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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ROBERT KASTEN

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION
TO REQUEST EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL
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Dear Senator

Thank you for your February 21 letter to the President urging assistance by the U.S. Government and other countries to help Israel cover additional costs incurred due to the Gulf crisis.

As you are aware, on March 3, the Administration and the Israeli Government came to an agreement that the Administration would request from Congress \$650 million for Israeli costs associated with the Gulf conflict. We have every expectation that the money the Congress appropriates will flow quickly.

With our strong encouragement, others among our coalition allies have also pledged additional assistance to Israel. To date the EC, Germany, the Netherlands, and Norway have pledged a total of \$1.2 billion of security assistance and humanitarian aid. Germany agreed to provide \$170 million in economic assistance and \$826 million in military assistance. The EC will provide \$361 million in assistance to Israel: \$251.2 million will be in the form of loans and interest subsidies, and \$109.8 will be disbursed during 1992-1996 in the form of a loan from the European investment bank. The Netherlands has provided one Patriot fire unit with a Dutch crew, on a temporary basis. Norway will provide \$2.6 million in humanitarian and economic assistance.

I hope this information is useful to you.

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Support for Israel's security is at the foundation of U.S.-

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Because I am concerned about Israel's security, I asked Secretary Baker to go to the Middle East to take advantage of a historic opportunity to promote the Arab-Israeli peace process. I believe that a process of direct negotiations can bring peace and stability to the region, thus better assuring Israel's long-term security.

Thank you again for your letter and I trust that I can count on your support to encourage all Middle Eastern nations to pursue a comprehensive peace settlement.

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