

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 07, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. HOWARD L. LASHER

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO GRANT ISRAEL'S
REQUEST THAT THE U.S. "CO-SIGN" LOANS FROM
COMMERCIAL BANKS

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 9115531

Date September 10, 1991

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush
From: Mr. Howard L. Lasher
Date: August 1, 1991
Subj: Urges the President to grant Israel's
request that the U.S. "Co-Sign" loans from

WH Referral Dated: August 27, 1991
NSCS ID# (if any): 260303

 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
September 9, 1991

Howard L. Lasher
Member of Assembly
Room 841
Legislative Office Building
Albany, NY 12248

Dear Mr. Lasher:

Thank you for your letter to the President of August 1 expressing support for providing loan guarantees for \$10 billion to Israel for immigrant absorption.

The U.S. has long supported freedom of emigration from the Soviet Union. The U.S. has provided significant assistance to Israel for immigrant resettlement in recognition of the demands the recent influx has placed on the economy. At the same time, we are aware of concerns about the use of U.S. aid to finance Israeli settlement activity. With regard to the \$10 billion in loan guarantees, this issue is now under discussion between the governments of the United States and Israel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan H. Colbert".

Joan Colbert, Coordinator
Office of Inter-Governmental Affairs

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REFERRAL

AUGUST 27, 1991

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 260303

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED AUGUST 1, 1991

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MR. HOWARD L. LASHER
MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY
THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
NEW YORK

ALBANY NY 12248

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO GRANT ISRAEL'S
REQUEST THAT THE U.S. "CO-SIGN" LOANS FROM
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PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 21, 1991

Dear Assemblyman Lasher:

On behalf of the President, thank you for your recent correspondence urging that the United States "co-sign" commercial loans to the Israeli Government.

I have taken the liberty of sharing your letter with appropriate officials within the Department of State for their review and direct reply. You should hear from them shortly.

We sincerely appreciate your bringing this matter to the attention of the Administration. Please feel free to contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Mary McClure
Special Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable Howard L. Lasher
State Assemblyman
50 Brighton First Road
Brooklyn, NY 11235



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Legislative Office Building
Albany, New York 12248

August 1, 1991

President George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

Israel, in its ongoing successful policy, continues to absorb tens of thousands of Soviet Union, Ethiopian and other Jewish immigrants.

This massive humanitarian effort places a tremendous financial burden which Israel cannot undertake alone. The Israeli Government does not ask for grants, just the "co-signing" or "guarantee" of commercial loans by the United States which would allow the continued flow of much needed capital under favorable conditions.

Since Israel has never defaulted on the repayment of loans, I urge you to please favor this urgent request that the United States "co-sign" loans from commercial banks.

Very truly yours,

HOWARD L. LASHER
Member of Assembly

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