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DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 21, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: RABBI M. ROBERT SYME

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO VETO THE RESOLUTION
PENDING IN THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL ABOUT
ISRAEL

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 9100202

Date January 18, 1991

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush
From: Dr. Leon M. Warshay / Rabbi M. Robert Syme
Date: December 20, 1990
Subject: Urges President to veto Resolution pending in
UNSC about Israel

WH Referral Dated: January 4, 1991
NSCS ID# (if any): 200213

 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.
 X 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:

Bettie Kuehn for
Director
Secretariat Staff

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

January 10, 1991.

Dear Rabbi Syme:

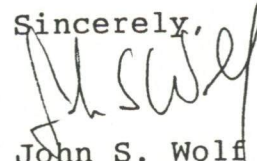
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Our vote on United Nations Security Council Resolution 681 reflects these concerns and is consistent with long-standing U.S. policy on the Middle East. There is no change in USG policy on Jerusalem, the applicability of the Fourth Geneva Convention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


John S. Wolf
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JANUARY 4, 1991

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 200213

MEDIA: FAX DATED DECEMBER 20, 1990

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

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December 20, 1990

K. Gerson

The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

In your meeting with Prime Minister Shamir you commended Israel for keeping a "low profile" in the Gulf crisis and for being fully supportive of operation Desert Shield.

Yet, in the U.N. Security Council the United States seems to be caving in to the demands of such paragons of morality and human rights as Yemen, Colombia, Cuba and Malaysia by endorsing another resolution of censure against Israel that is patently unfair, biased and offensive.

How can the U.S. be a party to this evil cabal against a true and loyal friend - all for the sake of appeasing our Arab "partners" in the Gulf coalition?

We implore you to veto the resolution now pending in the U.N. Security Council, which represents an assault on Israel's sovereignty and is repugnant to friends of Israel everywhere.

Sincerely,

M. Robert Syme
Rabbi M. Robert Syme
President

Leon H. Warshaw
Dr. Leon H. Warshaw
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cc. The Secretary of State

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