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NUSSEIBEH ON HIS ARREST FOR ALLEGEDLY
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Date February 14, 1991

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush
From: Ms. Joan Drake
Date: Feb. 1, 1991
Subject: Urges the President to protest to the Israeli Govt.
the arrest of Professor Sari Nusseibeh.

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 A draft reply is attached.
 A draft reply will be forwarded.
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 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).

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for G. Donofrio
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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Ms. Joan W. Drake
Institute for Policy Studies
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Dear Ms. Drake:

I have been asked to respond to your letter to President Bush of February 1 concerning the administrative detention of Sari Nusseibeh by Israeli authorities.

The United States has long opposed Israel's practice of administrative detention. The charges against Dr. Nusseibeh, like those against other administrative detainees, ought to be made public and a chance given to him to defend himself in a court of law. We have informed the Government of Israel of our views. As you may be aware, an Israeli has reduced Dr. Nusseibeh's period of detention from six to three months.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W R Brew".

William R. Brew
Director
Office of Israel and
Arab-Israeli Affairs

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FEBRUARY 8, 1991

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MS. JOAN W. DRAKE
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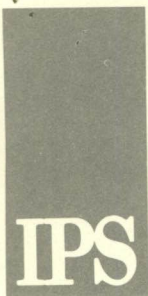
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President George Bush
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear President Bush:

I write on behalf of Professor Sari Nusseibeh,
Professor of Philosophy at Bir Zeit University.

It has just been learned that Professor Nusseibeh
has been arrested and placed under administrative de-
tention by the Israeli authorities.

It is clear that Professor Nusseibeh, a philosopher
and deeply committed pacifist, who adheres rigorously
to the principles of non-violence and who opposes war,
is not guilty of the charges under which he is being
placed in detention.

I urge your immediate protest to the Israeli gov-
ernment on Professor Nusseibeh's behalf and that you
request his immediate release.

Yours sincerely,

Joan W. Drake
Joan W. Drake

2/1/91

cc: Secretary Baker, US Department of State
Senator George Mitchell
Representative Thomas Foley

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PUBLIC STATEMENT: INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE RELEASE
OF SARI NUSSEIBEH

Sari Nusseibeh, arrested by Israeli authorities and placed under administrative detention (without trial) on January 30, 1991, is a philosopher and Palestinian intellectual who has a record as a man of peace in the occupied territories.

He is a professor of philosophy at Bir Zeit University after graduating from Christ Church College at Oxford University in England and completing his Ph.D. in Arab Philosophy at Harvard. Besides being one of the first Palestinians to enter in dialogue with Israeli authorities to find a peaceful solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, Nusseibeh is a believer in nonviolence and one of the Palestinians who fasted for peace at the International Red Cross grounds in May in Jerusalem.

He was arrested by the Israeli authorities and accused of transmitting sensitive information to the Iraqis. He categorically denies these charges in his statement, which is included in this communication.

The International Committee for the Release of Sari Nusseibeh finds these charges by the Israeli authorities completely inconsistent with Nusseibeh's background and the committee demands his immediate release if these charges cannot be substantiated.

The committee urges an international appeal on Nusseibeh's behalf to the Government of Israel, the U.S. State Department and White House, human rights organizations, and the international media. The committee is currently organizing regional committees to send information to the appropriate people. We urge you to join the committee as a coordinator or as a voice for justice. Nusseibeh's arrest is one of many arrests of moderate Palestinians and peace activists in the occupied territories.

We encourage you to arrange local efforts to promote Nusseibeh's release. We would like you to be in touch with us about your efforts so that we can coordinate as many groups and individuals as possible, and, in return, we will send you updated information on the case.

contact: Mubarak E. Awad



I was told that the Israeli authorities informed the Press that my administrative detention came because I acted as a gathering point for intelligence information to be given to the Iraqis for accurate missile firing. In this respect I would like to state the following:

1. I categorically deny the government's statement and assert that I have never been, nor am I now engaged in any intelligence gathering on behalf of any government or organization, and specifically that I gathered or provided information to Iraq. It seems that the authorities want to benefit from the present atmosphere of demonizing Iraq to justify my arrest which came for totally different reasons.

