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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: RABBI STUART C. WEINBLATT

SUBJECT: URGES U.S. FOREIGN POLICY TO ACCEPT AND
RECOGNIZE ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO PROTECT HER
CITIZENS BY DEPORTING INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED
TERRORISM

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 9108459

Date May 30, 1991

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Rabbi Stuart C. Weinblatt

Date: April 1, 1991

Subject: Urges U.S. foreign policy to accept and recognize
Israel's right to protect her citizens by deporting

WH Referral Dated: May 10, 1991
NSCS ID# (if any): 234924

 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.

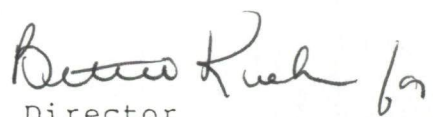
 X X An information copy of a direct reply is attached.

 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:


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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Rabbi Stuart G. Weinblatt
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Dear Rabbi Weinblatt:

I am responding to your letter of April 1 to the President regarding Israel's decision to deport four Palestinians from Gaza.

The Administration supports Israel's right and obligation to provide for security in the occupied territories. We do, however, object to certain practices exercised by the Israeli authorities, including deportation of Palestinians from the occupied territories. It has long been the U.S. position that the Fourth Geneva Convention applies to Israel's control of these territories, and such deportations are not consistent with the provisions of the Convention. The Government of Israel is aware of our views.

In general, we believe that individuals suspected of crimes should be charged and permitted an opportunity to defend themselves in a court of law, where they can confront the evidence and witnesses against them. Those who are convicted should receive appropriate sentences, not including deportation.

The Administration has clearly, strongly, and repeatedly condemned Palestinian violence directed against Israelis, most recently the wave of stabbings that have occurred since December, 1990. During his March visit to Israel, Secretary Baker deplored these stabbings and visited the graves of several victims; he also conveyed his deepest sympathies to the victims' families.

Our record of public statements opposing such violence is very clear. We have consistently stressed to Palestinians and their leadership that violence cannot and will not achieve Palestinian rights.

You have referred in your letter to the expelling of foreign citizens by other countries. These are not analogous situations. Occupying powers, such as Israel in the territories occupied in June, 1967, are prohibited by the Fourth Geneva Convention from deporting protected persons

from the territories they occupy. In the other cases you mention, the governments expelled foreigners living in their countries under temporary residence permits, which is generally permitted under international law.

I hope this information has been of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W R Brew', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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

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MAY 10, 1991

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 1, 1991

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: RABBI STUART C. WEINBLATT
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April 1, 1991

Honorable George Bush
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

How quickly we forget!

In the last several months a number of governments in the Middle East have deported people. With the outbreak of hostilities in the Persian Gulf, Saudia Arabia alone summarily deported several hundred thousand Palestinians and Yemenites from their land because it was assumed they sided with Iraq.

England and France deported Iraqis and others because they feared that these individuals might participate in hostile activities against those nations.

The list goes on.

In response to a series of premeditated unprovoked attacks upon Jewish citizens of Israel, Israel recently deported four individuals who were known to be involved in terrorist organizations. Two of them are convicted murderers. Unlike the other nations who took similar actions, the threat is real, and the action is not taken because of suspected political leanings, but because of actions on the part of the accused. Finally, unlike the other nations who deported much larger numbers, the Palestinians residing in Israel will be granted a trial to present evidence of their innocence.

Yet not surprisingly, our State Department, along with the United Nations said nothing about the other countries' actions and chose instead to single out Israel for condemnation.

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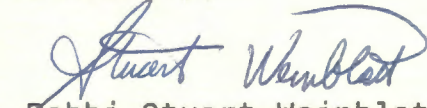
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Deportation of Palestinian terrorists living in Israel who want to take the lives of Israelis is a reasonable and responsible response which acts both as a deterrent to further criminal actions and which ultimately saves lives. Our foreign policy should be enlightened enough to accept and recognize Israel's right to protect her citizens.

Once and for all, let there be an end to our double standard when judging Israel. Let us refrain from the old standby, when in doubt blame, or condemn the Jews.

Sincerely,


Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt