

4834

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 21, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE FRANK PALLONE JR.

SUBJECT: CONCERNS REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION
POSITION ON TIES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND
THE STATE OF ISRAEL

sensitive
NSC action

draft OK
State

CP074

send through
NSCIS

final response

ACTION

DISPOSITION

ROUTE TO:
OFFICE/AGENCY

(STAFF NAME)

ACT DATE TYPE C COMPLETED
CODE YY/MM/DD RESP D YY/MM/DD

FREDERICK MCCLURE

ORG 90/05/21 *FM* *A 90/05/30 TR*

REFERRAL NOTE:

99005

REFERRAL NOTE:

A 90/06/05 *C 90/06/12*

Draft attached

REFERRAL NOTE:

I 90/06/04 *E 90/06/11*

REFERRAL NOTE:

R 90/06/11 CP2 A 90/07/11

REFERRAL NOTE:

COMMENTS:

ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENTS:

MEDIA:L INDIVIDUAL CODES: 1230

MAIL

USER CODES: (A)

(B)

(C)

*ACTION CODES:	*DISPOSITION	*OUTGOING	*
*	*	*CORRESPONDENCE:	*
*A-APPROPRIATE ACTION	*A-ANSWERED	*TYPE RESP=INITIALS	*
*C-COMMENT/RECOM	*B-NON-SPEC-REFERRAL	*OF SIGNER	*
*D-DRAFT RESPONSE	*C-COMPLETED	*CODE = A	*
*F-FURNISH FACT SHEET	*S-SUSPENDED	*COMPLETED = DATE OF	*
I-INFO COPY/NO ACT NEC		*OUTGOING	*
*R-DIRECT REPLY W/COPY *			*
*S-FOR-SIGNATURE			*
*X-INTERIM REPLY			*

REFER QUESTIONS AND ROUTING UPDATES TO CENTRAL REFERENCE
(ROOM 75, OEOB) EXT-2590
KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING
LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS
MANAGEMENT.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 11, 1990

Dear Congressman Pallone:

I have read carefully your May 18 letter and noted your views on the importance of maintaining a strong U.S.-Israeli relationship. I agree. The U.S. commitment to Israel -- to its survival, security and well-being -- remains strong and solid. Indeed, it is unshakable.

The issues on the table now, however, are of a different sort, for they relate to how to move forward in the peace process. In this respect, my administration has worked hard to bring about a practical and workable dialogue between Israel and Palestinians. We supported the Government of Israel's peace initiative and sought to implement it. And through hard work, we brought the Israeli initiative close to fulfillment. Now that a new Israeli government has been installed, we hope that Israel will say yes to the remaining procedural issues required to launch that dialogue.

I am proud of the principled and pragmatic approach of my administration toward the important issues in the peace process. Ours is a stance designed to enhance Israeli security, promote its acceptance and recognition in the region, bring about an exchange of territory for peace -- the essential building block of any outcome -- achieve an end of the occupation through negotiations, and realize legitimate

Palestinian political rights. The road to this settlement is not an easy one. I hope and am confident that you and your colleagues in Congress will support our efforts to achieve progress towards a comprehensive Middle East settlement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "C. B. B. B." with a stylized, cursive script.

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3003

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 3, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT 

SUBJECT: Letter to Congressman Pallone on the U.S.-Israeli Relationship

Purpose

To respond to Congressman Frank Pallone's (D-NJ) concerns about the U.S.-Israeli relationship.

Background

Representative Frank Pallone wrote you on May 18 (Tab B) to express his concerns over the Administration's handling of the U.S.-Israeli relationship. He specifically cited as worrisome your statement on East Jerusalem, the then-ongoing U.S.-PLO dialogue, and Bob Dole's comments on aid to Israel.

I think it would be appropriate to respond to Representative Pallone's letter now that there is a new government in Israel. The reply at Tab A, drafted by State, focuses on the imperative to advance the peace process, particularly the need for a positive Israeli decision on our ideas to move the peace process forward.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter to Representative Pallone at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Congressman Pallone
Tab B Letter from Congressman Pallone

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

Natl Sec Advisor
has seen

June 26, 1990

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

THROUGH: RICHARD N. HAASS

FROM: C. DAVID WELCH

SUBJECT: Letter to Congressman Pallone on the U.S.-Israeli
Relationship

Congressman Frank Pallone (D-NJ) wrote the President (Tab B) on May 18 to express his concern about the Administration's approach to the U.S.-Israeli relationship. Now that a new Israeli government has been formed, it would be appropriate to respond to this letter. The memo to the President at Tab A forwards a suggested response for his signature. The response was prepared by State.

