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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. MERLE THORPE JR.

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ENCOURAGING CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE  
PRESIDENT'S MIDDLE EAST PROGRAM

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 22, 1991

Dear Mr. Thorpe:

Thank you for your support of the President's Middle East peace program. I know the President appreciates your Foundation's encouragement of congressional support for the program.

Thank you for the enclosure of your Foundation's advertisement.

Sincerely,

  
Lisa Battaglia  
Special Assistant  
Office of Public Liaison

Mr. Merle Thorpe, Jr.  
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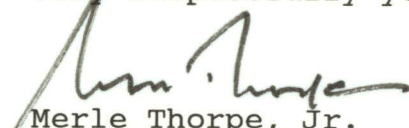
The Honorable George W. Bush  
President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed is a recent Foundation advertisement in which we encouraged congressional support for your Middle East peace program.

I hope you will continue and be successful in your very worthwhile efforts.

Very respectfully yours,

  
Merle Thorpe, Jr.  
President

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# ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE: THE PRESIDENT DESERVES CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT

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The U.S. Congress would do much to advance prospects for Arab-Israeli and Israeli-Palestinian peace by supporting the view of Presidents Ford, Carter, Reagan and Bush that Israeli settlement of lands conquered in the 1967 war is an obstacle to peace, a position supported by unanimous U.N. Security Council resolutions and world opinion.

The U.S. generously provides Israel with more than \$3,000,000,000 of aid a year, but the Congress refuses to attach any meaningful restraints on Israel's expenditures for a settlement program that contravenes U.S. policy. Though the program is estimated to cost as much as \$500,000,000 annually, the Congress is even unwilling to ask that Israel furnish the U.S. with relevant data on settlement expenditures.

Opinion polls reflect that most American Jews oppose Israel's settlement policy and that a majority of Israelis favor a return of the terri-

tories. Israelis and supporters of Israel are also concerned that Israel's settlement policy may well prejudice Israel's ability to obtain financial support for housing Soviet immigrants.

The U.S. has just fought a major war to bring peace and stability to the Middle East. The President and Secretary of State Baker are asking Israel to respect international opinion, abandon its dream of a Greater Israel and address instead its true security needs. Thoughtful Israelis are convinced that Israel's reluctance to address the possibilities of peace will lead to a renewed arms race and eventually another war with heavy casualties. Can it be that Prime Minister Shamir is putting his ideological commitment to never yielding even "one inch" of the West Bank ahead of Israel's yearning for security and peace?

By encouraging the President in his efforts, the Congress can demonstrate most effectively its own support for Israel.

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