

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

2142

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 24, 1990

12616955
PRESIDENT HAS SEEN -
3/26/90

1990 MAR 24 PM 2:26

C0074

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

SUBJECT: Letter to Abe Foxman

Purpose

To reiterate our policy on Jerusalem to Abe Foxman.

Background

Abe Foxman, National Director of the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith (ADL), wrote you a personal letter on March 14 (Tab B) concerning Jerusalem. His letter was preceded by a more official one on March 12 (Tab C) co-signed with Burton Levinson, National Chairman of the ADL.

We think that you should respond to Foxman along the same lines as the reply to Senator Boschwitz, realizing that we are not going to be able to meet all of his concerns within existing policy. A suggested reply is attached.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached reply to Abe Foxman at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Response to Abe Foxman
Tab B Letter from Abe Foxman of March 14, 1990
Tab C Letter from Levinson/Foxman of March 12, 1990

DECLASSIFIED

White House Guidelines

E.O. 12958, SEC 3.4 (B) September 11, 2006

By DJE NARA, Date 04/20/2007

cc: The Vice President
Chief of Staff

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Declassify on: OADR

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

2142

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

March 19, 1990

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

THROUGH: RICHARD N. HAASS

FROM: C. DAVID WELCH

SUBJECT: Letter to Abe Foxman Concerning Jerusalem

Abe Foxman, National Director of the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai Brith (ADL), wrote a personal letter to the President on March 14 (Tab B) concerning Jerusalem. This letter came only two days after a more official letter on March 12 (Tab C) co-signed with Burton Levinson, National Chairman of the ADL.

We propose that the President should respond to Foxman along the same lines as the reply to Senator Boschwitz. A memo to the President is attached, forwarding a suggested reply (Tab A).

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached memo to the President at Tab I, forwarding a suggested reply to Abe Foxman.

Attachments

Tab I	Memo to the President
Tab A	Response to Abe Foxman
Tab B	Letter from Abe Foxman of March 14, 1990
Tab C	Letter from Levinson/Foxman of March 12, 1990

DECLASSIFIED

White House Guidelines

E.O. 12958, SEC 3.4 (B) September 11, 2006

By DJL NARA, Date 08/29/2007

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Declassify on: OADR

OFFICERS OF THE
NATIONAL COMMISSION

National Chairman
BURTON S. LEVINSON
National Director
ABRAHAM H. FOXMAN
Chairman, National
Executive Committee
RONALD B. SOBEL
Associate National Director
JUSTIN J. FINGER

Honorary Chairmen
KENNETH J. BIALKIN
SEYMOUR GRAUBARD
MAXWELL E. GREENBERG
BURTON M. JOSEPH

Honorary Vice Chairmen
LEONARD L. ABESS
DOROTHY BINSTOCK
RUDY BOSCHWITZ
EDGAR M. BRONFMAN
MAXWELL DANE
BRUCE I. HOCHMAN
GERI M. JOSEPH
MAX M. KAMPELMAN
PHILIP M. KLUTZNICK
HOWARD M. METZENBAUM
SAMUEL H. MILLER
BERNARD D. MINTZ
MILTON MOLLEN
BERNARD NATH
ROBERT R. NATHAN
ABRAHAM A. RIBICOFF
WILLIAM SACHS
S.O. SHAPIRO
THEODORE H. SILBERT
SIDNEY R. YATES

Vice-Chairmen
BEVERLY DAVIS
MEYER EISENBERG
JEROME B. HOMER
NAT KAMENY
IRVING SHAPIRO
ALVIN J. STEINBERG
Honorary Chairman, National
Executive Committee
DAVID A. ROSE

Vice-Chairman
National Executive Committee
LAWRENCE ATLER

Honorary Treasurers
CHARLES GOLDRING
BENJAMIN GREENBERG
MOE KUDLER

Treasurer
ROBERT H. NAFTALY

Assistant Treasurer
MICHAEL BERENSON

Secretary
SYDNEY JARKOW
Assistant Secretary
LESLIE DAVIS

President, B'nai B'rith
SEYMOUR D. REICH
Executive Vice President
THOMAS NEUMANN

President, B'nai B'rith Women
HYLA LIPSKY

Executive Director
ELAINE BINDER

DIVISION DIRECTORS

Civil Rights
JEFFREY P. SINENSKY

Communications
LYNNE IANNIELLO

Community Service
CHARNEY V. BROMBERG

Development
SHELDON FLIEGELMAN

Finance and Administration
PHILIP SHAMIS

Intergroup Relations
ALAN BAYER

International Affairs
KENNETH JACOBSON

Leadership
Assistant to the National Director
MARVIN S. RAPPAPORT

Washington Representative
JESS N. HORDES

General Counsel
ARNOLD FORSTER



March 14, 1990

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to you personally because I have great concern that nobody's interest has been served by the recent dispute over the status of Jerusalem.

A striking element of Middle East discussions for many years has been the broad agreement among American policymakers, Israeli leaders, members of the American Jewish community and members of Congress that the issue of Jerusalem be put aside for the time being. The reasoning has been that the issue is too delicate and emotion-laden, that to introduce it early in the process would preclude progress in many other areas.

While this has been the majority sentiment, there has been dissent. Some argue that to the contrary, because this issue is so important to Israelis and world Jewry, the matter should be raised early in the process. Not to do so, it is reasoned, could lead to a worst-case scenario where Israel has made irreversible concessions on many fronts, but because it would not give up its right to a united Jerusalem, capital of Israel, it would end up without peace from the Arabs and with criticism from the international community.

This sentiment has not prevailed because there was this broad understanding to keep Jerusalem off the table. Indeed, several years ago when Senator Moynihan sought to raise the issue of moving the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, which almost all Israelis and American Jews favor, there was no major activity by the community because it would violate the consensus of letting the issue lie.

