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DATE RECEIVED: OCTOBER 24, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MS. GLORIA STONE

SUBJECT: OPPOSES THE U.S. ACTION AT THE UNITED NATIONS
SECURITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF A
RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAEL

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 9023482

Date November 13, 1990

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Ms. Gloria Stone

Date: October 10, 1990

Subject: Opposes the U.S. action at the United Nations
Security Council in supporting passage of a

WH Referral Dated: November 2, 1990
NSCS ID# (if any): 185160

 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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Gloria Stone
Director
Secretariat Staff

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 7, 1990

Ms. Gloria Stone
Chair
Jewish Community Relations Council
United Jewish Federation of San Diego County
Jessie W. Polinsky Building
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San Diego, California 92111-2102

Dear Ms. Stone:

I have been asked to respond to your letter of October 10 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 'W R Brew', 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: 185160

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED OCTOBER 10, 1990

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MS. GLORIA STONE
CHAIR
JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL
UNITED JEWISH FEDERATION OF
SAN DIEGO COUNTY
4797 MERCURY STREET
SAN DIEGO CA 92111

SUBJECT: OPPOSES THE U.S. ACTION AT THE UNITED NATIONS
SECURITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF A
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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE



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JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

October 10, 1990

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

We are deeply dismayed by the U.S. action at the U.N. Security Council in supporting passage of a resolution that, in effect, condemns Israel for defending thousands of Jewish worshippers at Judaism's holiest site, the Western Wall. This premeditated assault by Palestinians on worshippers and Israeli law enforcement officers using potentially murderous weapons such as knives, rocks, and incendiary devices, suggest that the Israeli response may indeed have been reasonable under the circumstances.

While we mourn with you, Jerusalem's Mayor Teddy Kollek and others in Israel and the U.S. over the loss of life to the rioters and the injuries of many more, we urge you not to rush to judgement about Israel's actions. We believe it was a serious error to condemn our sister democracy before an appropriate independent body, the formation of which was announced earlier today by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, was given an opportunity to investigate these tragic events.

We have strongly supported the Administration's policies in response to Iraq's actions in the Persian Gulf. We also share your view that there is no linkage or parallel between Iraq's brutal crushing of a member state of the U.N. and the situation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Ever since Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait on August 2, he has attempted to link his act of aggression with the Israel-Palestinian conflict. Efforts by him to raise the intensity of debate on the Palestinian issue are a transparent attempt to deflect attention away from his naked

aggression. We fear that in joining with those forces at the U.N. which routinely use that forum to isolate Israel diplomatically, the Administration may be contributing to the very phenomenon that you seek to avoid, namely diversion of central attention away from Iraq's aggression.

We hope that the United States' policy will continue its focus on the real danger to peace in the Middle East. There is no question that the growing military menace of Saddam Hussein and his invasion of Kuwait must be the first priority of peace-makers in the Middle East.

Very respectfully yours,

Gloria Stone

Gloria Stone, Chair
Jewish Community Relations Council
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