Ginny ~~Sampley~~ concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo to the President at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I	Memo to the President
Tab A	Letter to Congressman Pallone
Tab B	Letter from Congressman Pallone



9013603

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 21, 1990

UNCLASSIFIED

MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Draft Reply for President Bush

Attached is a draft reply for President Bush in response to a letter from Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. Congressman Pallone forwarded to the President his views on the administration's position on ties between the United States and the State of Israel.

J. Stapleton Roy
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

TAB 1: Proposed Response
TAB 2: Incoming Letter

UNCLASSIFIED

RECEIVED
RECEIVED

RECEIVED
RECEIVED
RECEIVED

99 JUN 21 P 3: 48
99 JUN 21 P 3: 48
99 JUN 21 P 3: 48

7837

Drafted: NEA/IAI: KMcKune ✓ x-73930 w1940/SEIAIGEN
Cleared: NEA: DKurtzer ✓
NEA: JKelly ✓
S/P: AMiller ✓
P: MMalinowski ✓
H: JMullins ✓

WMIELE *gn*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DRAFT REPLY

Dear Mr. Pallone:

I have read carefully your May 18 letter and noted your views on the importance of maintaining a strong U.S.-Israeli relationship. I agree. The U.S. commitment to Israel -- to its survival, security and well-being -- remains strong and solid. Indeed, it is unshakeable.

The issues on the table now, however, are of a different sort, for they relate to how to move forward in the peace process. In this respect, my administration has worked hard to bring about a practical and workable dialogue between Israel and Palestinians. We supported the Government of Israel's peace initiative and sought to implement it. And through hard work, we brought the Israeli initiative close to fulfillment. Now that a new Israeli government has been installed, we hope that Israel will say yes to the remaining procedural issues required to launch that dialogue.

The Honorable

Frank Pallone, Jr.,

House of Representatives.

I am proud of the principled and pragmatic approach of my administration toward the important issues in the peace process. Ours is a stance designed to enhance Israeli security, promote its acceptance and recognition in the region, bring about an exchange of territory for peace -- the essential building block of any outcome, ~~4~~ achieve an end of the occupation through negotiations, and realize legitimate Palestinian political rights. The road to this settlement is not an easy one. I hope and am confident that you and your colleagues in Congress will support our efforts to achieve progress towards a comprehensive Middle East settlement.

Sincerely yours,

George Bush

May 30, 1990

Dear Frank:

On behalf of the President, I want to thank you for your recent letter regarding U.S. policy toward Israel.

We certainly appreciate your writing to express your views about U.S.-Israeli relations and welcome your input on this situation. I have taken the liberty of sharing your comments with the President's foreign policy advisors so that they, too, are aware of your concerns and recommendations.

Thank you again for your interest in writing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Frederick D. McClure
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

FDM:SLM:

bcc: w/ copy of inc to Dept. of State -
for appropriate action
bcc: w/ copy of inc to NSC - FYI

16
COMMITTEES:
PUBLIC WORKS AND
TRANSPORTATION
MERCHANT MARINE
AND FISHERIES
AGING

REPLY TO:

WASHINGTON OFFICE:

□ 1207 LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-3003
TELEPHONE: (202) 225-4671

FRANK PALLONE, JR.
3RD DISTRICT, NEW JERSEY

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3003

May 18, 1990

142304
REPLY TO:

DISTRICT OFFICES:

- 540 BROADWAY (SUITE 119)
LONG BRANCH, NJ 07740
(201) 571-1140
- 1174 FISCHER BOULEVARD
TOMS RIVER, NJ 08753-3085
(201) 929-1400
- I.E.I., AIRPORT PLAZA
(ROOM 18) HIGHWAY 36
HAZLET, NJ 07730-1701
(201) 264-9104
- MANASQUAN RAILROAD STATION
229 E. MAIN STREET
MANASQUAN, NJ 08736
(201) 681-1334

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

Dear Mr. President:

Along with many of my colleagues on Capitol Hill, as well as millions of other Americans, I have followed with increasing concern your Administration's position regarding ties between the United States and the State of Israel. I am beginning to sense in some of your statements, as well as those of Secretary of State Baker, a tendency to impose on Israel conditions that could seriously jeopardize her security. I am also concerned about what seems to be a backing away from many of our country's enduring agreements and understandings with our Middle East ally. While I would like to believe that the tradition of strong Israeli-American relations is a priority for you, sadly, the recent record suggests otherwise.

