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ID# 261392

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DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 09, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: DR. HANNA CANAWATI

SUBJECT: CONCERNS REGARDING THE SITUATION IN THE
MIDDLE EAST

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LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS
MANAGEMENT.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 9, 1991

Dear Drs. Canawati and Hazboun:

On behalf of the President, I am responding to your August 2nd letter regarding the Middle East peace process.

President Bush has made it 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 about such an agreement. The President's personal involvement and Secretary Baker's repeated trips to the region are evidence of that commitment.

We remain hopeful that all parties to the dispute, including the Palestinians, will accept our approach and facilitate our efforts. We have made it clear to Israel our opposition to a number of Israeli occupation practices, including continued settlement in the occupied territories. We have also made it clear that a comprehensive peace agreement must be grounded in the U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 and in 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.

As the President said on September 12, we are on the brink of an historic breakthrough. With the support of the American people, particularly for the President's proposal to defer consideration of Israel's request for loan guarantees for 120 days, we believe we can see a peace conference and direct negotiations between Israel and all her Arab neighbors that can lead to a just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Jeavons
Associate Director
Public Liaison

Hanna N. Canawati
Joan C. Hazboun
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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October 1, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR SHIRLEY GREEN

FROM: WILLIAM F. SITTMANN *W*
SUBJECT: Reply to Drs. Canawati and Hazoun of The Bethlehem Association

Attached at Tab A is a draft response prepared by State to a letter sent to the President by Dr. Hanna Canawati, President, and Dr. Edward Hazoun, Board Member, of The Bethlehem Association.

Attachments

Tab A Draft Response to Mr. Castro
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

*Frank -
draft for my sig*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 9115433Date September 6, 1991

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush
From: Dr. Hanna Canawati
Date: August 2, 1991
Subj: Concerns regarding the situation in the
Middle East

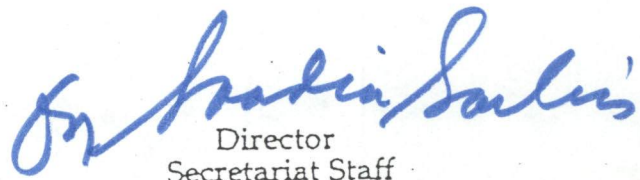
WH Referral Dated: August 26, 1991
NSCS ID# (if any): 261392

 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:


Director
Secretariat Staff

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AUGUST 26, 1991

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 261392
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED AUGUST 2, 1991
TO: PRESIDENT BUSH
FROM: DR. HANNA CANAWATI
PRESIDENT
THE BETHLEHEM ASSOCIATION
POST OFFICE BOX 1111
MEDIA PA 19063

SUBJECT: CONCERNS REGARDING THE SITUATION IN THE
MIDDLE EAST

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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San Diego
July 27, 1991

Dear President Bush:

We are Palestinian-Americans from Bethlehem who have many friends and relatives under Israeli occupation in the West Bank. We have gathered in San Diego at our 6th Annual Convention.

As Americans we are deeply committed to the democratic values of our nation and its concern for human rights and the rule of law.

As Americans of Palestinian heritage, we want to see these same values implemented for our families and friends in the land of our origin.

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We were heartened by your March 6th address to Congress, especially when you noted that a comprehensive peace must be grounded in United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 and the principles of territory for peace and the legitimate political rights of the Palestinians. These principles, we believe, provide a framework for a lasting peace.

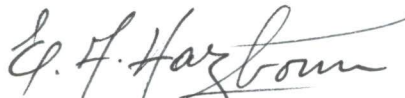
We support your efforts to bring about a just settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict, but we fear that the Israeli government and some members of Congress are presenting new obstacles to such a settlement.

We urge you to continue to support fairness for Palestinians by recognizing the national right of the Palestinian people to be represented in negotiations by a delegation of their own choosing.

We urge you to remain firm in your determination to see peace based on the implementation of U.N. Resolution 242, specifically trading land for peace. We would like to see the same firmness exercised in implementing this resolution as we have seen with other resolutions recently implemented in the region. The occupation must be ended and the Palestinian people must have their right to self-determination in their own lands.

It is time for your administration to coordinate its peace objectives in the Middle East with its substantial financial and military aid to the region. A recent USA Today poll, (copy attached), shows that the American public is ready to support you in linking aid to Israel with its performance at the peace table. We and many of our members are sending you the enclosed petition, adding our voice to the majority of the American public, urging you to be firm with Israel in fully implementing U.N. resolutions 242 and 338 just as you have been firm in implementing other U.N. resolutions in the region.

