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DATE RECEIVED: JUNE 04, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. STEPHEN N. GELL

SUBJECT: WRITES ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL SUGGESTING
THAT THE U.S. MUST URGENTLY REEVALUATE ITS
POLICY CONCERNING THE PLO AND THAT ITS POLICY
NOT CONTINUE TO EXTEND A MEASURE OF

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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 9013212

Date June 14, 1990

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Mr. Stephen N. Gell

Date: June 1, 1990

Subject: PLF Attack on Israel

WH Referral Dated: June 12, 1990
NSCS ID# (if any): 146420

 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.
- xx 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:

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Richard M. McGowan
Director
Secretariat Staff



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 14, 1990

Dear Mr. Gell:

Thank you for your letter of June 1, on behalf of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, concerning the attack on May 30 claimed by Abu Abbas. The President has asked me to reply on his behalf.

As we said that day, we are treating this outrage very seriously. We are using all our resources to find out as much as possible about it, and we are in communication with the concerned parties.

You have raised a number of issues which are deeply troubling to us as well. When we have all the necessary information, we will certainly be sharing our conclusions with the widest possible audience.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David G. Newton".

David G. Newton, Director
Office of Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, and
Palestinian Affairs

Stephen N. Gell, President,
Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington,
1522 K Street, NW,
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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL

JUNE 12, 1990

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 146420
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JUNE 1, 1990
TO: PRESIDENT BUSH
FROM: MR. STEPHEN N. GELL
PRESIDENT
JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
OF GREATER WASHINGTON
1522 K STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON DC 20005

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RECOGNITION AND CREDIBILITY TO THE PLO'S
CONTINUING TERRORISM

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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President George Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Palestine Liberation Front's despicable attempt to mount a terrorist attack on Israeli civilians demands forceful American response to reject continued terrorism by organizations under the PLO umbrella.

The PLF is one of the several terrorist groups which comprise the PLO, and the PLF's head, Abul Abbas, is a member of the PLO's Executive Committee. According to reliable Israeli and American sources, the PLF has a long, bloody record of terrorist actions:

- PLF and Abul Abbas were responsible for the Achille Lauro incident (1985)
- PLF terrorists murdered several civilians in an apartment building in Naharia, Israel (April 1979)
- PLF terrorists were intercepted off the shore near Naharia (August 1979)
- PLF terrorists twice attempted to infiltrate Israel by hot-air balloon (July 1980, March 1981)
- PLF terrorists were interrupted en route to the Israeli village Hatzaba (March 1989)
- PLF terrorists were intercepted en route to attack Kibbutz Misgav Am (October 1989)
- PLF terrorists en route to attack Northern Israeli villages with rockets and missiles were intercepted at the Lebanese border (February 1990)

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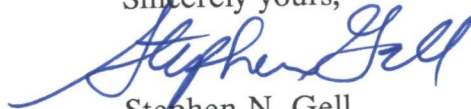
There is little question of the terrorist nature of Abul Abbas and the PLF. And after Yassir Arafat's most recent refusal to assume any level of responsibility for the continuing terrorism of the PLO's member factions, there can be little question of the terrorist nature of the PLO.

The PLO remains what it has been since its founding in 1964 -- a terrorist organization committed to Israel's ultimate destruction.

America's dialogue with the PLO has not resulted in any change in the PLO's dedication to terrorism and to "armed struggle" against Israel. This most recent incident also brings into sharp question the Department of State's conclusion that the PLO is living up to Arafat's renunciation of terror.

Our Council believes that the United States must urgently re-evaluate its policy concerning the PLO, and that U.S. policy must not continue to extend a measure of recognition and credibility to the PLO's continuing terrorism.

Sincerely yours,



Stephen N. Gell,
President