

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: OCTOBER 12, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MS. MARCIA WEINBERG

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES DISMAY AT THE UNITED STATES' VOTE
AT THE UNITED NATIONS TO CENSURE ISRAEL

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LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 19, 1990

Dear Ms. Weinberg:

Thank you for your recent telegram and letter to the President expressing your concerns regarding the tragic events that took place in Jerusalem on October 8, 1990, and the United States support in the United Nations Security Council for the adoption of Resolution 672.

The Administration thought it important to be on record opposing what we believe was excessive use of deadly force by Israeli security personnel. Our position was motivated by a genuine concern over what had taken place and the desire to see such occurrences avoided in the future. It did not, however, imply any criticism of Israel's policy governing access to the holy places of Jerusalem, which has been praiseworthy; nor was it a vote in any way intended to minimize the harm done to those of the Jewish faith whose prayers were interrupted by stones. There can be no justification for that. Furthermore, our policy on Jerusalem remains unchanged: Jerusalem should never be divided again and its final status should be decided by negotiations.

The United States supports the efforts of the Secretary General to fulfill the mandate given him by Security Council Resolution 672. We have welcomed the Government of Israel's invitation to his representative to come to Israel to carry out his responsibilities, and supported Resolution 673 on this basis.

The events have been tragic, and we continue to urge all parties to exercise the utmost restraint in the future. The tension and violence painfully attest to the need for progress toward a negotiated settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute, an endeavor we are dedicated to advancing.

As you know, the U.S. commitment to Israeli security and well-being has been a cornerstone of American policy in the Middle East since Israel's creation in 1948. Significant economic and security annual assistance to Israel is an acknowledgement of the continuation of that commitment. Our assistance helps build a strong and secure Israel which is in the interest of the U.S. and in the interest of peace.

Thank you for sharing your concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bobbie Kilberg".

Bobbie G. Kilberg
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Ms. Marcia Weinberg
President
Jewish Community Council
of Greater Washington
1522 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

November 21, 1990

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MEMORANDUM FOR SHIRLEY GREEN

FROM: WILLIAM F. SITTMANN *WFS*
SUBJECT: Suggested Reply to Marcia Weinberg

Attached at Tab A is an NSC-edited State Department draft reply to a letter from Marcia Weinberg of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, who wrote to the President expressing her opposition to UNSC Resolution 672.

Attachments

Tab A Suggested Reply
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

Dear

telegram and

Thank you for your ~~letter to the President/Vice President~~ of October 10+18 expressing your views regarding the tragic events that took place in Jerusalem on October 8, 1990.

The United States voted for United Nations Security Council Resolution 672, concerning the violence that took place on October 8 at the holy places in Jerusalem. We thought it important to be on record opposing what we believe was excessive use of deadly force by Israeli security personnel. Our position was motivated by a genuine concern over what had taken place and the desire to see such occurrences avoided in the future. It did not, however, imply any criticism of Israel's policy governing access to the holy places of Jerusalem, which has been praiseworthy; nor was our vote in any way intended to minimize the harm done to those of the Jewish faith whose prayers were interrupted by stones. There can be no justification for that. Furthermore, our policy on Jerusalem remains unchanged: Jerusalem should never be divided again and its final status should be decided by negotiations.

Resolution 672 also authorized the United Nations Secretary General to dispatch his representative to investigate the incident. The United States fully supports the efforts of the Secretary General to fulfill that mandate. We have welcomed the Government of Israel's invitation to the Secretary General's representative to come to Israel.

We continue to urge all parties to exercise the utmost restraint in the future. The tension and violence painfully attest to the need for progress toward a negotiated settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute, an endeavor we are dedicated to advancing.

Thank you for your interest. I hope that this information is of assistance.

Sincerely,

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REFERRAL

NOVEMBER 2, 1990

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF:
WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 182129
MEDIA: TELEGRAM, DATED OCTOBER 10, 1990
TO: PRESIDENT BUSH
FROM: MS. MARCIA WEINBERG
PRESIDENT
JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF
GREATER WASHINGTON
1522 K STREET, NW.
SUITE 920
WASHINGTON DC 20005

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UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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SALLY KELLEY
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WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF GREATER WASHINGTON EXPRESS DISMAY AT THE U.S.
VOTE FOR U N CENSURA OF ISRAEL. WE URGE YOUR ADMINISTRATION TO REMAIN
RESOLUTE IN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL, THE ONLY RELIABLE AMERICAN ALLY IN THE
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