

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 21, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. DAVID S. ISZAUK

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER THE PRESIDENT'S
STATEMENT REGARDING THE STATUS OF JERUSALEM;
SUPPORTS JERUSALEM AS THE UNDIVIDED CAPITAL
OF ISRAEL

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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. David S. Iszauk, President
B'nai B'rith

DATE: March 19, 1990

SUBJECT: U.S. Policy Regarding Jerusalem

WH Referral Dated: April 4, 1990
NSC ID# (if any): 124976

 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:

David M. Cairns
Director
Secretariat Staff



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 26, 1990

Mr. David S. Iszauk, President
District Three
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Dear Mr. Iszauk:

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.

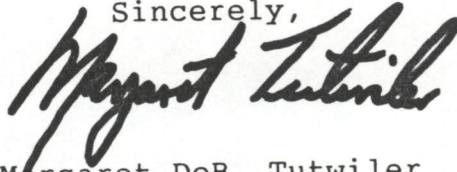
It has long been our policy that Jerusalem must remain undivided, with its ultimate status to be decided through negotiations. There is no question that negotiations about Jerusalem would be facilitated if we were well along on the path to peace, and thus there is no intention now to focus on the final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

APRIL 4, 1990

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 124976
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MARCH 19, 1990
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PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE



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March 19, 1990

President George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear President Bush:

On the issue of Jerusalem, the Jewish community is united!

Jerusalem is the capital of Israel and can never ever again be a divided city. In the past, the United States Administrations have been relatively quiet on the status of Jerusalem with the official position being that "Jerusalem should be undivided and the final status of the city should be determined through negotiations." Diplomats, however, have quietly advised you for any regional peace process to succeed, the debate over Jerusalem must be left for last.

Therefore, Mr President, I am writing on behalf of the 24,000 members in B'nai B'rith District Three to express our dismay over your recent statements on the status of Jerusalem. Jerusalem is the capital of Israel and must remain undivided. Under Israeli rule a united Jerusalem has flourished and provided access to holy places to people of all faiths.

The road to peace is slow and tortuous. Israel must find its own way toward making vital decisions, but they can only be made in an atmosphere of confidence in U.S. policy not confusion about it.

We hope that the Israeli Government will yet find a way to move ahead with its peace initiative. At the same time we hope, Mr. President that the United States will clarify its policy and provide assurances necessary for Israel to do so.

Sincerely,

David S. Iszauk
President

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