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DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 19, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO VETO THE ANTI-ISRAEL
RESOLUTION AT THE UNITED NATIONS

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LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS
MANAGEMENT.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 12, 1991

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your recent letter regarding U.N. Security Council consideration of the situation in the occupied territories.

On December 20, the Security Council unanimously adopted Resolution 681. The resolution deplored the Government of Israel's decision to resume deportations of Palestinians from the occupied territories. The United States has been deeply concerned about such deportations, as Secretary Baker made clear to Prime Minister Shamir in Washington during his recent visit. The resolution also rejected linking the Arab-Israeli conflict and Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. A separate Security Council President's statement noted that the Arab-Israeli conflict is unique and must be addressed independently and on its own merits.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bobbie Kilberg".

Bobbie Kilberg
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

February 6, 1991

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MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM: WILLIAM F. SITTMANN *W*

SUBJECT: Draft Reply to Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler,
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Tab B letter from Rabbi Schindler

January 28, 1991

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THROUGH: RICHARD N. HAASS

FROM: C. DAVID WELCH

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Dear Rabbi Schindler:

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your ^{letter} ~~correspondence~~ of December 18, 1990 ^{regarding} ~~pertaining to the~~ UN Security Council ^{consideration of the situation in} ~~resolution on~~ the occupied territories. The human rights situation in the occupied territories remains a matter of deep concern to the United States.

On December 20, the Security Council unanimously adopted Resolution 681. The resolution deplores the Government of Israel's decision to resume deportations of Palestinians from the occupied territories. The United States ^{has been} ~~is~~ deeply concerned about such deportations, as Secretary Baker made clear to Prime Minister Shamir in Washington during his recent visit. ^{The} ~~This~~ resolution also rejects ~~linking~~ the Arab-Israeli conflict and Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. ^A ~~The~~ separate Security Council President's statement notes that the Arab-Israeli conflict is unique and must be addressed independently and on its own merits.

Our vote on United Nations Security Council Resolution 681 reflects our concerns and is consistent with long-standing U.S. policy on the Middle East. [✓] There is no change in U.S. policy on the applicability of the Fourth Geneva Convention to the territories occupied by Israel since 1967, on our concern for human rights in the occupied territories, and on our support for the role of the Secretary General in continuing to attempt to ensure the safety and protection of Palestinian civilians.

The situation in the occupied territories demonstrates the need to bring about a resolution of the underlying problems of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The Administration is prepared to assist the parties in the Middle East toward attainment of a just

and durable peace, ~~Such a peace would come from direct~~
~~negotiations among the parties based on U.N. Security Council~~
Resolutions 242 and 338, ^{and including the principles of land for peace,} ~~security for Israel and the exchange of~~
~~territory in return for peace. Palestinians must also achieve~~
~~their legitimate political rights,~~ ^{of the Palestinians.} ~~We remain strongly committed~~
~~to the security of Israel and to the search for peace--two~~
~~objectives which we believe go hand in hand.~~ This
Administration, as its predecessors, has also affirmed that
Jerusalem must remain united, ^{with its} ~~We believe that the final status~~
~~of Jerusalem must~~ ^{to} be achieved through negotiations. We oppose
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of negotiations or prejudice the possibility of bringing about
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Middle East. We remain committed to this effort and are looking
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our Israeli friends.

Sincerely,

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Our vote on United Nations Security Council Resolution 681 reflects our concerns and is consistent with long-standing U.S. policy on the Middle East. The human rights situation in the occupied territories remains a matter of deep concern to the United States. There is no change in U.S. policy on the applicability of the Fourth Geneva Convention to the territories occupied by Israel since 1967, on our concern for human rights in the occupied territories, and on our support for the role of the Secretary General in continuing to attempt to ensure the safety and protection of Palestinian civilians.

