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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. GERALD BUBIS

SUBJECT: SUGGESTS THAT THE PRESIDENT SUPPORT A
"BRIDGE" ARRANGEMENT TO PROVIDE AID TO ISRAEL
FOR ITS NEW IMMIGRANTS SINCE APPROVAL FOR
LOAN GUARANTEES HAS BEEN DELAYED

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From the outset of the debate about Israel's application for \$10 billion in loan guarantees, we have been concerned that the settlement policies of the current Israeli government would jeopardize the request. We have supported the request because the loans are vital to the successful absorption of Soviet and Ethiopian immigrants, and because we do not want to see a humanitarian concern -- and a Zionist ideal -- linked to other issues.

Unfortunately, Prime Minister Shamir's policies have created such a linkage as a matter of political reality. We recognize that your call for a delay in Israel's request, which we have not opposed, is a direct consequence of the Shamir government's actions.

At the same time, we believe that Israel's new immigrants should not be forced to suffer because of the short-sighted policies of the Shamir government. For that reason, we urge you to support a "bridge" arrangement that would provide some level of interim assistance between now and January.

Having made our position clear, we believe it is important that we share our disappointment with the tone of some of your recent remarks regarding Israel and pro-Israel forces in this country. With all respect, we hope you will understand how your words may have been received as hostile to Israeli and Jewish concerns. We also hope that your future comments will take these concerns into account so that your efforts to mediate the peace process are not undermined and so that U.S.-Israeli relations are not unnecessarily damaged.

Finally, we hope that, as you continue to discuss this issue, you will make mention of the growing opposition to settlements within Israel itself, where a majority of that country's citizens opposes settlement activity, particularly if it has a negative impact on the peace process or foreign assistance. A poll conducted by the Dahaf Institute last week shows that 67% of all Israelis (and 59% of Likud voters) would opt to stop or freeze settlements for the sake of the peace process.

Sincerely,


Gerald Bubis
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