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DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 27, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MS. HELENE GREENFIELD

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN REGARDING THE PRESIDENT'S
STATEMENTS ON 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: Ms. Helene Greenfield, President
Southern Pacific Coast Region
DATE: March 20, 1990
SUBJECT: U.S. Policy Regarding Jerusalem
WH Referral Dated: April 4, 1990
NSC ID# (if any): 126852

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Department of State

ACTION TAKEN:

_____ A draft reply is attached
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_____ 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

Ms. Helene Greenfield, President
Southern Pacific Coast Region
Hadassah
6505 Wilshire Boulevard
Suite 404
Los Angeles, CA 90048

Dear Ms. Greenfield:

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.

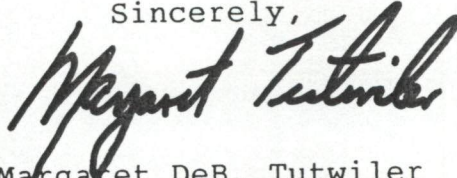
It has long been our policy that Jerusalem must remain undivided, with its ultimate status to be decided through negotiations. There is no question that negotiations about Jerusalem would be facilitated if we were well along on the path to peace, and thus there is no intention now to focus on the final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

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MARCH 20, 1990

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MS. HELENE GREENFIELD
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SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN REGARDING THE PRESIDENT'S
STATEMENTS ON JERUSALEM

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George Bush, President of the United States
The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington D.C. 20500

March 20, 1990

Dear Mr. President,

The peace negotiations between the Arab Nations and Israel are at a crucial point. The government of Israel wants Peace, but is affraid to deal with the Arabs. Israel agreed to certain conditions. Israel does not want to come to the Peace negotiation facing the PLO or any of its representatives. It is natural not to want to face the organization which has as its covenant: the destruction of Israel.

As the President of the Southern Pacific Coast Region of Hadassah representing more then 20,000 Jewish Women and as part of the National Hadassah , the Women's Zionist Organization of America of more then 385,000, I was very disturbed by the statement that you made concerning Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is the Capital of Israel wether the United States has recognized it, as such, or not.. It is the rallying cry of all Jews: Israeli or Diaspora Jews. It is a City that will never be divided again. You have touched a raw nerve among the Jewish people and I think that this is all that we needed to stop disagreeing with each other.

Mr. President, you do not seem to remember that the Arabs had East Jerusalem after the War of Independance, in 1948. They killed our Hadassah Doctors who were evacuating patients from Mt. Scopus. We lost our Hospital and the world did nothing about it. But, we rebuilt another Hospital in Ein Karem. And now we run two Hospitals .Again, may I add that we treat Jews and Arabs alike.

Hadassah prides itself for running two major hospitals in Jerusalem; for administering a Junior College, in Jerusalem and most of all for taking care of men, women and children whether they are Jews or Arabs. They are human beings, they need our help and that is enough for us.

Last year, in Hadassah an Arab received the heart of a Jew (who died in an accident)and that this Arab is doing well to-day. The Jewish family agreed because *to save one human life is like saving the whole world*. Did you know that the year before, an Arab family was asked for the heart of one of their own(who died in an accident) to be used for a Jewish man. The Arab family refused and the Jewish man died. We, in Hadassah, do transplants of organs to anyone who needs it.

We pride ourselves for bringing to the People (Jews and Arabs) of Jerusalem the social services that they need. We trained many Arab Doctors, Nurses and orderlies. We brought, into the world many healthy Arab children. Jerusalem is the City that we give our hearts ,our money , and our energy to.

Jerusalem will never be a divided city. It is not up for negotiation, certainly not by the United States. The more pressure the United States exerts on this Democracy: Israel, the more the Jews , all over the world, will react adversely.

Remember, Mr. President: Israel is a Democracy like the United States and as a Democracy it can make mistakes like the United States but the Israeli People will correct them just like the United States.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helene Greenfield".

Helene Greenfield, President