Here is where our current concern enters the picture. By virtue of your now-celebrated comments on "settlements" in East Jerusalem, there is a sense that the tacit agreement has been broken by the Administration. As a result, there is already growing sentiment in Israel and in the American Jewish community that this being the case, maybe we should move away from our past approach and accept the logic that the Jerusalem issue must be confronted now before we get too deeply into the peace process.

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION

ARNOLD ALPERT, Denver, CO
 *PETER M. ALTER, Detroit, MI
 MISHA APTER, Sherman Oaks, CA
 DOV ASHBEL, Jerusalem, Israel
 *LAWRENCE ATLER, Denver, CO
 TOMMY BAER, Richmond, VA
 BARBARA BALSER, Atlanta, GA
 RHETA BANK, Larchmont, NY
 ISAGUINO BENADOFF, Santiago, Chile
 SOPHIA BENDER, Houston, TX
 *MICHAEL A. BERENSON, New Orleans, LA
 STEPHEN BERISH, Stoughton, MA
 *HOWARD P. BERKOWITZ, New York, NY
 NORMAN BERRIS, Los Angeles, CA
 *KENNETH J. BIALKIN, New York, NY
 HARRY BICK, Montreal, Canada
 *ELAINE BINDER, Washington, DC
 *DOROTHY BINSTOCK, Pittsburgh, PA
 *DAVID M. BLUMBERG, Washington, DC
 DAVID BLUMENFELD, Chicago, IL
 *IRA "BOB" BORN, Bethlehem, PA
 DONALD BRESLOW, Paramus, NY
 *AVRON I. BROG, New York, NY
 MEYER BUSHMAN, Philadelphia, PA
 LEROY CALISH, Columbia, MD
 JOSEPH COHEN, New York, NY
 LIONEL COLLET, Ecullly, France
 IRVING COPELAND, Philadelphia, PA
 ALAN J. DAVIS, Philadelphia, PA
 *BEVERLY DAVIS, Palm Beach, FL
 *LESLIE DAVIS, Denver, CO
 GRACE DAY, St. Joseph, MO
 IRENE DE BELOZERCOSKY, Caracas, Venezuela
 JEROME DIAMOND, Montpelier, VT
 THEODORE DINERSTEIN, Houston, TX
 *MEYER EISENBERG, Washington, DC
 STEVEN FADEM, New York, NY
 MARTIN FEIN, Houston, TX
 *MILTON FERMAN, St. Louis, MO
 *JUSTIN J. FINGER, New York, NY
 BIDI FINKELSTEIN, Philadelphia, PA
 JOSEPH J. FISCH, San Diego, CA
 *ARNOLD FORSTER, New York, NY
 *ABRAHAM H. FOXMAN, Bergenfield, NJ
 *MELVIN I. FRAMMAN, Belmont, MA
 *FRANCES FRAZIN, Phoenix, AZ
 *LAWRENCE GELB, Boston, MA
 IRMA GERTLER, Dallas, TX
 *DANIEL GINSBERG, New York, NY
 MARCIA GLASSEL, Hillsborough, CA
 MORLEY GLUSKOTER, Frontenac, MO
 ALEXANDER GOLDBERG, Hollis, NY
 CARL GOLDBERG, Bethesda, MD
 FRANK GOLDBERG, Houston, TX
 JAMES GOLDMAN, El Paso, TX

LISA GOLDMAN, Columbia, MD
 ALAN GOODMAN, New Orleans, LA
 ROBERT GORDON, Detroit, MI
 *SEYMOUR GRAUBARD, New York, NY
 ROBERT GREEN, Palm Beach, FL
 *MAXWELL E. GREENBERG, Los Angeles, CA
 FABIAN GRYNBERG, Buenos Aires, Argentina
 RUTH HARVEY, Santa Monica, CA
 LEONARD HEINE, Westin, CT
 *THOMAS HOMBURGER, Chicago, IL
 *JEROME B. HOMER, Hollywood, FL
 HARRIET HORWITZ, North Miami Beach, FL
 ALLAN JACOBS, Chicago, IL
 JOHN E. JACOBS, Detroit, MI
 MILTON JACOBS, San Francisco, CA
 HAROLD JAFFA, Southfield, MI
 MURRAY JANUS, Richmond, VA
 *BURTON M. JOSEPH, Minneapolis, MN
 MILTON KADISH, Waterbury, CT
 *NAT KAMENY, Bergenfield, NJ
 *SAM KANE, Corpus Christi, TX
 *LUCILLE KANTOR, Great Neck, NY
 JOEL KAPLAN, Woodmere, NY
 STANLEY A. KAPLAN, Chicago, IL
 *KAYGEY KASH, Los Angeles, CA
 *JAMES KAUFMANN, Atlanta, GA
 *PHILIP M. KLUTZNICK, Chicago, IL
 *GERALD KRAFT, Indianapolis, IN
 MORRIS KRAUS, San Diego, CA
 *CHARLES F. KRISER, Northfield, IL
 CHARLES KRUMBEIN, Richmond, VA
 *DOUGLAS KRUPP, Wellesley, MA
 JUDITH KRUPP, Wellesley, MA
 *ALEXANDER KYMAN, Beverly Hills, CA
 *RUTH LANSNER, New York, NY
 ALAN LARKIN, Newton Centre, MA
 *LARRY M. LAVINSKY, New York, NY
 HERB LAZAR, Tamarac, FL
 BARBARA LESLIE, New York, NY
 *BURTON S. LEVINSON, Beverly Hills, CA
 JAYSON LEVY, Galveston, TX
 TONY LEVY, Victoria, Australia
 *HYLA LIPSKY, Rydal, PA
 *MYRA ROSENBERG, LITMAN, Kansas City, MO
 *STUART LOCKMAN, Birmingham, MI
 *THOMAS D. MANTEL, Indianapolis, PA
 BARRY MARCH, Fort Lee, NJ
 *ALLAN B. MARGOLIS, Miami Beach, FL
 JEFFREY MARLIN, New Castle, PA
 *I. BARRY MEHLER, Washington, DC
 MARK MEHLMAN, Chicago, IL
 *DONALD R. MINTZ, New Orleans, LA
 ARDEN MUCHIN, Manitowoc, WI
 JAYME MURAHOVSKI, Sao Paulo, Brazil
 *MICHAEL NACHMAN, Rye Brook, NY

