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DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 21, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. RONALD GOLDSMITH

SUBJECT: APPRECIATION FOR ASSURANCE THAT U.S. REMAINS
COMMITTED TO A UNITED JERUSALEM

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S/S# 9007485
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. Ronald Goldsmith, Chairperson
The Jewish Community Relations Bureau
DATE: March 16, 1990
SUBJECT: U.S. Policy Regarding Jerusalem
WH Referral Dated: April 4, 1990
NSC ID# (if any): 124633

_____ 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:

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*Done M. Canino
for DIRECTOR, S/S*



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 22, 1990

Mr. Ronald Goldsmith, Chairperson
The Jewish Community Relations Bureau
Suite 203
5801 West 115th Street
Overland Park, KS 66211

Dear Mr. Goldsmith:

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.

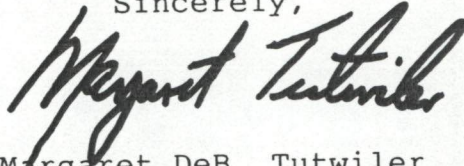
It has long been our policy that Jerusalem must remain undivided, with its ultimate status to be decided through negotiations. There is no question that negotiations about Jerusalem would be facilitated if we were well along on the path to peace, and thus there is no intention now to focus on the final 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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APRIL 4, 1990

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 124633
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MARCH 16, 1990
TO: PRESIDENT BUSH
FROM: MR. RONALD GOLDSMITH
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SUBJECT: APPRECIATION FOR ASSURANCE THAT U.S. REMAINS
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PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS BUREAU

March 16, 1990

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Community Relations Bureau of Greater Kansas City to express our appreciation for your assurance to the chairman of the Conference of Presidents that the United States remains committed to a united Jerusalem.

We in the heart of America stand in unity with our fellow Jews in unwavering support of maintaining an undivided Jerusalem as the capital of the state of Israel.

The Jewish Community Relations Bureau is aware that the United States' position regarding the final status of Jerusalem is a matter to be determined through negotiation. However, we believe that U.S. policy also recognizes the right of Jews to live anywhere in Jerusalem. We were pleased at recent statements made by Vice-President Dan Quayle and State Department spokesperson Margaret Tutwiler who stated that it is the position of the United States that Jews may live in any part of Jerusalem. This is the only acceptable position to the American Jewish community. For us, the fundamental right of Jews to live in the city which has been the heart of the Jewish people for 3,000 years must be respected.

Sincerely yours,



Ronald Goldsmith
Chairperson

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