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DATE RECEIVED: JUNE 25, 1991

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: DR. JOE HALE

SUBJECT: CONCERNS REGARDING THE SITUATION IN THE
MIDDLE EAST, PARTICULARLY ISRAEL

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LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 3, 1991

Dear Dr. Hale:

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your message about issues concerning U.S. policy in the Middle East.

President Bush has made it clear that a comprehensive Middle East peace agreement is a high priority of his Administration and that the United States will act as a catalyst in bringing about such an agreement. The President's personal involvement and Secretary of State James Baker's repeated trips to the region have demonstrated that commitment.

As you know, President Bush launched a peace initiative immediately following the war in the Persian Gulf. He recently announced that the United States and the Soviet Union, acting as cosponsors, are working to convene an October peace conference that is designed to launch bilateral and multilateral negotiations among Israel, the Arab states, and the Palestinians. The Administration remains hopeful that the October target date can be maintained and that all parties to the dispute will accept the U.S. approach and will facilitate these efforts.

The Administration has continued to remind Israel of our opposition to a number of Israeli occupation practices, including continued settlement in the occupied territories. At the same time, we have also expressed our opposition to the Arab boycott of Israel. The Administration remains firm in its belief that a comprehensive peace settlement must be grounded on United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 and on the principle of territory for peace.

This principle must be elaborated to provide for Israel's recognition and security and, at the same time, to provide for legitimate Palestinian political rights. As the President has said, "Anything else would fail the twin tests of fairness and security."

U.S. efforts to promote peace in the Middle East have increasingly won international support. Most recently, the leaders of the seven leading industrialized nations who attended the London Economic Summit endorsed the current American initiative. President Bush believes that an historic opportunity exists for achieving peace in the Middle East, and you can be

sure that his Administration will do all that it can to persuade the people of the region to seize this opportunity.

President Bush appreciates having your comments and suggestions on this important issue, and you can be sure that they have been carefully noted. With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kathleen S. Jeavons". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Kathleen" and last name "Jeavons" clearly distinguishable.

Kathleen S. Jeavons
Associate Director for Public Liaison

Dr. Joe Hale
General Secretary
World Methodist Council
P.O. Box 518
Lake Junaluska, North Carolina 28745
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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July 31, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR SHIRLEY M. GREEN

FROM:

WILLIAM F. SITTMANN *KJA*

SUBJECT:

Draft response to Dr. Joe Hale, General Secretary,
World Methodist Council

Attached at Tab A is a proposed response to a letter from Dr. Joe Hale, General Secretary, World Methodist Council (Tab B).

Attachments

Tab A Response to Dr. Hale

Tab B Letter from Dr. Hale

D R A F T

Dear Dr. Hale:

I am responding to your letter to the President of June 25 regarding the Middle East peace process.

President Bush has made clear that a comprehensive Middle East peace is a high priority of his administration and that the U.S. will act as a catalyst to bring this about. The President's personal involvement and Secretary Baker's repeated trips to the region have evidenced that commitment.

We remain hopeful that all parties to the dispute, including Israel, will accept our approach and facilitate our efforts. We have made clear to Israel our opposition to a number of Israeli occupation practices, including continued settlement in the occupied territories. We have also made clear that a comprehensive peace must be grounded in U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 and the principle of territory for peace. This principle must be elaborated to provide for Israel's security and recognition and, at the same time, for legitimate Palestinian political rights. Anything else, the President has pointed out, will fail the twin test of fairness and security.

Increasingly, our efforts have won international support. Most recently the Group of Seven at the London Summit endorsed the current American initiative. We also appreciate the support of individuals such as yourself. We believe a historic opportunity exists to bring peace to the Middle East, and we will continue our efforts to persuade the people of that region to seize this opportunity.

Sincerely,

**National Security Council
The White House**

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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July 31, 1991

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. SITTMANN

THROUGH: RICHARD N. HAASS

FROM: EDMUND J. HULL

SUBJECT: Draft response to Dr. Joe Hale, General Secretary,
World Methodist Council

Attached at Tab I is a memo to Shirley Green forwarding a draft response (Tab A) to a letter from Dr. Joe Hale, General Secretary, World Methodist Council, in response to his letter of June 17, 1991 (Tab B).

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo to Shirley Green at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I	Memo to Shirley Green
Tab A	Response to Dr. Hale
Tab B	Letter from Dr. Hale

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

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S/S 9112882

Date July 29, 1991

FOR: Mr. William F. Sittmann
Executive Secretary
National Security Council Staff
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush
From: Dr. Joe Hale, General Secretary, World Methodist Council
Date: June 17, 1991
Subj: Concerns regarding the situation in the Middle East,
particularly Israel.