*ROBERT H. NAFTALY, West Bloomfield, MI
 NATHAN I. NAGLER, Oceanside, NY
 *THOMAS NEUMANN, Washington, DC
 *SHERWIN NEWAR, Houston, TX
 JACK NEWMAN, Los Angeles, CA
 DAVID NIERENBERG, White Plains, NY
 THEODORE F. PERLMAN, Westmont, IL
 *GERALD M. QUIAT, Denver, CO
 STUART RASKAS, St. Louis, MO
 *SEYMOUR D. REICH, New York, NY
 MARVIN RICH, Houston, TX
 *ALVIN J. ROCKOFF, New Brunswick, NJ
 STEVE RODIN, Winnipeg, Canada
 *DAVID A. ROSE, Wellesley, MA
 JODYNE ROSEMAN, San Diego, CA
 *SUSAN ROSEN, San Diego, CA
 HOWARD ROSENBERG, Tustin, CA
 STEPHEN D. RUDMAN, Elkins Park, IL
 *MELVIN SALBERG, New York, NY
 HENRY SALKO, Stamford, CT
 HENRY SATSKY, Verona, NJ
 MARTIN SAVITT, London, England
 PAM SCHAFLER, New York, NY
 KENT SCHINER, Baltimore, MD
 *MILTON S. SCHNEIDER, Philadelphia, PA
 *MICHAEL E. SCHULTZ, New York, NY
 DALE SCHWARTZ, Atlanta, GA
 *IRVING SHAPIRO, Liberty, NY
 RONALD SHAW, Woodbridge, CT
 GERALD SHOR, Raleigh, NC
 STANLEY SHOTZ, Lake Worth, FL
 STEVEN SHULMAN, New York, NY
 IRVING SILVER, Mobile, AL
 ROBERT SILVERBERG, Denver, CO
 HELEN SMITH, Austin, TX
 *RONALD B. SOBEL, New York, NY
 *JACK J. SPITZER, Kirkland, WA
 *JOEL SPRAYREGEN, Chicago, IL
 *GEORGE STARK, Houston, TX
 *ALVIN J. STEINBERG, Kensington, MD
 LAWRENCE E. STEINBERG, Dallas, TX
 HARRY STERLING, Depver, CO
 HORACE STERN, Philadelphia, PA
 *DAVID H. STRASSLER, Great Barrington, MA
 *ROBERT SUGARMAN, New York, NY
 CHARLES TOBIAS, Detroit, MI
 GLEN TOBIAS, New York, NY
 *WILLIAM VEPRIN, Beverly Hills, CA
 CARMEN WARSCHAW, Los Angeles, CA
 *WILLIAM A. WEXLER, Herzlyia, Israel
 JEANETTE WISHNA, Overland Park, KS
 JERRY J. WISOTSKY, Phoenix, AZ
 *JAMES M. WOLF, Albion, NE
 MORRIS YOFFE, Boca Raton, FL
 HERB ZOLA, Canoga Park, CA
 MAURICIO ZOLKWER, Montevideo, Uruguay

*Member of National Executive Committee

**Honorary Member of National Executive Committee

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS OF NATIONAL COMMISSION

ROBERT ADLER, Tamarac, FL
 A. ALBERT ALPERSTEIN, Chevy Chase, MD
 HERBERT BARCROFF, New York, NY
 LOUIS H. BARNETT, Ft. Worth, TX
 DAVID BERGER, Philadelphia, PA
 JOSEPH BERZ, Palm Desert, CA
 *ELI BOYER, Los Angeles, CA
 CARRIE BOCK, Mamaroneck, NY
 HARRIET BROWNSTEIN, New York, NY
 HENRY COHN, Dallas, TX
 *MERLE D. COHN, Seattle, WA
 ELLIOT COLE, Washington, DC
 ELMO ELLIS, Atlanta, GA
 ETHEL EPSTEIN, New York, NY
 *JANE ESKIND, Nashville, TN
 *RICHARD ESSEN, Miami, FL
 ROBERT FEINERMAN, Pacific Palisades, CA
 HERMAN FINEBERG, Pittsburgh, PA
 ELLIOTT W. FINKEL, Pittsburgh, PA
 DONALD FLAMM, New York, NY
 GERALD A. FLANZBAUM, Warren, NJ
 HIRAM FRANK, North Branch, NY
 LOUIS FREEDMAN, White Plains, NY
 WARREN FREEDMAN, Avon, CT
 FREDERICK GASH, New York, NY
 ALAN GERRY, Liberty, NY
 MARC K. GILBERT, Hollywood, FL
 S. REGEN GINSBURG, Philadelphia, PA
 LEONORE MAZER GOLDBERG, Hollis, NY