My concern began in March with your statement, which you later reiterated, indicating that Israeli jurisdiction over Jerusalem is an issue that you would put on the table in future negotiations. This view clearly conflicts with longstanding American diplomatic practice, which has recognized those portions of Jerusalem under Israeli administration since 1967 as distinct from the West Bank and Gaza. As you are well aware, your statement sent shock waves through Israel and helped bring about the current government crisis. I feel very strongly that we must maintain consistency and reliability in our dealings with other nations, particularly those nations that have been steadfast U.S. allies. Obviously, Israel fits that category, and it is most regrettable that Israeli faith in future U.S. support has been so deeply shaken by a statement from the President of the United States.

On the practical level, Israeli jurisdiction over Jerusalem has proven quite successful. A unified city allows for a more normal flow of commerce and people that has benefitted all Jerusalemites -- Arabs as well as Jews. Mayor Kollek has conscientiously tried to improve the delivery of public services to all of his constituents. Under Israeli administration, religious shrines of all faiths have been protected and maintained, with access guaranteed to all. This could hardly be said of the period of Jordanian control, when Jews were barred from visiting the Western Wall, the holiest site in their religion.

The prospect of a divided Jerusalem is but one of the recent policy shifts that cause deep concern to supporters of a secure Israel. Another troubling development has been the Administration's apparent unwillingness to take a strong stand against the terrorism of the Palestine Liberation Organization. The public pronouncements by Yasir Arafat suggesting a willingness to recognize Israel were welcome developments, but his statements were marked by a deliberate vagueness that has yet to be clarified in more than a year of U.S.-P.L.O. discussions. More importantly, the Arafat assurances have been undercut by ongoing Palestinian guerilla activity against Israel and Western targets, as well as the tragic pattern of assassinations of Palestinians who have dared to make an effort to work with the Israelis.

Evidence indicates that certain P.L.O. elements are behind this intimidation campaign directed at Palestinians in the occupied territories. It is far from clear whether there is a reliable consensus within the P.L.O. in favor of recognition of Israel. Thus, I see no compelling explanation to justify why the Administration has been so generous in its assessment of P.L.O. behavior. The enhanced diplomatic prestige that has been conferred on the P.L.O. by the U.S. will only have the effect of giving Arafat and other Palestinian leaders the impression that they do not have to make further concessions. This is the exact opposite of the message that we should be sending to the P.L.O. Any "peace" proposals that fail to acknowledge -- and, thereby, tacitly tolerate -- P.L.O. terrorism are doomed to fail. The Israelis will never negotiate with a P.L.O. that fails to renounce terror, in word and deed, and we should never put our friends in such a position.

Friends of Israel are also becoming alarmed over proposals to scale back U.S. aid. It has been reported that Senator Dole's suggestion that assistance to Israel be shifted to Eastern Europe and other areas of the world has support at the State Department and elsewhere in the Administration. This proposal comes at a very precarious time in Israel's history, with the Iraqi leader taking on an increasingly menacing tone, Libya and Syria still holding to a threatening posture, and Jordan's King Hussein apparently too intimidated by his hard-line neighbors to openly participate in the peace process. In terms of domestic politics, there is a danger that Senator Dole's approach could cause divisions and hard feelings between various ethnic groups in our country. Obviously, all Americans want to see democratic reforms succeed in Eastern Europe -- but not at Israel's expense.

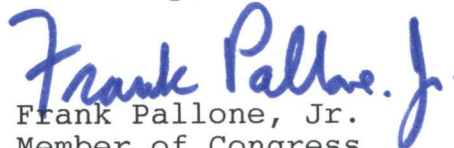
Similarly, suggestions about using economic assistance to Israel as a form of diplomatic leverage come at a time when Jews from the Soviet Union are under increasing pressures to leave their homes and begin new lives in the Jewish state. In this time of resurgent anti-Semitism in the U.S.S.R., the U.S. should be exerting as much influence as possible to persuade the Soviets to remove any remaining obstacles to emigration and to assist other nations participating in this humanitarian transport operation. For Israel, there will be significant pressure on the nation's resources in finding housing for these refugees. It is morally imperative for our country not to place any impediments before the Israelis in this effort; indeed, not to help the Israelis in this effort would fly in the face of the longstanding American commitment to human rights.

Mr. President, I recognize that the Administration does not take kindly to Congressional "micro-management" of foreign policy. However, the recent initiatives in both houses of Congress concerning U.S.-Israel relations demonstrate that the elected officials from throughout the country and from both sides of the political aisle place a high value on preserving and building upon the special relationship that has served both of our countries so well.

We all want the peace process to succeed. It is instructive to remember that the foundation of the peace process, the Camp David agreement, came as a result of a solid American commitment to a strong Israel and the willingness of an Arab leader to renounce war and make peace. As much as the world has changed in recent years, that basic formula has stayed the same. I urge you to restore America's commitment to one of our most dependable and reliable allies, and to reserve words of criticism and pressure for those elements in the Arab world that have been the major impediment to peace in the Middle East.

