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DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 21, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. GEORGE CAPLAN

SUBJECT: REITERATES UNITED SUPPORT FOR AN UNDIVIDED
JERUSALEM

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S/S# 9007543
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. George Caplan, President
Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles
DATE : March 14, 1990
SUBJECT: U.S. Policy Regarding Jerusalem
WH Referral Dated: April 4, 1990
NSC ID# (if any): 124653

_____ 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. George Caplan
President
Jewish Federation Council
of Greater Los Angeles
6505 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90048

Dear Mr. Caplan:

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.

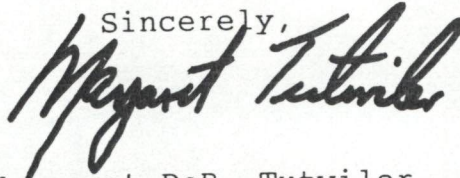
It has long been our policy that Jerusalem must remain undivided, with its ultimate status to be decided through negotiations. There is no question that negotiations about Jerusalem would be facilitated if we were well along on the path to peace, and thus there is no intention now to focus on the final 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: 124653

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MARCH 14, 1990

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MR. GEORGE CAPLAN
PRESIDENT
JEWISH FEDERATION COUNCIL OF
GREATER LOS ANGELES
6505 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD
LOS ANGELES CA 90048

SUBJECT: REITERATES UNITED SUPPORT FOR AN UNDIVIDED
JERUSALEM

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March 14, 1990

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

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles, we are writing to reiterate our united support for an undivided Jerusalem, the eternal capitol of the State of Israel.

For Jews everywhere, Jerusalem has always maintained a special place in our hearts. In our daily prayers and major holidays, Jerusalem is the focus of our dreams, aspirations and desires. The fundamental right of Jews to live in this ancient city must be respected.

Under Jordanian rule, the religious and holy sites of Jews and Christians were desecrated and access was denied. In contrast, under Israeli rule, all Muslims, Christians and Jews, have had complete access to their holy places.

Throughout history, Jews have always lived in all parts of Jerusalem; new Soviet immigrants are entitled to choose whether they wish to join an unbroken legacy of residency in Jerusalem.

Arab citizens of East Jerusalem are full Israeli citizens, with all the rights afforded every Israeli citizen, including the right to vote. Under the leadership of Mayor Teddy Kalleck, Jerusalem has been a model of cooperation and co-existence.

We are very disturbed that the right of Jews to live anywhere in Jerusalem is now being questioned, particularly at such a delicate point in the peace negotiations. In whatever new configuration the Israel government takes on in the coming weeks and months, we hope that the issue of the right of Jews to live anywhere in Jerusalem will not again be raised.

Sincerely,

George Caplan

George Caplan,
President
Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles

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cc: Southern California Congressional Delegation