EDWARD GOLDBERGER, New York, NY
 ALFRED GOLDEN, Hollywood, FL
 JACK GOLDFARB, Woodland Hills, CA
 *CHARLES GOLDRING, Los Angeles, CA
 MARCIA GOLDSTEIN, Flushing, NY
 *JOHN L. GOLDWATER, New York, NY
 *NORMAN GRAY, Denver, CO
 BERNARD S. GREEN, Washington, DC
 BENJAMIN GREENBERG, New York, NY
 LEO GREENLAND, New York, NY
 HYMAN HAVES, Pacific Palisades, CA
 BEN HYMAN, Atlanta, GA
 LOUIS G. ISAACSON, Denver, CO
 SYDNEY JARKOW, New York, NY
 HERTA H. KAHN, Chicago, IL
 MARTIN E. KANTOR, Great Neck, NY
 IRVING KAUFMAN, Palm Beach, FL
 JOSHUA KHEEL, Los Angeles, CA
 WARREN B. KOHN, Boston, MA
 DANIEL KROPPE, Trieste, Italy
 NATHAN KRUMBEIN, Richmond, VA
 *PHILIP KRUPP, Boston, MA
 BERTIE KUDLER, Los Angeles, CA
 *MOE KUDLER, Los Angeles, CA
 ROBERT LATZ, Minneapolis, MN
 RICHARD M. LEDERER, Jr., White Plains, NY
 CY LESLIE, Woodmere, NY
 RAY LEVENTHAL, Cleveland, OH
 SIMMY LEVEY, South Orange, NJ

MILDRED LEVINE, Hewlett Harbor, NY
 SAMUEL LEVINE, Hewlett Harbor, NY
 HARRY LEVITCH, Memphis, TN
 BERNARD M. LEVY, Rockville, MD
 LESTER A. MACKTEZ, Providence, RI
 RAYMOND MAISLIN, Houston, TX
 ARTHUR MARSHALL, Las Vegas, NV
 ALEXANDER MILLER, Southbury, CT
 *BERNARD D. MINTZ, New Orleans, LA
 EMIL MOGUL, New York, NY
 BERNARD MOLLEN, Highland Beach, FL
 ISRAEL MOWSHOWITZ, Jamaica, NY
 MAYER U. NEWFIELD, Birmingham, AL
 RAQUEL H. NEWMAN, San Francisco, CA
 BERTRAM R. PALEY, Milton Village, MA
 ARTHUR PEARLMAN, Hialeah, FL
 CARL PEARSTEIN, San Diego, CA
 ANITA PERLMAN, Chicago, IL
 RUTH PERLMUTTER, Prescott, AZ
 JEFFERSON E. PEYSER, San Francisco, CA
 *BURNETT ROTH, Miami Beach, FL
 MARVIN D. ROWEN, Tarzana, CA
 IRVING RUBINSTEIN, Sr., Palm Beach, FL
 J. HAROLD SAKS, Puyallup, WA
 SAMUEL SCHEFFE, New York, NY
 NORMAN J. SCHLOSSMAN, Highland Park, IL
 LEO SCHNEIDER, New York, NY
 *ARMUND J. SCHOEN, Chicago, IL
 EVELYN FOX SCHREIBER, Beverly Hills, CA

HERBERT D. SETLOW, Woodbridge, CT
 SIDNEY SHAPIRO, Middletown, NY
 SAMUEL SHLEVIN, Pawtucket, RI
 MURRAY SHUSTERMAN, Philadelphia, PA
 MARCIA SIEGELAUB, Westport, CT
 WILLIAM SIMON, New York, NY
 MATILDA SIMS, Lauderhill, FL
 JOSEPH SONNENREICH, New York, NY
 WALTER STERN, New York, NY
 WILLIAM A. STERN, Greensboro, NC
 ELIAS STOLLER, New York, NY
 ELLI STRUM, New York, NY
 EUGENE SUGARMAN, New York, NY
 MELVIN M. SWIG, San Francisco, CA
 *GEORGE J. TALIANOFF, Miami, FL
 A. RAYMOND TYE, West Roxbury, MA
 OSCAR VAN LEER, Amstelveen, Netherlands
 LESTER J. WALDMAN, New York, NY
 NORMAN WALL, Pottsville, PA
 EUGENE WARNER, Las Vegas, NV
 LAWRENCE J. WEINBERG, Beverly Hills, CA
 HARVEY L. WEISBERG, Southfield, MI
 EDWARD WEISS, Cresskill, NJ
 *MARTIN WIENER, Toledo, OH
 WILLIAM M. WOLFE, Palm Beach, FL
 MORTON H. YULMAN, Palm Beach, FL
 LOUIS ZARA, New York, NY
 HERMAN ZEIRING, New Rochelle, NY

**Honorary Member of National Executive Committee

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Administration
 MICHAEL E. SCHULTZ

Budget
 SHERWIN NEWAR

Civil Rights
 DONALD R. MINTZ

Communications
 MELVIN I. SALBERG

Community Service
 MICHAEL NACHMAN

Development
 WILLIAM VEPRIN

Intergroup Relations
 DAVID H. STRASSLER

International Affairs
 JOEL SPRAYREGEN

Leadership
 ROBERT G. SUGARMAN

Planning
 HOWARD P. BERKOWITZ

The President
March 14, 1990
Page two

I believe such a trend, if it develops, would inhibit real possibilities, as difficult as they may be, for progress toward peace. I think it is critical to head off such a trend and I believe that a clarification by you would go a long way to do so. Such a clarification could reiterate clearly the right of Jews to live in all parts of Jerusalem and could point to the special status of Jerusalem, as opposed to the West Bank.

