

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 20, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: DR. SAMUEL SCHFLER

SUBJECT: CONCERNS REGARDING RECENT STATEMENT ON
EAST JERUSALEM

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S/S# 9007542
DATE June 22, 1990

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

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

REFERENCE:

TO: President Bush
FROM: Dr. Samuel Schafler, President
Hebrew College
DATE: March 12, 1990
SUBJECT: U.S. Policy Regarding Jerusalem
WH Referral Dated: April 4, 1990
NSC ID# (if any): 124532

 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
XXX 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



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 22, 1990

Dr. Samuel Schafler
President
Hebrew College
43 Hawes Street
Brookline, MA 02146

Dear Dr. Schafler:

I have been asked to reply to your letter to President Bush expressing concern about his remarks regarding Jerusalem. I sincerely regret the long delay in this response but welcome the opportunity to restate U.S. policy about the city.

We are aware of the great significance which Jerusalem has for Jews, Christians, and Muslims. As such, access to the holy sites must be ensured for people of all faiths.

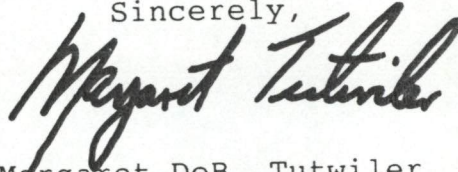
It has long been our policy that Jerusalem must remain undivided, with its ultimate status to be decided through negotiations. There is no question that negotiations about Jerusalem would be facilitated if we were well along on the path to peace, and thus there is no intention now to focus on the final status of Jerusalem.

In the meantime, all sides should avoid unilateral acts or unilateral assertions of rights that might exacerbate local tensions or make it more difficult to make progress in the peace process. All people in Jerusalem ought to uphold and promote comity in the city by not acting in ways that would prejudice prospects for the peace process. As recent events in the city have demonstrated, the real question is not an abstract one of rights, but rather how those rights are implemented.

Now that a new government has been formed in Israel, we will continue our peace efforts. The Administration is prepared to assist the parties in the Middle East toward

attainment of a just and durable peace. We remain strongly committed to the security of Israel and to the search for peace--two objectives which we believe go hand in hand.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Margaret Tutwiler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Margaret" and last name "Tutwiler" clearly distinguishable.

Margaret DeB. Tutwiler
Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs
and Department Spokesman

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

APRIL 4, 1990

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 124532

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MARCH 12, 1990

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: DR. SAMUEL SCHFLER
PRESIDENT
HEWBREW COLLEGE
43 HAWES STREET
BROOKLINE MA 02146

SUBJECT: CONCERNS REGARDING RECENT STATEMENT ON
EAST JERUSALEM

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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Sarah DeCamp

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 12, 1990

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I wish to register my distress at your recent statement on East Jerusalem.

There is no analogy between East Jerusalem and the so-called West Bank. Jerusalem is and will remain one and indivisible. To link the two areas is, in my judgement, an egregious error.

I have supported the Administration's peace initiatives in the Middle East and communicated this support to my friends in Israel. But I cannot support any effort to re-divide Jerusalem or to make the issue of a united city under Israeli sovereignty a bargaining ploy.

It would be highly appropriate to retract your statement on East Jerusalem in order to get the peace initiative flowing again.

Sincerely,

Dr. Samuel Schafner

SS/dz