

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 31, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. STEPHEN N. GELL

SUBJECT: CONCERNS REGARDING THE ARAB CAMPAIGN AGAINST
SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL

ACTION

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LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 9012801

Date June 18, 1990

FOR: Mr. William F. Sittmann
Executive Secretary
National Security Council Staff
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Stephen N. Gell

Date: May 29, 1990

Subject: Concerns regarding the Arab campaign against
Soviet Jewish emigration to Israel

WH Referral Dated: June 7, 1990
NSCS ID# (if any): 145428

_____ 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.
- X X An 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:

Katherine M. McGowan
for Director
Secretariat Staff

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 15, 1990

Stephen N. Gell, President
Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington
1522 K Street NW
Washington D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Gell:

I am responding to your May 31 telegram to President Bush regarding Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel.

We are pleased that, after many years of urging the Soviet Union to comply with generally accepted standards of human rights, including the right of people to emigrate, the Soviets are allowing large numbers of Soviet citizens to emigrate.

We strongly support the immigration of Soviet Jews to Israel. We will oppose any efforts by any parties to frustrate the right of Soviet Jews to settle in Israel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John L. Hirsch".

John L. Hirsch, Director
Office of Israel and
Arab-Israeli Affairs

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

JUNE 7, 1990

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 145428
MEDIA: TELEGRAM, DATED MAY 29, 1990
TO: PRESIDENT BUSH
FROM: MR. STEPHEN N. GELL
PRESIDENT
JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF
GREATER WASHINGTON
1522 K STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON DC 20005

SUBJECT: CONCERNS REGARDING THE ARAB CAMPAIGN AGAINST
SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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FMS PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

THE ARAB CAMPAIGN AGAINST SOVIET JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL DEMANDS
STRONG SOVIET AND AMERICAN REJECTION.

RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHT OF SOVIET JEWS TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY OF THEIR
BIRTH AND TO RETURN TO THEIR HISTORIC HOMELAND IS ESSENTIAL.

WE URGE YOU TO UTILIZE THE SUMMIT TO OPPOSE CONTINUED ARAB REFUSAL TO
RECOGNIZE ISRAEL AS THE JEWISH HOMELAND AND ARAB ATTEMPTS TO USE
SOVIET JEWISH IMMIGRATION AS AN EXCUSE TO AVOID MEANINGFUL PEACE
NEGOTIATION.

STEPHEN N GELL, PRESIDENT JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF GREATER
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