ADL will be meeting at the White House on Monday, March 19. You may recall that you made an appearance at the meeting last year to address the issue of anti-Semitism. We would be honored to have you appear again to address this important issue, I believe it would be most beneficial to all of us who aspire to peace in the Middle East.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Abraham H. Foxman', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Abraham H. Foxman
National Director

AHF/nmh

OFFICERS OF THE
NATIONAL COMMISSION

National Chairman
BURTON S. LEVINSON
National Director
ABRAHAM H. FOXMAN
Chairman, National
Executive Committee
RONALD B. SOBEL
Associate National Director
JUSTIN J. FINGER

Honorary Chairmen
KENNETH J. BIALKIN
SEYMOUR GRAUBARD
MAXWELL E. GREENBERG
BURTON M. JOSEPH

Honorary Vice Chairmen
LEONARD L. ABESS
DOROTHY BINSTOCK
RUDY BOSCHWITZ
EDGAR M. BRONFMAN
MAXWELL DANE
BRUCE I. HOCHMAN
GERI M. JOSEPH
MAX M. KAMPELMAN
PHILIP M. KLUTZNICK
HOWARD M. METZENBAUM
SAMUEL H. MILLER
BERNARD D. MINTZ
MILTON MOLLEN
BERNARD NATH
ROBERT R. NATHAN
ABRAHAM A. RIBICOFF
WILLIAM SACHS
S.O. SHAPIRO
THEODORE H. SILBERT
SIDNEY R. YATES

Vice-Chairmen
BEVERLY DAVIS
MEYER EISENBERG
JEROME B. HOMER
NAT KAMENY
IRVING SHAPIRO
ALVIN J. STEINBERG
Honorary Chairman, National
Executive Committee
DAVID A. ROSE

Vice-Chairman
National Executive Committee
LAWRENCE ATLER

Honorary Treasurers
CHARLES GOLDRING
BENJAMIN GREENBERG
MOE KUDLER

Treasurer
ROBERT H. NAFTALY

Assistant Treasurer
MICHAEL BERENSON

Secretary
SYDNEY JARKOW
Assistant Secretary
LESLIE DAVIS

President, B'nai B'rith
SEYMOUR D. REICH
Executive Vice President
THOMAS NEUMANN

President, B'nai B'rith Women
HYLA LIPSKY
Executive Director
ELAINE BINDER

DIVISION DIRECTORS

Civil Rights
JEFFREY P. SINENSKY
Communications
LYNNE IANNIELLO
Community Service
CHARNEY V. BROMBERG
Development
SHELDON FLIEGELMAN
Finance and Administration
PHILIP SHAMIS

Intergroup Relations
ALAN BAYER
International Affairs
KENNETH JACOBSON
Leadership
Assistant to the National Director
MARVIN S. RAPPAPORT
Washington Representative
JESS N. HORDES

General Counsel
ARNOLD FORSTER

March 12, 1990



The Honorable George Bush
The President of the United States
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It is with great concern that we write to you now about the recently articulated U.S. government position on the status of Jerusalem.

We were pleased to learn about your clarification of a previous statement on the subject indicating an understanding of the right of Jews to live in Jerusalem. However, we are deeply troubled that the clarification made no mention of the issue at the heart of the controversy.

East Jerusalem is not the West Bank, nor can there be any comparison between the status of the two. Israel's administration of the West Bank may prove to be temporary, but the status of Jerusalem is a much more complicated matter.

Jerusalem has served as the symbol and most profound expression of Jewish national identity since King David declared it the capital of the Jewish state in 1000 BCE. The suburban neighborhoods of East Jerusalem were built in 1967 following the reunification of the nation's capital after almost 3,000 years. They are an integral part of the city and it is the deeply felt conviction of Israelis and American Jews that their status, like that of Jerusalem as the nation's capital, should remain unchanged.

It is our belief, Mr. President, that raising questions about Jerusalem at this sensitive time serves only to undermine the political process now underway. The suggestion that Jerusalem too is up for discussion, injects another obstacle at an extremely delicate stage in Israel's political debate. What is needed now as the government of Israel struggles to reconcile concerns over national security and the need to take risks for peace, is encouragement, not additional "red flags" from Washington.

Sincerely,

Burton S. Levinson
Burton S. Levinson
National Chairman

Abraham H. Foxman
Abraham H. Foxman
National Director

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION

ARNOLD ALPERT, Denver, CO
 *PETER M. ALTER, Detroit, MI
 MISHA APTER, Sherman Oaks, CA
 DOV ASHBEL, Jerusalem, Israel
 *LAWRENCE ATLER, Denver, CO
 TOMMY BAER, Richmond, VA
 BARBARA BALSER, Atlanta, GA
 RHETA BANK, Larchmont, NY
 ISAQUINO BENADOF, Santiago, Chile
 SOPHIA BENDER, Houston, TX
 *MICHAEL A. BERENSON, New Orleans, LA
 STEPHEN BERISH, Stoughton, MA
 *HOWARD P. BERKOWITZ, New York, NY
 NORMAN BERRIS, Los Angeles, CA
 *KENNETH J. BIALKIN, New York, NY
 HARRY BICK, Montreal, Canada
 *ELAINE BINDER, Washington, DC
 **DOROTHY BINSTOCK, Pittsburgh, PA
 *DAVID M. BLUMBERG, Washington, DC
 DAVID BLUMENFELD, Chicago, IL
 *IRA "BOB" BORN, Bethlehem, PA
 DONALD BRESLOW, Paramus, NJ
 *AVRON I. BROG, New York, NY
 MEYER BUSHMAN, Philadelphia, PA
 LEROY CALISH, Columbia, MD
 JOSEPH COHEN, New York, NY
 LIONEL COLLET, Ecully, France
 IRVING COPELAND, Philadelphia, PA
 ALAN J. DAVIS, Philadelphia, PA
 *BEVERLY DAVIS, Palm Beach, FL
 *LESLIE DAVIS, Denver, CO
 GRACE DAY, St. Joseph, MO
 IRENE DE BELOZERCOSKY, Caracas, Venezuela
 JEROME DIAMOND, Montpelier, VT
 THEODORE DINERSTEIN, Houston, TX
 *MEYER EISENBERG, Washington, DC
 STEVEN FADEM, New York, NY
 MARTIN FEIN, Houston, TX
 *MILTON FERMAN, St. Louis, MO
 *JUSTIN J. FINGER, New York, NY
 BIDI FINKELSTEIN, Philadelphia, PA
 JOSEPH J. FISCH, San Diego, CA
 *ARNOLD FORSTER, New York, NY
 *ABRAHAM H. FOXMAN, Bergenfield, NJ
 *MELVIN I. FRAIMAN, Belmont, MA
 *FRANCES FRAZIN, Phoenix, AZ
 *LAWRENCE GELB, Boston, MA
 IRMA GERTLER, Dallas, TX
 *DANIEL GINSBERG, New York, NY
 MARCIA GLASSEL, Hillsborough, CA
 MORLEY GLUSKOTER, Frontenac, MO
 ALEXANDER GOLDBERG, Hollis, NY
 CARL GOLDBERG, Bethesda, MD
 FRANK GOLDBERG, Houston, TX
 JAMES GOLDMAN, El Paso, TX

