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DATE RECEIVED: JUNE 10, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ARTHUR L. BERMAN

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES COPY OF HIS LETTER TO SECRETARY OF
STATE JAMES BAKER CONCERNING THE SPEECH HE
MADE AT THE AIPAC CONFERENCE THAT WAS
PERCEIVED TO BE ANTI-ISRAEL

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June 28, 1989

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Knowing your views and those of your constituents is extremely helpful, and we very much appreciate your taking the time to contact us.

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Mary McClure
Special Assistant to the President
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The Honorable Arthur L. Berman
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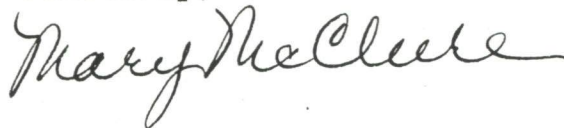
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M. McClure
June 2, 1989

Hon. George Bush
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have sent to James Baker, the Secretary of State, concerning the Middle-East developments. I was a participant at the recent AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) Conference where Secretary Baker delivered a speech that was perceived to be anti-Israel and the Israeli peace initiatives. I hope that the perception is in error and that you and your administration continue to exhibit the strong support for Israel and Middle-East peace.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Arthur L. Berman
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Secretary James Baker
Secretary of State
Main State Building
2201 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Baker:

I am writing concerning the remarks which you made at the recent National Conference of AIPAC, American Israel Public Affairs Committee. I was a presenter at that conference and was concerned at the reaction that I have received from conference participants as well as comments that I have received from my constituents and colleagues. I am the President of the National Association of Jewish Legislators, as well as being a Member of the Illinois Senate.

First, I wish to commend you for the major role you and the Bush administration have been playing in promoting the peace process in the Middle-East. I am hopeful that you will continue to do so. I am supportive of those efforts.

However, we are concerned about the signals that your AIPAC speech sends out.

Israel has proposed a peace initiative that contains four points which America should certainly strongly support in order to create better conditions for Mid-East peace: 1. Rededication to Camp David accords; 2. Solving the Palestinian refugee problem by providing humanitarian housing and jobs. These people have been pawns for over 40 years in the Arab game of anti-Israel propaganda; 3. The Arab states should end the official state of war that they are in with the State of Israel along with elimination of economic boycott, political warfare and terrorism; and 4. Providing the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza Strip elections to choose the representatives who shall be able to

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negotiate peace with Israel in a multi-stage process. As an elected official, I find it interesting that the Arabs criticize free elections when Israel is the only country in the Middle-East that has ever provided for free elections.

This peace initiative has received the support of all of the political parties in Israel and won a national consensus. It is "the only game in town" to move towards a meaningful peace and to give the Palestinians the opportunity for their own participation in the peace process. Egypt and Jordan, together with Israel and the United States can all take part in this process.

I am sure that you recognize the democratic and strategic value of a strong Israel. It's willingness to negotiate in good faith was proven at the time of the Camp David accords which included relinquishment of substantial property from Israel to Egypt.

On behalf of my colleagues and constituents, I urge your continued commitment to the peace process and the welfare of the State of Israel.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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