2. The charge is particularly ludicrous because since the beginning of the Gulf War, I have been confined to my home under strict curfew, with my only access to the outside world being the radio, television, and my well-watched telephone line.

3. If the authorities truly believe that I am guilty of espionage, they could easily try me in court and produce their evidence.

4. I believe my arrest is intended to silence the voices of moderation, and specifically the Palestinian call for ending the Gulf War through peaceful negotiations, so we can move on to deal with the Israeli-Palestinian question, and build a peaceful order in the region.

5. I am and have always been clearly and unequivocally opposed to all forms of violence and in favor of a peaceful solution. This has always been my strategy and conviction, and I have already paid a price for this peaceful position.

6. My position continues to be that I am against all forms of violence and war, and by necessary extension do not condone any missile attack or bombardment. I have been careful, however, not to selectively condemn, or condone any particular attack, without referring to all forms of violence.

7. It is therefore ludicrous to imply that I gather intelligence, or participate in such attacks by providing information for targeting, even if I were in a position to do so, which I have never been.

8. I am convinced that my administrative detention has nothing to do with Iraq, missile attacks, violations of security provisions, or any other matter other than my political views on the need for peace and moderation.

Dr. Sari Nusseibeh

This fax communication was received by Nonviolence International on Wednesday, January 30, 1991. For more information, please contact Mubarak E. Awad, director, Nonviolence International, P.O. Box 39127, Friendship Station, NW, Washington, DC 20016. Phone: 202/244-0951. Fax: 202/244-6396.

HOW TO SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

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Mr. President:

We support our troops, and join all Americans in praying for their safety. But we oppose war in the Persian Gulf, because it cannot achieve our objectives:

Security in the Middle East. In this volatile region, "victory" could bring chaos: breakup of Iraq and power bids by today's allies of convenience (Syria and Turkey or neutral Iran). America must address the real problems: the Israeli - Palestinian dispute and the relations between rich oil states and other poorer states in the area.

Control of nuclear chemical, and biological weapons. Bombing Iraqi sites won't stop the worldwide spread of these weapons. Any credible effort must be verifiable and must apply to everyone. In- stead of opposing, take the lead in supporting a Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban. Stop putting loopholes in our own chemical weapons treaty. Reaffirm America's commitment to the Biological Weapons Convention by ending our potentially offensive and provocative germ warfare research program.

Energy Security. We can't be secure when the U.S. -- 6% of the world's population -- uses 25% of its oil. Why has our government turned its back on safe alternatives? It's time to end ten years of neglect of renewable energy and conservation.

A New World Order. America can't be the world's policeman -- especially if the world thinks we are policing the world to suit ourselves. If we want others to share the burden, we must share the responsibility. Start by really supporting the United Nations: pay our dues and rejoin all its organizations.

Jobs. While we fight at \$750 million a day, we cannot find money for our cities, our schools, our health and our environment, or our roads, railroads, and research. America is becoming a class-divided society and a second class power in the world economy.

Mr. President, our brave men and women in the armed forces cannot solve these problems for us on the battlefield. We cannot solve them by bombing Iraq -- massive bombing is causing many civilian deaths hidden from the American people by military censorship. We cannot claim to speak for the "civilized world" if we forget that all life is precious. Violence will only lead to more violence on both sides.

The Cold War is over. Don't let a hot war trap us in obsolete military budgets, military interventions, and confrontational policies. A new kind of realism -- global security -- is seriously overdue.

War is tragedy. Stop this war now. Negotiate a cease fire and pursue every path -- including sanctions and diplomacy -- to secure the United Nations mandate of Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait.