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SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT NOT TO PRESSURE ISRAEL
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SETTLEMENT WITH THE ARABS

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United States Department of State.

Washington, D.C. 20520

May 3, 1991

Heskel M. Haddad, M.D.
1125 Park Avenue,
New York, N.Y. 10128

Dear Dr. Haddad:

Thank you for your recent letter. Your expression of support for the President and for our government's Gulf policy is deeply appreciated.

The liberation of Kuwait represents a great victory for the world community. The challenge we face now is to seize the opportunity created by the worldwide opposition to Iraqi aggression to move toward a more just and peaceful world. Our aim in the Middle East is to promote peaceful settlement of regional disputes, the observance of international law, respect for human rights, political openness, arms control, Gulf security and stability, economic cooperation and market-based economic growth.

Let me assure you that we are in no way pressuring Israel to compromise its security. Quite the contrary, we are committed to a process by which Israel's long term security will be guaranteed. To this end, Secretary Baker has embarked on a series of visits to narrow the differences among the various players in the Middle East.

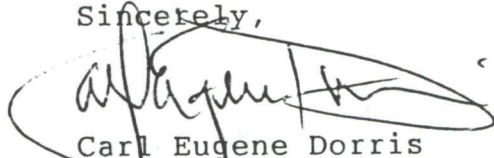
The conditions of Jewish communities living in Arab countries has been and remains a top agenda item in our discussions with officials in the region. We have raised this problem with the Governments of Syria, Yemen and others. The President raised human rights issues most recently during his meeting with Syria's President Assad in November. We consider this a matter of great importance and your concerns have been expressed at the highest levels.

Iraqi reparations for the damages resulting from the invasion of Kuwait is a key element of UN resolution 687 which spells out steps Iraq must take to ensure a permanent cease fire and lifting of sanctions. Specific restitution for Jews expelled from Iraq and for damage inflicted on Israeli communities by Iraqi SCUD attacks are certainly two of the many possible claims that could be considered in this process.

Finally, let me address your concerns about Syria. The U.S. has not provided any assistance to Syria. In fact, we are prohibited by law from doing so as long as Syria remains on the list of states that support terrorism. And Syria will remain on this list as long as it continues to support groups which engage in terrorism. Moreover, this administration remains committed to maintaining Israel's qualitative advantage over its enemies.

Once again, thank you for voicing your warm wishes and support for President Bush.

Sincerely,

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Carl Eugene Dorris
Deputy Director
Office of Regional Affairs
Bureau of Near Eastern and
South Asian Affairs

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TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MARCH 7, 1991

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: DR. HESKEL M. HADDAD M.D.
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S/S 9105162

Date May 15, 1991

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Dr. Heskell M. Haddad M.D.

Date: March 7, 1991

Subject: Israel compromise security in any peace with
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March 7, 1991

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Mr. President:

I applaud your courage and success. I believe that history will judge you as one of our great presidents because of the stand you took against aggression.

It is for this same reason that I urge you, Mr. President, not to pressure Israel to compromise its security in any peace settlement with the Arabs. There should be face to face negotiations to settle the disputes between Syria and Israel, Jordan and Israel, Lebanon and Israel, and all the other sovereign Arab countries. They should make peace with Israel before the Palestinian Arab problem be resolved. Recent history taught us, that a peace treaty - negotiated by Secretary Schultz - with Lebanon was easily abrogated by Syria. Syria is pivotal for peace. Thus all efforts should be directed to make peace between Syria and Israel before anything else.

In accordance with resolution 242 there should be a resolution of the refugee problem both the Jewish refugees from Arab countries and the Palestinian Arab refugees. That should precede any other agreement to resolve the Palestinian Arab problem.

And in particular regarding Iraq, we the Jews of Iraq, being the only Jewish community in the world that was expelled totally and all our assets and property confiscated (we were the wealthiest Jewish community in the world), Mr. President, as you demand reparations from Iraq, we should be included to get our assets back. There are over 25,000 Iraqi Jews in America and there are 250,000 Iraqi Jews living in Israel, who suffered most recently by the Scud missile attacks of Iraq, which fell mostly on Iraqi Jews in Ramat Gan. I urge you, Mr. President, for the sake of fairness and justice, that you include us in any talks with Iraq for reparations.

March 7, 1991

President George Bush

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Finally, regarding the military equipments - tanks, artillery etc., captured from Iraq, please do not give them to Syria. Syria is well armed and does not need more arms. Syria is one of the main threats to Israel today, with its chemical and biological weapons and Scud missiles which are more sophisticated than the Iraqi's and can certainly reach Israel with ease. Please do not put too much arms in Saudi Arabia either. There should not be any reason for doing that, because when the chips are down American power is what counts. If you do leave modern equipment in Saudi Arabia, then please, Mr. President, balance it for Israel. Israel must maintain qualitative parity with all the Arab countries, again for the sake of fairness and justice.

Most respectfully yours,



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Dear Dr. Haddad:

I am responding to your letter to President Bush of March 7 regarding the Middle East peace process.

President Bush has said it is time to put an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict. We continue to believe the best way to achieve a comprehensive settlement is through a negotiating process among the parties. The President has stated that a comprehensive peace must be grounded in United Nations Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, and the principle of territory for peace. This principle, he said, must be elaborated to provide for Israel's security and recognition, and at the same time for legitimate Palestinian political rights. I would note that a settlement based on resolutions 242 and 338 and the principle of the exchange of territory for peace has been the policy of every American administration since 1967.

Secretary Baker has undertaken a series of intensive consultations in the region, including meetings with the heads of several Arab states, the Prime Minister of Israel and other senior Israeli officials, and Palestinians from the occupied territories. We believe that there are now new opportunities to achieve real progress towards peace in the Middle East, and I assure you that the United States is prepared to work with the parties to the conflict to take advantage of this favorable new environment.

As regards your concern about U.S. arms sales to Middle Eastern countries, it is our policy to sell arms only for the purpose of legitimate self-defense. We have not and will not propose arms sales which pose a threat to Israel's security. We have not sold nor are we considering selling arms to Syria.

The United States and others have long held that the issue of compensation for refugees should be addressed in the context of negotiations among the parties to the Arab-Israeli conflict. We do not believe it is practical or desirable to link Arab-Israeli issues to the Iraq-Kuwait conflict.

We appreciate your continuing interest and are pleased to have received your views on these important issues.

Sincerely,

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

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