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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: RIGHT REVEREND ALLEN L. BARTLETT JR.

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR PRESENT POLICY IN
REGARD TO ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

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Date April 22, 1991

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Right Reverend Allen L. Bartlett, Jr.

Date: March 28, 1991

Subject: Expresses support for present policy in regard
to Israel and Palestine

WH Referral Dated: April 13, 1991
NSCS ID# (if any): 225568

 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 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:


Director
Secretariat Staff

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

The Rt. Reverend Allen L. Bartlett, Jr.
Bishop
Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania
240 South Fourth Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106

Dear Bishop Bartlett:

I have been asked to respond to your letter to President Bush of March 28 regarding the need to move towards peace in the Middle East. We appreciate your thoughtful comments.

We have been following closely the deteriorating economic and social situation in the occupied territories. As you know, the United States has consistently opposed a number of Israeli practices in the territories, including deportations, demolition of housing, administrative detention, and particularly the use of excessive lethal force. Israeli authorities are well aware of our position on these issues. At the same time, we have condemned Palestinian violence and expressed our conviction that violence cannot secure Palestinian rights.

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.

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.

Sincerely,

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

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TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 225568
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MARCH 28, 1991
TO: PRESIDENT BUSH
FROM: RIGHT REVEREND ALLEN L. BARTLETT JR.
BISHOP
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240 SOUTH FOURTH STREET
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SUBJECT: EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR PRESENT POLICY IN
REGARD TO ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

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THE RT. REV. ALLEN L. BARTLETT, JR.
BISHOP

March 28, 1991

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

Dear Mr. President:

I write to give strong support to your present policy in regard to Israel and Palestine.

My wife and I were privileged to be a part of a small delegation of Episcopal Church leaders to Israel recently. We were there just prior to the visit of Mr. Baker. It was our pleasure to meet with some of the Orthodox patriarchs, a representative of the Higher Islamic Council, an Israeli official, Mr. Philip Wilcox (our American Consul), Jonathan Kuttub (Palestinian Christian who is also an American citizen), and Mr. Faisal Husseini of the Palestine Liberation Organization, as well as a number of Church and medical leaders.

It is my belief that our Secretary of State has a good understanding of the suffering under which the Palestinians live, and for that I am grateful.

This is a moment of historic opportunity for the settlement of the vexing Israeli-Palestinian issue. I strongly urge that United States policy be that of using every means to bring both of these somewhat recalcitrant parties to the table, to provide a just solution to the needs of both. Israel's borders need of course to be made secure, and the Palestinian homeland needs to be demilitarized. While the final resolution of this may take some months or years, we need to keep the pressure on the Israeli government to show signs of good faith by reducing or dropping entirely the resettlement of Russian Jews in the Occupied Territories. Deportation, demolition of houses, and the use of "administrative detention" are unjust practices, also, that are unworthy of the long humanitarian tradition of the Jewish people.

I want you to know of the rising support among Americans for a strong U.S. policy in this regard.

Faithfully yours,

Allen L. Bartlett, Jr.
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