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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE HARRIS WOFFORD

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO MOVE AHEAD WITH
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IMMEDIATELY

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FROM: SCOWCROFT

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SUBJECT: ISRAELI LOAN GUARANTEES

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**National Security Council
The White House**

*BS reply to
Sen Wofford's Ltr to Pres.
re Israeli Loan Guar.*

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 1, 1991

Dear Senator Wofford:

Thank you for your letter of September 5 and for sharing your views on the question of loan guarantees for Israel. As you know from the President's September 12 statement, we strongly believe that it was and is in the interest of everyone to have this question and the inevitable debate it would stimulate delayed. This said, let me reassure you that what is at issue is not our support for Israel and its security, which remains strong, nor our support for immigration to Israel, which we helped bring about and hope to facilitate in the future. Rather, what is shaping our position on loan guarantees is our commitment to peace and the judgment that nothing ought to be done at present that might undermine the prospects for success in Madrid and what we believe is the best chance for meaningful political progress in the Middle East since Camp David.

I appreciate your writing. The President looks forward to working with the Congress on this issue in January.

Sincerely,


Brent Scowcroft

The Honorable Harris Wofford
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

September 10, 1991

Dear Senator Wofford:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President supporting the Israeli request for loan guarantees.

We appreciate being advised of your comments on this issue. I have shared your letter with several of the President's advisors in this matter so that they, too, are aware of your perspective.

Thank you again for your interest in writing.

With best regards,

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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October 28, 1991

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: RICHARD N. HAASS

SUBJECT: Letter to Senator Wofford

Attached is the response to a letter sent by Senator Wofford asking the President to reconsider his position on Israeli loan guarantees.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the response to Senator Wofford at Tab I.

Concurrence by: Ginny Lampley

Attachments

Tab I Letter to Senator Wofford

Tab II Letter from Senator Wofford

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3803
September 5, 1991

for
Enclosure

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

Dear Mr. President:

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The incredible airlift of over 14,000 Ethiopians in 36 hours, combined with over 300,000 Soviet Jews who have arrived in Israel during the past two years have placed great strains on the Israeli economy. Israel must provide these immigrants with not only the basic human services such as food and shelter but the long term needs such as permanent housing and infrastructure.

In addition, I urge you to avoid any attempts to link Israel's request for loan guarantees with Israeli domestic policy or the peace process. As planeloads of refugees arrive daily, the Israeli government is reaching out to the United States for help. I believe it would be a grave mistake to complicate Israel's efforts by linking humanitarian and political issues.

For years, the United States has been at the forefront of the fight for freedom for Soviet Jews. It is now up to the United States to assist Israel in the successful resettlement of their new citizens. Israel is taking the same approach to absorption as to defense. Just as Israel has never asked any nation to defend her -- only for assistance in acquiring the means for defense -- Israel is not asking the U.S. to pay for resettling these refugees. Israel is simply asking for assistance in acquiring capital to accomplish this monumental task. The United States must not be negligent in fulfilling its commitment to these Soviet and Ethiopian Jews who have found refuge and freedom in Israel.

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