

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 21, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. J. KENT FRIEDMAN

SUBJECT: APPRECIATION FOR RECENT ASSURANCE THAT THE
U.S. REMAINS COMMITTED TO A UNIFIED CITY
OF JERUSALEM

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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: Mr. J. Kent Friedman, Chairman
Jewish Federation of Greater Houston

DATE: March 15, 1990

SUBJECT: U.S. Policy Regarding Jerusalem

WH Referral Dated: April 4, 1990
NSC ID# (if any): 124632

 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

Mr. J. Kent Friedman
Chairman
Community Relations Committee
Jewish Federation of Greater Houston
5603 South Braeswood
Houston, TX 77096

Dear Mr. Friedman:

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.

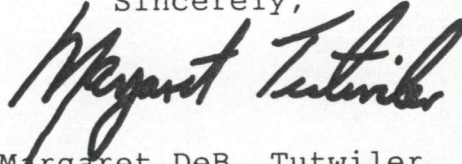
It has long been our policy that Jerusalem must remain undivided, with its ultimate status to be decided through negotiations. There is no question that negotiations about Jerusalem would be facilitated if we were well along on the path to peace, and thus there is no intention now to focus on the final 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, appearing to read "Margaret Tutwiler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Margaret" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Tutwiler".

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

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REFERRAL

APRIL 4, 1990

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 124632

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MARCH 15, 1990

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MR. J. KENT FRIEDMAN
CHAIRMAN
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JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER
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DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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Chairman

March 15, 1990

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President George Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston applauds your recent assurance to Jewish leaders that the United States remains committed to a unified city of Jerusalem.

As you know, the American Jewish community shares with Israel strong support for a united Jerusalem under Israeli sovereignty. Israeli control of the city has guaranteed free access to all religious sites for anyone, regardless of their religion. Such was not the case when, despite international assurances to the contrary, Jews were prohibited from worshiping and living in those areas of Jerusalem under Arab control prior to June, 1967.

While recognizing that American policy considers the final status of Jerusalem to be subject to negotiated settlement, the United States has also consistently recognized the rights of both Jews and Arabs to live in any part of the united city, a judgment most recently expressed by Vice President Quayle on March 6th.

It is therefore our hope that regardless of press reports to the contrary, Jewish settlement throughout Jerusalem will continue to have the support of your administration. Thank you for your continued support of this strategically important ally.

Respectfully yours,

J. Kent Friedman

J. Kent Friedman, Chairman



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