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DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 12, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MS. FAITH T. ZEADEY

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN ON THE ISRAELI KNESSET
PASSING THE FIRST READING OF A DRAFT
AMENDMENT TO THE PREVENTION OF TERRORISM
ORDINANCE OF 1948, ON MAY 23 89

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S: 8919719

Date: SEP 05 1989

FOR: Mr. Philip Hughes
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: PRESIDENT BUSH
From: MS. FAITH T. ZEADEY
Date: AUGUST 2, 1989
Subject: EXPRESSES CONCERN ON THE ISRAELI
KNESSET PASSING THE FIRST READING, ETC.

White House Referral Dated: AUGUST 24, 1989

NSCS ID Number (if any): 062837

 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.
- X 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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Colin A. Furey
for Director
Secretariat Staff

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 1, 1989

Faith T. Zeadey
President
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556 Trapelo Road
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Dear Ms. Zeady:

I have been asked to reply to your August 2 letter to the President regarding the draft amendment to Israel's Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance of 1948.

We are aware that this amendment is under consideration and have discussed it with the Israeli Government. Our understanding is that their concern is to prevent money being used for terrorist purposes and that the Knesset Committee is seeking to draw up appropriate criteria.

In our view, the legislation need not, and should not, affect the legitimate work of private voluntary organizations, whether foreign or indigenous to the occupied territories. We intend to monitor carefully the course of this proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John L. Hirsch".

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

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REFERRAL

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AUGUST 24 1989
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TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

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PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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(OR DRAFT) TO:
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DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
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Dear Mr. President:

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On the evening of May 23, 1989, the Israeli kneset passed the first reading of a draft amendment to the Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance of 1948, the effect of which would severely restrict access by local voluntary organizations in the Arab sector to funds from international charities and development aid organizations. Fourteen kneset members were present at the late evening session of whom nine (9) voted "for," three (3) "against," and two (2) abstained. The proposed amendment was referred to the Committee on the Constitution and Legislation where it is currently under discussion.

The draft amendment appears to be aimed at undermining the valuable humanitarian and social efforts of Arab voluntary organizations in Israel and the occupied territories. If passed into law, the proposed amendment would give the police and security apparatus virtually absolute powers to close Arab charitable organizations, to confiscate their assets, and to detain their workers.

The Declaration on Human Rights of 1948, provides in Article 12, for the rights of groups to establish voluntary organizations for the social, cultural and economic development of their communities. Voluntary organizations among Palestinians in Israel, especially in the occupied territories, have sprung from the need to provide basic services to the Palestinian inhabitants who are deprived of most of the benefits extended to the Jewish population by such quasi-official institutions as the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund.

The long list of educational, charitable, and social service organizations already closed by the Israeli authorities since the outbreak of the uprising, can only be

seen as a form of collective punishment, and in violation of international law and conventions. This campaign by the Israeli authorities to extend the closing of all community based Palestinian organizations by an arbitrary and insidious definition of "terrorism," will not only add to the misery and suffering of the occupied people, but will make the situation ever more explosive; the prospects for settlement ever more distant.

The flagrant violations of human rights, the gross contravention of international laws and accords regarding occupied people and their lands, and the unprecedented disregard for due process of law and the rules of evidence, which characterize official Israeli policy toward the Palestinian people and their territories, cannot and should not be ignored by the government of the United States.

Irrespective of personal beliefs and preferences regarding the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, no decent human being or nation can disregard the terrible injustices being perpetrated upon the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation. There is a legal as well as a moral obligation upon our government and its officials to use our good offices with the Israeli authorities to bring a halt to such a deplorable situation, and to dissuade them from pursuing even greater violations under the mantle of legality, of which the draft amendment to the Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance of 1948 is but one example.

I trust that you and your colleagues will find such perverted means, employed by the Israelis, for addressing the substantive issues of occupation distasteful and intolerable, and, thereby, employ your efforts to bring an end to the dangers which such a course of action implies.

Sincerely,

Faith T. Zeadey

Faith T. Zeadey
President

cc: James A. Baker
John Sununu
George Mitchell