Respectfully yours,



Dr. Edward Hazboun, and
Board member



Dr. Hanna Canawati,
President

cc: Board Members,
Executive Committee

Withdrawal/Redaction Sheet

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Document No. and Type	Subject/Title of Document	Date	Restriction	Class.
01a. Petition	Case Number: 261392 From Dr. Hanna Canawati/petitioners to POTUS. Re: Middle East Peace Petition. [Redaction of list of petitioners and their personal addresses.] (1 pp.)	07/27/1991	(b)(6)	

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Middle East Peace Petition

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And finally, we urge you to press Congress to link any increased assistance to Israel to a freeze of settlements in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab lands. U.S. aid should not, in any way, contribute to the continued alienation of Palestinians from their lands, nor should it be used to impede the peace process.

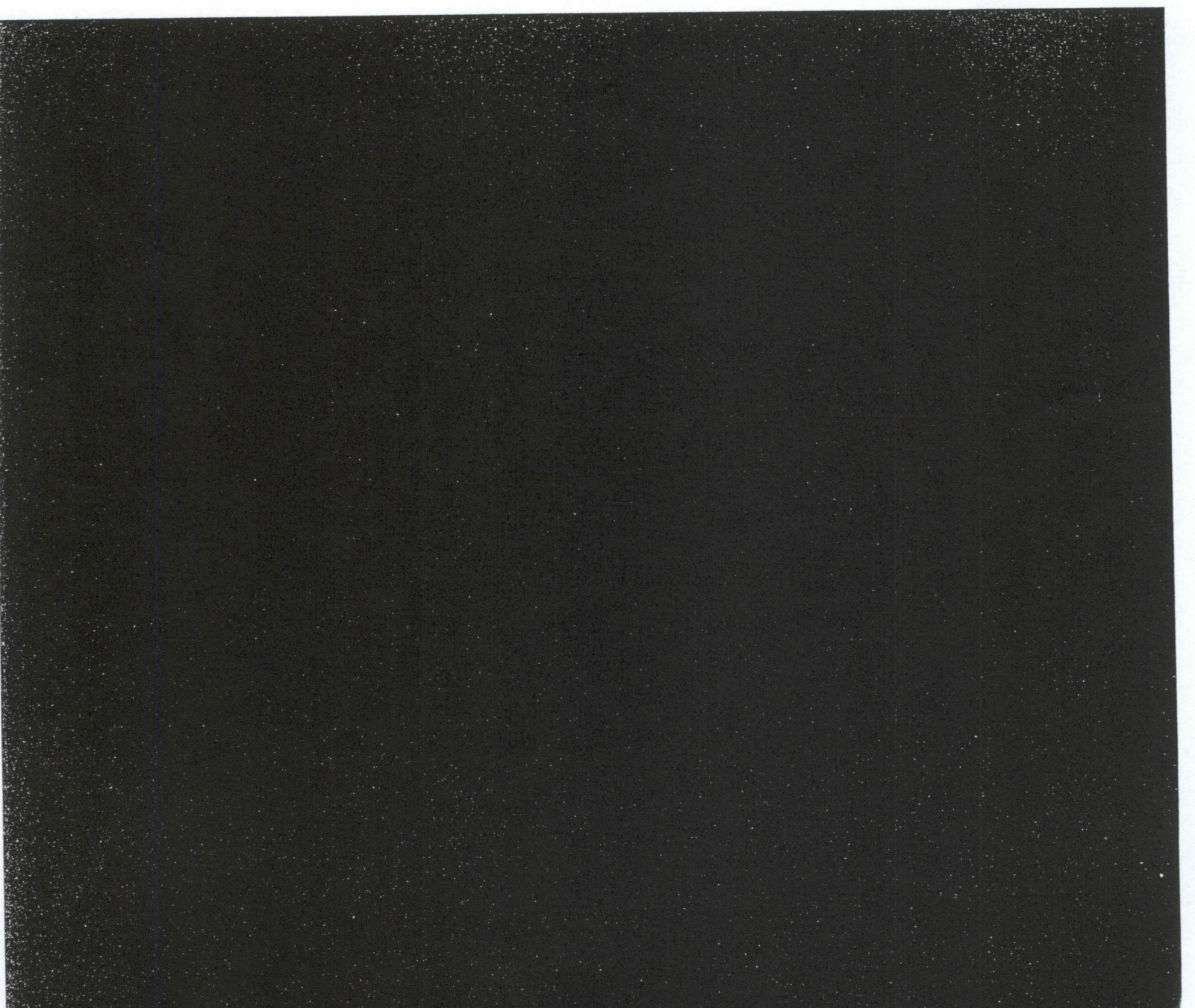
Be firm, Mr. President; peace will require your leadership and determination.

Yours Sincerely,

NAME

ADDRESS

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