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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 06, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. LAWRENCE GROSSMAN

SUBJECT: CONCERNS REGARDING THE RIGHT OF JEWS TO
LIVE ANYWHERE IN JERUSALEM AND ADMINISTRATION
STATEMENT

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S/S# 9008583
DATE June 26, 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. Lawrence Grossman, Co-Chairman
The Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County

DATE : April 3, 1990

SUBJECT: U.S. Policy Regarding Jerusalem

WH Referral Dated: April 16, 1990
NSC ID# (if any): 130229

 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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Karen Emerson
Director
Secretariat Staff



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 22, 1990

Mr. Lawrence Grossman, Co-Chairman
Jewish Community Relations Council
The Jewish Federation of Greater
Middlesex County
100 Metroplex Drive
Edison, NJ 08817

Dear Mr. Grossman:

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.

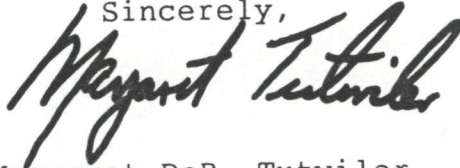
It has long been our policy that Jerusalem must remain undivided, with its ultimate status to be decided through negotiations. There is no question that negotiations about Jerusalem would be facilitated if we were well along on the path to peace, and thus there is no intention now to focus on the final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

T H E W H I T E H O U S E OFFICE

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APRIL 16, 1990

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ATTN: PAUL SUTTHIN

ACTION REQUESTED:
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 130229
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 3, 1990
TO: PRESIDENT BUSH
FROM: MR. LAWRENCE GROSSMAN
CO-CHAIRMAN
JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL
THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER
MIDDLESEX COUNTY
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PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE



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President George Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

J. DeCamp

The Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County, New Jersey, representing a community of over 50,000 Jews, is very concerned about recent Administration statements which appear to place into question the right of Jews to live in all parts of Jerusalem for Jerusalem to remain the united capital of Israel.

Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, holds a central and fundamental place in the hearts, minds, history, and religion of the Jewish people. Jews have continuously lived throughout Jerusalem since Biblical times, with noticable exceptions of when they were forceably excluded.

We are totally united in our support for a united Jerusalem as Israel's undivided capital. Our community will never support any proposal which again places into question the right of a Jew to live in any part of Jerusalem. Only as part of Israel can a united Jerusalem remain accessible to all people - Jews, Christians, and Moslems alike.

We also support proposals for American loan guarantees of \$400 million for the resettlement of Soviet Jewish refugees in Israel, without any linkage to limitations on where in Jerusalem these Jewish refugees may independently choose to settle. We believe that all efforts must be made to save these lives while the opportunity exists.

At the same time, we want to underscore our belief that real progress toward peace in the Mideast is now possible, largely because your Administration is fully engaged in the process. While we believe that these questions about Jerusalem may retard the process, we equally believe that the Administration could expedite peace efforts by enunciating a clear and unambiguous policy in support of a united Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Respectively,

Lawrence Grossman

Lawrence Grossman
Co-chairman

Jacob Toporek

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