With every best wish, I remain,

Sincerely,


Frank Pallone, Jr.
Member of Congress

FP/tl

cc: The Honorable James A. Baker III, Secretary of State

**National Security Council
The White House**

PROOFED BY: _____

LOG # 4834

URGENT NOT PROOFED: _____

SYSTEM PRS NSC INT

BYPASSED WW DESK: _____

DOCLOG _____ A/O _____

	SEQUENCE TO	HAS SEEN	DISPOSITION
Bill Sittmann	<u>1</u>	<u>[initials]</u>	<u>A</u>
Bob Gates	_____	_____	_____
Brent Scowcroft	_____	_____	_____
Bill Sittmann	_____	_____	_____
Situation Room	_____	_____	_____
West Wing Desk	<u>2</u>	<u>LM5 7/12</u>	<u>D</u>
NSC Secretariat	<u>3</u>	<u>LM5 7/12</u>	<u>D</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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

cc: VP Sununu Other _____

Should be seen by: _____
(Date/Time)

COMMENTS

DATE: 7/11/90

P/Memo Cong Pallone
Ltr

US-Israeli
Relationship

National Security Council
The White House

PROOFED BY: MEW

LOG # 4834

URGENT NOT PROOFED: _____

SYSTEM PRS NSC INT

BYPASSED WW DESK: _____

DOCLOG 24 A/O _____

	SEQUENCE TO	HAS SEEN	DISPOSITION
<i>Bill</i> Bill Sittmann	<u>1</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>A</u>
Bob Gates	<u>2</u>	<u>W</u>	
Brent Scowcroft	<u>3</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>W</u>
Bill Sittmann			
Situation Room			
West Wing Desk	<u>4</u>		<u>W</u>
NSC Secretariat	<u>5</u>		<u>W</u>

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

cc: VP Sununu Other _____

Should be seen by: _____
(Date/Time)

COMMENTS

*I will call
when I give
to Pres. & will
call when he
acts on pbg.*

UNCLASSIFIED
NSC/S PROFILE

RECORD ID: 9004834
RECEIVED: 15 JUN 90 14

TO: PRESIDENT

FROM: PALLONE, FRANK

DOC DATE: 18 MAY 90
SOURCE REF: 142304

KEYWORDS: ISRAEL

CO

PERSONS:

SUBJECT: LTR RE ADMIN POSITION ON TIRS BTW US & STATE OF ISRAEL

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR SCOWCROFT

DUE DATE: 19 JUN 90

STATUS: S

STAFF OFFICER: HAASS

LOGREF:

FILES: WH

NSCP:

CODES:

D O C U M E N T D I S T R I B U T I O N

FOR ACTION
HAASS

FOR CONCURRENCE
LAMPLEY
WELCH

FOR INFO
CHARLES
GATES
HAYDEN
SCOWCROFT

COMMENTS: 

DISPATCHED BY _____ DATE _____ BY HAND W/ATTCH

OPENED BY: NSRCB

CLOSED BY:

DOC 1 OF 1

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED
NSC/S PROFILE

RECORD ID: 9004834
RECEIVED: 15 JUN 90 14

TO: PALLONE, FRANK

FROM: PRESIDENT

DOC DATE: 11 JUL 90
SOURCE REF:

KEYWORDS: ISRAEL

CO

PERSONS: PALLONE, FRANK

SUBJECT: PRES LTR TO REP PALLONE ON US ISRAELI RELATIONSHIP

ACTION: PRES SGD LTR

DUE DATE: 19 JUN 90

STATUS: C

STAFF OFFICER: HAASS

LOGREF:

FILES: WH

NSCP:

CODES:

DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTION

FOR ACTION

FOR CONCURRENCE

FOR INFO

HAASS

LAMPLEY

NSC CHRON

WELCH

COMMENTS: _____

DISPATCHED BY LMS DATE _____ BY HAND W/ATTCH

OPENED BY: NSRCB

CLOSED BY: NSLMS

DOC 4 OF 4

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED
ACTION DATA SUMMARY REPORT

RECORD ID: 9004834

DOC ACTION OFFICER

CAO ASSIGNED ACTION REQUIRED

001 HAASS
001
001 STATE
002 HAASS
003 SCOWCROFT
004

Z 90061514 PREPARE MEMO FOR SCOWCROFT
Z 90061517 ACTION TRANSFERRED
Z 90061517 FOR RECOMS/DRAFT REPLY
Z 90062117 PREPARE MEMO FOR SCOWCROFT
Z 90062711 FWD TO PRES FOR SIG
X 90071219 PRES SGD LTR

UNCLASSIFIED