LISA GOLDMAN, Columbia, MD
 ALAN GOODMAN, New Orleans, LA
 ROBERT GORDON, Detroit, MI
 *SEYMOUR GRAUBARD, New York, NY
 ROBERT GREEN, Palm Beach, FL
 *MAXWELL E. GREENBERG, Los Angeles, CA
 FABIAN GRYNBERG, Buenos Aires, Argentina
 RUTH HARVEY, Santa Monica, CA
 LEONARD HEINE, Westin, CT
 *THOMAS HOMBURGER, Chicago, IL
 *JEROME B. HOMER, Hollywood, FL
 HARRIET HORWITZ, North Miami Beach, FL
 ALLAN JACOBS, Chicago, IL
 JOHN E. JACOBS, Detroit, MI
 MILTON JACOBS, San Francisco, CA
 HAROLD JAFFA, Southfield, MI
 MURRAY JANUS, Richmond, VA
 *BURTON M. JOSEPH, Minneapolis, MN
 MILTON KADISH, Waterbury, CT
 *NAT KAMENY, Bergenfield, NJ
 *SAM KANE, Corpus Christi, TX
 *LUCILLE KANTOR, Great Neck, NY
 JOEL KAPLAN, Woodmere, NY
 STANLEY A. KAPLAN, Chicago, IL
 **KAYGEY KASH, Los Angeles, CA
 **JAMES KAUFMANN, Atlanta, GA
 *PHILIP M. KLUTZNICK, Chicago, IL
 *GERALD KRAFT, Indianapolis, IN
 MORRIE KRAUS, San Diego, CA
 *CHARLES F. KRISER, Northfield, IL
 CHARLES KRUMBEIN, Richmond, VA
 *DOUGLAS KRUPP, Wellesley, MA
 JUDITH KRUPP, Wellesley, MA
 *ALEXANDER KYMAN, Beverly Hills, CA
 RUTH LANSNER, New York, NY
 ALAN LARKIN, Newton Centre, MA
 *LARRY M. LAVINSKY, New York, NY
 HERB LAZAR, Tamarac, FL
 BARBARA LESLIE, New York, NY
 *BURTON S. LEVINSON, Beverly Hills, CA
 JAYSON LEVY, Galveston, TX
 TONY LEVY, Victoria, Australia
 *HYLA LIPSKY, Rydal, PA
 *MYRA ROSENBERG LITMAN, Kansas City, MO
 *STUART LOCKMAN, Birmingham, MI
 **THOMAS D. MANTEL, Indianapolis, PA
 BARRY MARCH, Fort Lee, NJ
 *ALLAN B. MARGOLIS, Miami Beach, FL
 JEFFREY MARLIN, New Castle, PA
 *I. BARRY MEHLER, Washington, DC
 MARK MEHLMAN, Chicago, IL
 *DONALD R. MINTZ, New Orleans, LA
 ARDEN MUCHIN, Manitowoc, WI
 JAYME MURAHOVSKI, Sao Paulo, Brazil
 *MICHAEL NACHMAN, Rye Brook, NY

*ROBERT H. NAFTALY, West Bloomfield, MI
 NATHAN I. NAGLER, Oceanside, NY
 *THOMAS NEUMANN, Washington, DC
 *SHERWIN NEWAR, Houston, TX
 JACK NEWMAN, Los Angeles, CA
 DAVID NIERENBERG, White Plains, NY
 THEODORE F. PERLMAN, Westmont, IL
 *GERALD M. QUIAT, Denver, CO
 STUART RASKAS, St. Louis, MO
 *SEYMOUR D. REICH, New York, NY
 MARVIN RICH, Houston, TX
 *ALVIN J. ROCKOFF, New Brunswick, NJ
 STEVE RODIN, Winnipeg, Canada
 **DAVID A. ROSE, Wellesley, MA
 JODYNE ROSEMAN, San Diego, CA
 *SUSAN ROSEN, San Diego, CA
 HOWARD ROSENBERG, Tustin, CA
 STEPHEN D. RUDDMAN, Elkins Park, IL
 *MELVIN SALBERG, New York, NY
 HENRY SALKO, Stamford, CT
 HENRY SATSKY, Verona, NJ
 MARTIN SAVITT, London, England
 PAM SCHAFER, New York, NY
 KENT SCHINER, Baltimore, MD
 *MILTON S. SCHNEIDER, Philadelphia, PA
 *MICHAEL E. SCHULTZ, New York, NY
 DALE SCHWARTZ, Atlanta, GA
 *IRVING SHAPIRO, Liberty, NY
 RONALD SHAW, Woodbridge, CT
 GERALD SHOR, Raleigh, NC
 STANLEY SHOTZ, Lake Worth, FL
 STEVEN SHULMAN, New York, NY
 IRVING SILVER, Mobile, AL
 ROBERT SILVERBERG, Denver, CO
 HELEN SMITH, Austin, TX
 *RONALD B. SOBEL, New York, NY
 *JACK J. SPITZER, Kirkland, WA
 *JOEL SPRAYREGEN, Chicago, IL
 *GEORGE STARK, Houston, TX
 *ALVIN J. STEINBERG, Kensington, MD
 LAWRENCE E. STEINBERG, Dallas, TX
 HARRY STERLING, Denver, CO
 HORACE STERN, Philadelphia, PA
 *DAVID H. STRASSLER, Great Barrington, MA
 **ROBERT SUGARMAN, New York, NY
 CHARLES TOBIAS, Detroit, MI
 GLEN TOBIAS, New York, NY
 *WILLIAM VEPRIN, Beverly Hills, CA
 CARMEN WARSCHAW, Los Angeles, CA
 *WILLIAM A. WEXLER, Herzlyia, Israel
 JEANETTE WISHNA, Overland Park, KS
 JERRY J. WISOTSKY, Phoenix, AZ
 *JAMES M. WOLF, Albion, NE
 MORRIS YOFFE, Boca Raton, FL
 HERB ZOLA, Canoga Park, CA
 MAURICIO ZOLKWER, Montevideo, Uruguay