WH Referral Dated: July 11, 1991

NSCS ID# (if any): 249695

_____ 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.
_____ 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: Dr. Hale is a regular, serious correspondent. A reply by a White House staff member is appropriate.


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DRAFT REPLY

Dear Dr. Hale:

I am responding to your letter to the President of June 25 regarding the Middle East peace process.

President Bush has said that it is time to end the Arab-Israeli conflict, and the United States has and will continue to direct its energies to this objective. Secretary Baker has devoted significant personal attention to invigorating the peace process.

We believe that the parties all recognize the importance of moving rapidly ahead toward negotiations and the achievement of a comprehensive peace agreement and that they are prepared to do so. A workable, lasting peace will require difficult compromises that are willingly made and accepted by each party. Anything less will not bring the lasting peace we all seek.

Dr. Joe Hale,

General Secretary,

World Methodist Council,

P.O. Box 518,

Lake Junaluska, North Carolina 28745.

The United States has consistently opposed a number of Israeli occupation practices, and we have made our position very clear to Israeli authorities. We continue to closely monitor the situation and to bring our views to the senior levels of the Israeli government. We believe that the best means of achieving legitimate Palestinian rights, along with security for Israel, is a peace process conducted through direct negotiations between the parties and based on United Nations Security Council resolutions 242 and 338.

The Administration intends to continue its efforts to achieve these objectives.

Sincerely,

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JULY 11, 1991

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MEDIA: IETTFR, DATED JUNE 17, 1991

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: DR. JOE HALE
GENERAL SECRETARY
WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL
POST OFFICE BOX 518
LAKE JUNALUSKA NC 28745

SUBJECT: CONCERNS REGARDING THE SITUATION IN THE
MIDDLE EAST, PARTICULARLY ISRAEL

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WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL

JOE HALE, GENERAL SECRETARY

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LAKE JUNALUSKA, NORTH CAROLINA, 28745

June 17, 1991

K. Jeavons

The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20013

Dear Mr. President:

While you are working toward a settlement that could bring peace among the countries of the Middle East, Israel plays for time, and seemingly rejects outright every option your Administration proposes and Secretary of State Baker takes to Jerusalem.

At the same time, people who have long lived in East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza are being displaced, either forced from their homes, from their land or intimidated to the extent they find it unbearable to survive under the conditions of the Israeli occupation.

The most cynical part is that the Soviet Jews and new comers from Africa are imported in large numbers with great media fanfare to this small country already overpopulated by a people who are denied their legitimate rights, see their property taken from them and have no recourse to law.

Mr. President, we are permitting the likes of Prime Minister Shamir, Ariel Sharon and other Israeli diplomats and spokespersons who are more personable, to mask the horrible realities in Israel. By their smooth words in a barrage of television and press interviews they circumvent your Administration, and the truth, going direct to the American people, thus undercutting your policy goals.

Moreover, when Mr. Shamir says "No" to your proposals, he is treated very differently from other government leaders who resist such overtures. One would think a small country, dependent for its very life on the support of the United States, would be more sensitive to our national goals and foreign policy objectives.

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The Honorable George Bush
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June 17, 1991

I have hesitated to write for many months because I have had the feeling that no expression of frustration, or of the anger I feel, could make any difference. I wish now, however, to express my deep concern in the strongest possible terms.

What we are permitting Israel to do is create a country in which the worst elements of South African apartheid are reborn at the very time President F.W. de Klerk and others in that African country are working toward change and reform.

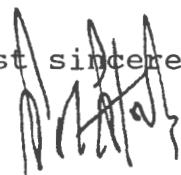
I plead with you to say to Israel what you have said to Iraq, to the USSR, to Jordan, to Egypt and to every other nation that benefits from U.S. foreign aid or loans, that our support is based on our foreign policy, not the policy of the receiving nation.

I write in support of what you are seeking to do. I am alarmed that Israel is undercutting you at every turn by deflecting the creative initiatives you have advanced. It becomes clearer every day that the Israeli objective is, one way or another, to drive the Palestinian people out of the Israeli occupied areas, or, to impose an internal solution, shielded from observation by the United Nations, the United States or anyone else, bestowing on these people a miserable second-class citizenship that robs them of property and their humanity.

Just as the Nation of Israel was created by the world community in 1948, this tragic situation in Israel today can only be resolved with the help of the larger world community, with impartial observers, who clearly see, and are willing to courageously challenge and change the injustice that is being inflicted. Know of my strong support for your efforts.

With friendship, I remain

Most sincerely yours,



Joe Hale

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