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Sincerely,

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

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S/S 9100223

Date January 16, 1991

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush
From: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
Date: December 18, 1990
Subject: Urges the president to veto the anti-Israel
resolution at the United Nations

WH Referral Dated: January 4, 1991
NSCS ID# (if any):

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:

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Director
Secretariat Staff

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DRAFT REPLY

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

On behalf of President Bush thank you for your correspondence of December 18, 1990 pertaining to the UN Security Council Resolution on the occupied territories.

On December 20 the Security Council unanimously adopted Resolution 681. During the protracted consultations on this resolution, the United States successfully excised a number of highly objectionable elements in the draft text circulated by the Palestine Liberation Organization and some others. This resolution rejects linking the Arab-Israeli conflict and Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. The separate Security Council President's statement notes that the Arab-Israeli conflict is unique and must be addressed independently and on its own merits. The statement also reflects long-standing U.S. views on an international peace conference on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The resolution deplores the Government of Israel's decision to resume deportations of Palestinians from the occupied territories. The United States is deeply concerned about such deportations, as Secretary Baker made clear to Prime Minister Shamir in Washington during his recent visit. The United States has condemned the violence directed at Israeli citizens, in particular the recent stabbing incidents. We have also made clear our concern about excessive use of force in response to recent violence in the occupied territories.

Our vote on United Nations Security Council Resolution 681 reflects these concerns and is consistent with long-standing U.S. policy on the Middle East. There is no change in USG policy on Jerusalem, the applicability of the Fourth Geneva

Convention to the territories occupied by Israel since 1967, on concern at the deterioration in the occupied territories, and on our support for the role of the Secretary General in continuing to attempt to ensure the safety and protection of Palestinian civilians.

Your thoughts are appreciated during this crucial period for U.S. foreign policy in the United Nations.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler,
Union of American Hebrew Congregations,
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York.

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JANUARY 4, 1991

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 199659
MEDIA: FAX DATED DECEMBER 18, 1990
TO: PRESIDENT BUSH
FROM: RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER
PRESIDENT
UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW
CONGREGATIONS
838 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK NY 10021

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO VETO THE ANTI-ISRAEL
RESOLUTION AT THE UNITED NATIONS

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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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

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Union of American Hebrew Congregations

PATRON OF HEBREW UNION COLLEGE—JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION
838 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021 (212) 249-0100 CABLES: UNIONUAHC

December 18, 1990

Kathy Johnson
The President
The White House
Washington, DC (Fax -- 202-456-2461)

Dear Mr. President:

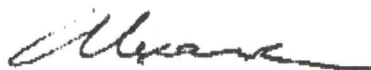
As an organization that has strongly endorsed your policy in the Gulf crisis, and that publicly supports the role of force against Saddam Hussein as a moral option should other efforts fail, we must nevertheless transmit to your our deep concern at the prospect that the United States will fail to exercise its veto on still another anti-Israel resolution at the United Nations.

The unremitting efforts by Arab states and the PLO to pillory Israel at the UN is, in our judgment, nothing less than attempt at political apartheid. That the United States should participate in such a practice demeans the moral standing of our country and encourages further the growing Arab belief that the United States is prepared to hand still another political victory to the dictator in Baghdad.

It is wrong for our country to join in a statement asserting in effect that Jerusalem is occupied territory. It is wrong for our country to argue that the 1949 Geneva Convention applies to Israel's act of ordering the deportation of four Islamic fundamentalist Palestinians who have incited murder against Israeli citizens. It is wrong for our country to support a resolution under which the UN will seek to send representatives to Israel to protect or otherwise oversee the safety of Palestinians living in the territories. You know and the world knows that Israel faces an insurrection and must act to defend itself against those who would disrupt public order by assaulting Israeli civilians, police and military.

We urge you, Mr. President, not to give the victory at the United Nations that Saddam Hussein and his supporters in the PLO so urgently seek. Veto the resolution and restore America's credibility as a defender of its democratic friends and allies.

Respectfully,



Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
President

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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February 4, 1991

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The White House**

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