*Member of National Executive Committee

**Honorary Member of National Executive Committee

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS OF NATIONAL COMMISSION

ROBERT ADLER, Tamarac, FL
 A. ALBERT ALPERSTEIN, Chevy Chase, MD
 HERBERT BARCROFT, New York, NY
 LOUIS H. BARNETT, Ft. Worth, TX
 DAVID BERGER, Philadelphia, PA
 JOSEPH BERZ, Palm Desert, CA
 **ELI BOYER, Los Angeles, CA
 CARRIE BOCK, Mamaroneck, NY
 HARRIET BROWNSTEIN, New York, NY
 HENRY COHN, Dallas, TX
 **MERLE D. COHN, Seattle, WA
 ELLIOT COLE, Washington, DC
 ELMO ELLIS, Atlanta, GA
 ETHEL EPSTEIN, New York, NY
 **JANE ESKIND, Nashville, TN
 **RICHARD ESSEN, Miami, FL
 ROBERT FEINERMAN, Pacific Palisades, CA
 HERMAN FINEBERG, Pittsburgh, PA
 ELLIOTT W. FINKEL, Pittsburgh, PA
 DONALD FLAMM, New York, NY
 GERALD A. FLANZBAUM, Warren, NJ
 HIRAM FRANK, North Branch, NY
 LOUIS FREEDMAN, White Plains, NY
 WARREN FREEDMAN, Avon, CT
 FREDERICK GASH, New York, NY
 ALAN GERRY, Liberty, NY
 MARC K. GILBERT, Hollywood, FL
 S. REGEN GINSBURG, Philadelphia, PA
 LEONORE MAZER GOLDBERG, Hollis, NY

EDWARD GOLDBERGER, New York, NY
 ALFRED GOLDEN, Hollywood, FL
 JACK GOLDFARB, Woodland Hills, CA
 **CHARLES GOLDRING, Los Angeles, CA
 MARCIA GOLDSTEIN, Flushing, NY
 **JOHN L. GOLDWATER, New York, NY
 **NORMAN GRAY, Denver, CO
 BERNARD S. GREEN, Washington, DC
 BENJAMIN GREENBERG, New York, NY
 LEO GREENLAND, New York, NY
 HYMAN HAVES, Pacific Palisades, CA
 BEN HYMAN, Atlanta, GA
 LOUIS G. ISAACSON, Denver, CO
 SYDNEY JARKOW, New York, NY
 HERTA H. KAHN, Chicago, IL
 MARTIN E. KANTOR, Great Neck, NY
 IRVING KAUFMAN, Palm Beach, FL
 JOSHUA KHEEL, Los Angeles, CA
 WARREN B. KOHN, Boston, MA
 DANIEL KROPPE, Trieste, Italy
 NATHAN KRUMBEIN, Richmond, VA
 **PHILIP KRUPP, Boston, MA
 BERTIE KUDLER, Los Angeles, CA
 **MOE KUDLER, Los Angeles, CA
 ROBERT LATZ, Minneapolis, MN
 RICHARD M. LEDERER, Jr., White Plains, NY
 CY LESLIE, Woodmere, NY
 RAY LEVENTHAL, Cleveland, OH
 SIMMY LEVEY, South Orange, NJ

MILDRED LEVINE, Hewlett Harbor, NY
 SAMUEL LEVINE, Hewlett Harbor, NY
 HARRY LEVITCH, Memphis, TN
 BERNARD M. LEVY, Rockville, MD
 LESTER A. MACKTEZ, Providence, RI
 RAYMOND MAISLIN, Houston, TX
 ARTHUR MARSHALL, Las Vegas, NV
 ALEXANDER MILLER, Southbury, CT
 **BERNARD D. MINTZ, New Orleans, LA
 EMIL MOGUL, New York, NY
 BERNARD MOLLEN, Highland Beach, FL
 ISRAEL MOWSHOWITZ, Jamaica, NY
 MAYER U. NEWFIELD, Birmingham, AL
 RAQUEL H. NEWMAN, San Francisco, CA
 BERTRAM R. PALEY, Milton Village, MA
 ARTHUR PEARLMAN, Hialeah, FL
 CARL PEARSTEIN, San Diego, CA
 ANITA PERLMAN, Chicago, IL
 RUTH PERLMUTTER, Prescott, AZ
 JEFFERSON E. PEYSER, San Francisco, CA
 **BURNETT ROTH, Miami Beach, FL
 MARVIN D. ROWEN, Tarzana, CA
 IRVING RUBINSTEIN, Sr., Palm Beach, FL
 J. HAROLD SAKS, Puyallup, WA
 SAMUEL SCHEFF, New York, NY
 NORMAN J. SCHLOSSMAN, Highland Park, IL
 LEO SCHNEIDER, New York, NY
 ARMAND J. SCHOEN, Chicago, IL
 EVELYN FOX SCHREIBER, Beverly Hills, CA

