

I hereby officially protest the denial of my basic human rights by the Israeli government simply because I was born in Jordan. I hope you take immediate action to assure that this incident will not be repeated for any other United States citizen nor for any other human being wishing to cross the border.

Sincerely,



Susan J. Lapham
1401 South Barton Street #233
Arlington, Virginia 22204

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Name of Correspondent: Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Paul Hicks

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Subject: Re: use of lethal force in controlling the situation in the occupied territories

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TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8829450

Date October 13, 1988

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

REFERENCE:

To: Marlin Fitzwater

From: Mr. Paul Flacks

Date: 9/29/88

Subject: Use of lethal force in the Occupied Territories.

WH Referral Dated: 10/7/88

NSC ID# (if any): 613106

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

ACTION TAKEN:

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- Other (see remarks).

REMARKS:

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[Handwritten Signature]
Director
Secretariat Staff

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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October 17, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM:

PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS 

SUBJECT:

Use of Lethal Force in the Occupied
Territories

Attached at Tab A are suggested NSC revisions of State's draft letter to Mr. Paul Flacks, Executive Vice President, Zionist Organization of America.

Attachment

Tab A State Transmittal Memo of
October 13, 1988 w/attachments

Department of State

Draft Reply

Dear Mr. Flacks:

I am replying to your letter of September 29, 1988 regarding Administration policy towards the use of lethal force in the occupied territories.

The Arab-Israeli conflict, now in its fortieth year, and the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, now in its twenty-first year, exact a toll on the 1.5 million Palestinians in the occupied territories, and on the citizens of Israel, ~~as well~~. In the absence of peace and a political agreement, the prevailing atmosphere is one of mutual tension and mistrust. ^{Recently there have been} ~~This environment has produced~~ violent protest demonstrations by Palestinians, and ^{sweeping} ~~harsh~~ security measures by Israeli authorities.

For its part, the Administration has consistently spoken out on the need for both sides to exercise restraint and to avoid confrontations that could lead to further bloodshed and loss of life. We acknowledge the need for the preservation of

Mr. Paul Flacks, Executive Vice President,
Zionist Organization of America,
4 East 34th Street,
New York, New York.

order but we are opposed to a policy that relies on lethal force and beatings to accomplish this end. We believe ^{that} the application of ^{lethal} ~~excessive~~ force is counterproductive to the process of peace and reconciliation in the territories. We hope ^{that} all the parties involved will regard the disturbances as a challenge to work harder on practical steps to bring about negotiations and peace. ^P Secretary Shultz, ~~of course,~~ has traveled to the region several times in an effort to bring the parties to the bargaining table. We will stay involved and do our best to move the peace process forward.

Sincerely,

Marlin Fitzwater

add: This Administration remains committed to the security of the state of Israel.

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OCTOBER 7, 1988

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF:
MARLIN FITZWATER

REMARKS: ***** NEED BY OCT 13 88 *****

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 613106

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 1988

TO: MARLIN FITZWATER

FROM: MR. PAUL FLACKS
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
4 EAST 34TH STREET
NEW YORK NY 10016

SUBJECT: REGARDING USE OF LETHAL FORCE IN CONTROLLING
THE SITUATION IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

September 29, 1988

Mr. Marlin Fitzwater
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Fitzwater:

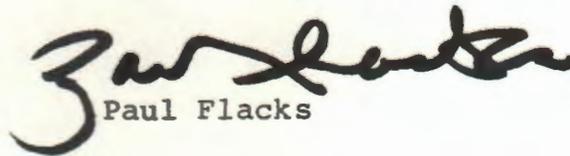
According to The New York Times (September 29, 1988) you stated:

"We have consistently opposed the use of lethal force in controlling the situation in the occupied territories. While we recognize Israeli responsibility to maintain law and order, we believe it should be done with appropriate restraint."

In order for us to better understand the policy of the Administration regarding this subject, I would like to know in more specific terms what you mean by "appropriate restraint." This is information which our membership requires. As you know, we are an organization now celebrating its 90th year with offices from coast to coast and a grassroots constituency of approximately 125,000 members.

May we hear from you promptly?

Cordially yours,


Paul Flacks

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cc: Phyllis E. Oakley, Department of State

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

October 17, 1988

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MEMORANDUM FOR PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS

FROM: WILLIAM J. BURNS *WJB*

SUBJECT: Use of Lethal Force in the Occupied Territories

Attached at Tab I is a memo from you to Sally Kelley forwarding NSC's comments on State's draft reply to Mr. Paul Flacks, Executive Vice President of Zionist Organization of America (Tab A).

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Nicholas Rostow concurs.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you forward the memo at Tab I.

Approve *WJB*

Disapprove _____

Prepared by: Stephen E. Benko

Attachments

Tab I Stevens Memo to Kelley
Tab A State Transmittal Memo of
October 13, 1988 w/attachments

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