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DATE RECEIVED: OCTOBER 24, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: RABBI ALAN KALINSKY

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES DISAPPOINTMENT REGARDING THE
ADMINISTRATION'S SUPPORT OF THE UNITED
NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION
CONDEMNING ISRAEL

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 9023530

Date November 13, 1990

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Rabbi Alan Kalinsky

Date: October 16, 1990

Subject: Expresses disappointment regarding the adminis-
tration's support of the United Nations

WH Referral Dated: November 2, 1990

NSCS ID# (if any): 185108

 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.

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 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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for Director
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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 7, 1990

Rabbi Alan Kalinsky
West Coast Director
Institute for Public Affairs
Orthodox Union - West Coast Region
425 South Fairfax Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90036

Dear Rabbi Kalinsky:

I have been asked to respond to your letter (with Mr. Martin Nachimson and Mr. Larry Blumenstein) of October 16 to President Bush 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; Secretary Baker has clearly stated that there was no linkage to the situation in the Persian Gulf, and that we would have voted for the resolution even in the absence of the confrontation with Iraq.

Our vote for UNSC Resolution 672 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 who were injured during these riots. 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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'WRB', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William R. Brew
Director
Office of Israel and
Arab-Israeli Affairs

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REFERRAL

NOVEMBER 2, 1990

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 185108
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED OCTOBER 16, 1990
TO: PRESIDENT BUSH
FROM: RABBI ALAN KALINSKY
DIRECTOR
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PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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October 16, 1990

J. Kalinsky

The Honorable George Bush
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush,

We are writing to express our disappointment with your Administration's support of the United Nations Security Council's resolution condemning Israel.

This resolution is so one-sided it doesn't even mention that the police action was precipitated by a planned attack on Jewish worshippers during a major Jewish holiday (Sukkot, the Festival of Tabernacles).

Nor is it likely that the proposed U.N. fact-finding commission will even look into what we all know: that this was a planned PLO attack, whose major political beneficiary is Sadaam Hussein. Yasir Arafat has been a prominent cheerleader for Saddam's invasion of Kuwait from the outset. Now he has found a way to help take the pressure off Saddam diplomatically.

Mr. President, by supporting this resolution it seems to us that your Administration is helping to focus international pressure on our strongest ally and away from our sworn enemy.

As representatives for a major Jewish organization (we have over 1,000 congregations nationally) and simply as private citizens we protest the Administration's response to this event in the strongest terms.

Cordially,

Rabbi A. Kalinsky
Rabbi Alan Kalinsky
West Coast Director

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