

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: OCTOBER 16, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MS. RUTH W. POPKIN

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES OUTRAGE AT THE U.S. ASKING THE
UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE
A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAEL FOR EXCESSIVE
USE OF FORCE

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COMMENTS: Return to Bobbie Lieberg for signature

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*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.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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January 14, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM: WILLIAM F. SITTMANN ✓

SUBJECT: Response to Ms. Ruth Popkin, President, Jewish
National Fund

The NSC feels it would be inappropriate to respond to Ms. Popkin at this time and recommends action be cancelled.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

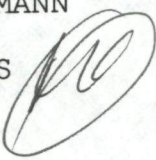
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January 10, 1991

SIGNED

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. SITTMANN

THROUGH: RICHARD N. HAASS 

FROM: C. DAVID WELCH

SUBJECT: Letter to Ms. Ruth W. Popkin, President, Jewish
National Fund

Attached at Tab II is our memorandum to General Scowcroft of November 16, 1990 forwarding a memo to Sally Kelley and a proposed response to Ruth Popkin. This was recently returned for updating. Due to the delay and events that have since evolved, we feel it would be inappropriate to respond to Ms. Popkin's letter and therefore request this action be cancelled. Attached at Tab I is a memorandum to Sally Kelley to this effect.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I to Sally Kelley.

Attachments

Tab I Memo to Sally Kelley

Tab II Memo to General Scowcroft of November 16

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November 16, 1990

*Needs updating?
otherwise OK
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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

THROUGH: RICHARD N. HAASS *mf*

FROM: C. DAVID WELCH *mw*

SUBJECT: Letter to Ms. Ruth W. Popkin, President, Jewish
National Fund

Attached at Tab I is a memorandum for Sally Kelley, Director of Agency Liaison, Presidential Correspondence, that forwards a revised State Department draft reply (Tab A) to a letter (Tab B) from Ms. Popkin.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memorandum to Sally Kelley.

Attachments

Tab I	Memo to Sally Kelley
Tab A	Draft response to Ms. Popkin
Tab B	Letter from Ms. Popkin

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MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM: WILLIAM F. SITTMANN

SUBJECT: Draft reply to Ms. Ruth Popkin, President, Jewish
National Fund

Attached at Tab A is a modified State Department composed draft
reply to a letter (Tab B) from Ms. Popkin. We suggest you
incorporate the draft reply into a letter from your office.
Please note that the correspondence tracking worksheet requests
this draft be forwarded to Bobbie Kilberg for signature.

Attachments

Tab A Draft Reply to Ms. Popkin
Tab B Letter from Ms. Popkin

Dear Ms. Popkin:

Thank you for your letter of October 10 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.

We voted for the resolution because 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.

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

The events have been tragic, and we continue to urge all parties to exercise the utmost restraint to avoid further exacerbation of the painful and costly situation. ~~It is for those~~ ^{It is for those} The tension and violence

~~REASONS THAT WE VOTED IN FAVOR OF RESOLUTION 681 DEPLORING~~
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~~settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute, an endeavor we are~~
~~CONVENTION. WE ARE DEDICATED TO ~~ADVANCING~~ ELIMINATING~~
~~dedicated to advancing.~~

~~TENSION AND VIOLENCE AND WORKING WITH THE PARTIES CONCERNED~~
~~TOWARD A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI~~
~~DISPUTE.~~

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

Sincerely,

Ms. Ruth W. Popkin

President

Jewish National Fund

42 East 69th Street

New York, New York 10021

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

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S/S 9022972

Date November 1, 1990

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Ms. Ruth W. Popkin

Date: Oct. 10, 1990

Subject: UNSC 672 Resolution re Jerusalem

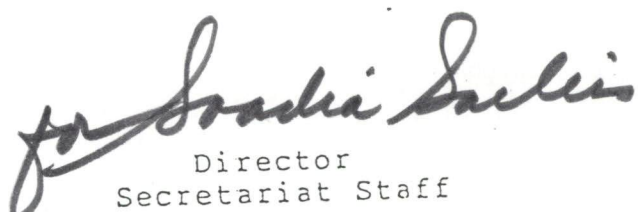
WH Referral Dated: Oct. 26, 1990
NSCS ID# (if any): 183120

 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.
- ☐ 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:


Director
Secretariat Staff

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DRAFT REPLY

Dear Ms. Popkin:

Thank you for your letter of October 10 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. This UNSC resolution condemned the violence that took place and the excessive use of force in response by Israeli security forces. It also authorized the United Nations Secretary General to dispatch his representative to investigate the incident.

The United States voted for UN Security Council Resolution 672 because we thought it important to be on record opposing what we believe was unacceptable behavior by Israeli security forces. 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 are and can be no excuses for that.

The United States fully supports the efforts of the Secretary General to fulfill the mandate given him by Security Council Resolution 672. We have urged the Government of Israel to permit 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 have urged all parties to exercise the utmost restraint to avoid further exacerbation of the painful and costly situation. The continuing violence and counterviolence 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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OCTOBER 26, 1990

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF:
WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 183120

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED OCTOBER 10, 1990

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MS. RUTH W. POPKIN
PRESIDENT
JEWISH NATIONAL FUND
42 EAST 69TH STREET
NEW YORK NY 10021

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES OUTRAGE AT THE U.S. ASKING THE
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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



Sarah DeCamp

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Ruth K. Jacobson
Jack Lefkowitz

SECRETARY

Raymond M. Patt

October 10, 1990

President George Bush
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear President Bush:

On behalf of the Jewish National Fund, Israel's land development agency, I would like to register my outrage at the United States' asking the U.N. Security Council to approve a resolution condemning Israel for excessive use of force.

The United States is not only supporting the resolution, it is spearheading the condemnation of its ally Israel. While we all deplore the tragic loss of life, let us not forget that the incident in Jerusalem started when Arabs showered innocent worshippers with stones on a Jewish holiday. All evidence points to the fact that this was a premeditated assault; the Arabs were well supplied with rocks and bottles, stores of which were later found in the Al Aksa Mosque compound. Certainly U.S. citizens have a right to worship in their holy places unmolested; don't Israelis have the same rights?

I know you to be a friend of Israel, and therefore urge you to reconsider taking this unfortunate step against the one constant friend the U.S. has in the volatile Middle East.

Sincerely,

Ruth W. Popkin

Ruth W. Popkin
President

NSC Input to Ms Popkin —
Jewish Nat'l Fund

National Security Council
The White House

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The White House**

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FROM: SITTMANN

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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT OF JEWISH NATL FUND RE LTR TO PRES ON 10 OCT

ACTION: SITTMANN SGD MEMO

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