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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: OCTOBER 24, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. EPHRAIM MARGOLIN

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE U.S.
SPONSORSHIP OF THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION
CONDEMNING ISRAEL

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 19, 1990

Dear Mr. Margolin:

Thank you for your recent 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

Mr. Ephraim Margolin
Chairman
Jewish Community Relations Council
Suite 301
121 Stuart Street
San Francisco, California 94105

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 Ephraim Margolin

Attached at Tab A is an NSC-edited State Department draft reply to a letter from Ephraim Margolin of the Jewish Community Relations Council of San Francisco, who wrote to the President expressing his opposition to UNSC Resolution 672.

Attachments

Tab A Suggested Reply
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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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:

APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 185468

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED OCTOBER 10, 1990

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MR. EPHRAIM MARGOLIN
CHAIRMAN
JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL
SUITE 301
121 STEUART STREET
SAN FRANCISCO CA 94105

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE U.S.
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October 10, 1990

President George Bush
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the Jewish Community Relations Council, which represents over 60 Synagogues and community organizations in the Greater Bay Area, I am writing to express our dismay and shock over the United States' sponsorship of a U.N. Resolution of condemnation of Israel, regarding Israeli actions in quelling the riots on the Temple Mount on October 8. That resolution, and the tone of our government's response serve to support the most extreme elements in the Palestinian community, including those who perpetrated the premeditated violent assault on Jewish worshippers; at the same time such actions can only encourage Saddam Hussein's intransigence and aggression.

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. SITTMANN

THROUGH: DAVID C. MILLER, JR.

FROM: NANCY BEARG DYKE

SUBJECT: Suggested Reply to Ephraim Margolin

SIGNED

Attached at Tab I is your memorandum to Shirley Green, transmitting an NSC-edited State draft reply (Tab A) to Ephraim Margolin of the Jewish Community Relations Council of San Francisco, who wrote to the President regarding UNSC Resolution 672.

Concurrence by: David Welch

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to Shirley Green at Tab I.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE - DRAFT REPLY

Mr. Ephraim Margolin
Chairman
Jewish Community Relations Council
of San Francisco, The Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties
Suite 301
121 Steuart Street
San Francisco, California 94105

Dear Mr. Margolin:

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 9023481

Date November 8, 1990

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Mr. Ephraim Margolin

Date: October 10, 1990

Subject: Expresses disappointment over the US
sponsorship of the United Nations resolution

WH Referral Dated: November 2, 1990

NSCS ID# (if any): 185468

 The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

- X 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:

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