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TRANSMITTAL FORM

Number 9023714
Date November 28, 1990

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Mr. Lester Bleich

Date: October 17, 1990

Subject: Expresses concern about the response to
the events on Temple Mount

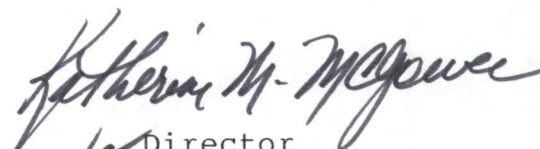
WH Referral Dated: November 6, 1990
NSC ID# (if any): 188234

_____ 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.
- XXX _____ 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.

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 26, 1990

Mr. Lester Bleich, President
First Priority Funding, Inc.
1433 Coney Island Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11230

Dear Mr. Bleich:

Thank you for your letter 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.

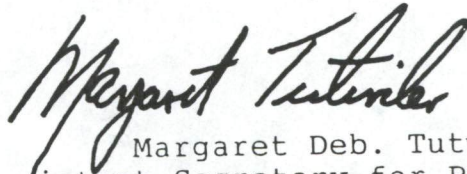
The United States fully supports the efforts of the Secretary General to fulfill the mandate given him by Security Council Resolution 672. We have urged the Government of Israel to permit his representative to come to Israel to carry out his responsibilities, and supported Resolution 673 on this basis.

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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Margaret Tutwiler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Margaret" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Tutwiler".

Margaret Deb. Tutwiler
Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs
and Department Spokesman

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NOVEMBER 6, 1990

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 188234

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED OCTOBER 17, 1990

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MR. LESTER BLEICH
PRESIDENT
FIRST PRIORITY FUNDING, INC.
1433 CONEY ISLAND AVENUE
BROOKLYN NY 11230

SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING RECENT VIOLENCE BETWEEN
ARABS AND ISRAELIS IN JERUSALEM

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

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 24, 1990

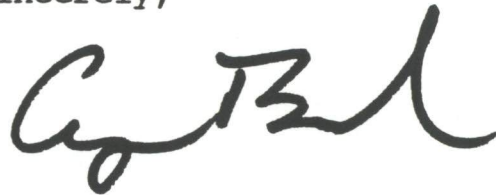
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I have asked my staff to respond to this issue in more detail, but I did want you to know I read your letter and appreciated your sharing your views with me.

Best wishes.

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Dear President Bush:

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Mr. President, a number of questions come to mind. Why were you so quick to condemn the 45 or 50 policemen that were clearly being attacked by a mob of 3000 stone throwers who had clearly instigated the altercation in the first place? Why did the U.N. **first** condemn Israel and then ask for an investigation, shouldn't it be the other way around? Why do you sacrifice our only true ally in the Middle East just to win favor with the Arabs, who have never supported us? Why was there no mention in the U.N. resolution of the fact that this all began with an Arab attack against innocent worshippers? What happened to our sense of fairness?

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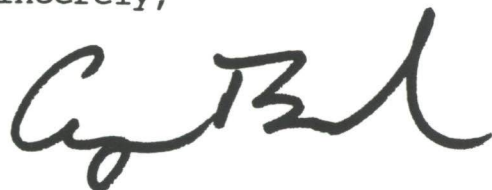
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