HERBERT D. SETLOW, Woodbridge, CT
 SIDNEY SHAPIRO, Middletown, NY
 SAMUEL SHLEVIN, Pawtucket, RI
 MURRAY SHUSTERMAN, Philadelphia, PA
 MARCIA SIEGELAUB, Westport, CT
 WILLIAM SIMON, New York, NY
 MATILDA SIMS, Lauderhill, FL
 JOSEPH SONNENREICH, New York, NY
 WALTER STERN, New York, NY
 WILLIAM A. STERN, Greensboro, NC
 ELIAS STOLLER, New York, NY
 ELI STRUM, New York, NY
 EUGENE SUGARMAN, New York, NY
 MELVIN M. SWIG, San Francisco, CA
 **GEORGE J. TALIANOFF, Miami, FL
 A. RAYMOND TYE, West Roxbury, MA
 OSCAR VAN LEER, Amstelveen, Netherlands
 LESTER J. WALDMAN, New York, NY
 NORMAN WALL, Pottsville, PA
 EUGENE WARNER, Las Vegas, NV
 LAWRENCE J. WEINBERG, Beverly Hills, CA
 HARVEY L. WEISBERG, Southfield, MI
 EDWARD WEISS, Cresskill, NJ
 **MARTIN WIENER, Toledo, OH
 WILLIAM M. WOLFF, Palm Beach, FL
 MORTON H. YULMAN, Palm Beach, FL
 LOUIS ZARA, New York, NY
 HERMAN ZEIRING, New Rochelle, NY

**Honorary Member of National Executive Committee

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Administration
 MICHAEL E. SCHULTZ

Development
 WILLIAM VEPRIN

Budget
 SHERWIN NEWAR

Intergroup Relations
 DAVID H. STRASSLER

Civil Rights
 DONALD R. MINTZ

International Affairs
 JOEL SPRAYREGEN

Communications
 MELVIN I. SALBERG

Leadership
 ROBERT G. SUGARMAN

Community Service
 MICHAEL NACHMAN

Planning
 HOWARD P. BERKOWITZ

**National Security Council
The White House**

PROOFED BY: SA LOG # 2142

URGENT NOT PROOFED: _____ SYSTEM PRS NSC INT

BYPASSED WW DESK: _____ DOCLOG SA A/O _____

	SEQUENCE TO	HAS SEEN	DISPOSITION
Bill Sittmann	<u>1</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Review</u>
Bob Gates	_____	_____	_____
Brent Scowcroft	_____	_____	_____
Bill Sittmann	_____	_____	_____
Situation Room	_____	_____	_____
West Wing Desk	<u>2</u>	<u>SA 3/26</u>	<u>DN</u>
NSC Secretariat	<u>3</u>	<u>JRP</u>	<u>D</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

90 MAR 26 P 1:20

A = Action	I = Information	D = Dispatch	R = Retain	N = No further Action
------------	-----------------	--------------	------------	-----------------------

cc: VP Sununu Other _____

Should be seen by: _____
(Date/Time)

COMMENTS

Date 3/26/40?

**National Security Council
The White House**

PROOFED BY: WEA

LOG # 2142

URGENT NOT PROOFED: _____

SYSTEM PRS NSC INT.

BYPASSED WW DESK: _____

DOCLOC CM A/O _____

clm

Bill Sittmann

SEQUENCE TO

HAS SEEN

DISPOSITION

1

W

A

Bob Gates

2

8

Brent Scowcroft

3

✓

Bill Sittmann

Situation Room

West Wing Desk

4

CM 3/24

P

NSC Secretariat

A = Action

I = Information

D = Dispatch

R = Retain

N = No further Action

cc: VP

Sununu

Other _____

Should be seen by: _____
(Date/Time)

COMMENTS

*P Reply to Abe Foxman
Jerusalem*

NO SECRETARY
RECEIVED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
ACTION DATA SUMMARY REPORT

RECORD ID: 9002142

DOC ACTION OFFICER

001 SCOWCROFT
002 PRESIDENT
003

CAO ASSIGNED ACTION REQUIRED

Z 90032017 FWD TO PRES FOR SIG
Z 90032617 FOR SIGNATURE
X 90032617 PRES SGD LTR

DECLASSIFIED
White House Guidelines
E.O. 12958, SEC 3.4 (B) September 11, 2006
By Doc NARA, Date 8/20/2007

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
NSC/S PROFILE

RECORD ID: 9002142
RECEIVED: 19 MAR 90 18

TO: FOXMAN, ABE

FROM: PRESIDENT

DOC DATE: 26 MAR 90
SOURCE REF:

KEYWORDS: ISRAEL

PERSONS: FOXMAN, ABE
BOSCHWITZ, RUDY

LEVINSON, BURTON

SUBJECT: PRES LTR TO FOXMAN RE JERUSALEM POLICY

ACTION: PRES SGD LTR

DUE DATE: 22 MAR 90

STATUS: C

STAFF OFFICER: WELCH

LOGREF:

FILES: WH

NSCP:

CODES:

DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTION

FOR ACTION

FOR CONCURRENCE

FOR INFO
HAASS
WELCH

DECLASSIFIED

White House Guidelines

E.O. 12958, SEC 3.4 (B) September 11, 2006

By DJC NARA, Date 08/20/2007

COMMENTS:

DISPATCHED BY

JTRP

DATE

3/26

BY HAND

W/ATTCH

OPENED BY: NSJRP

CLOSED BY: NSJRP

DOC 3 OF 3

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~