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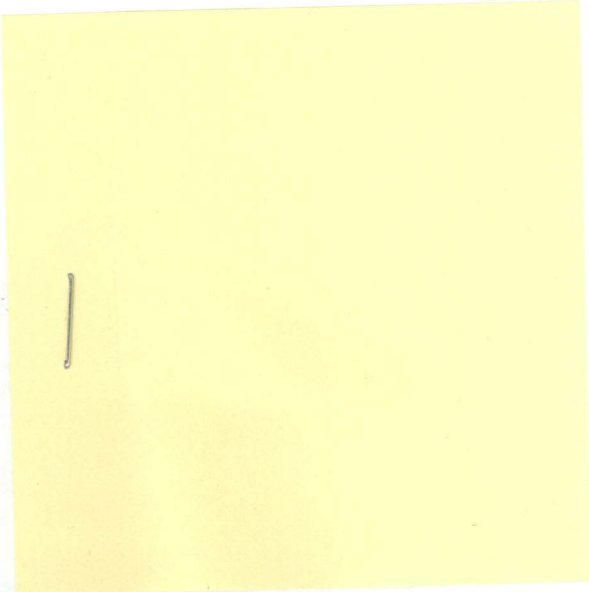
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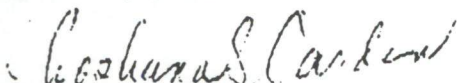
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Bobbie

Thanks for this update. I hate it that you are in such an awkward position. This, too, shall pass - New Year - you to CB

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: GOVERNOR SUNUNU  
FROM: BOBBIE KILBERG BK  
SUBJ: JEWISH COMMUNITY REACTION TO THURSDAY PRESS  
CONFERENCE ON LOAN GUARANTEES DELAY

Since your press conference on Thursday, my office has heard from most of the leaders of the organized Jewish community. We have also received calls from individual citizens of the Jewish faith who are expressing their personal opinions. By Friday afternoon, these calls had a disturbing tone that Governor Sununu and I think you need to be aware of.

In response to reporters' questions during the press conference, you referred to "1,000 lobbyists on the Hill" and to being "up against some powerful political forces" who were opposing the Administration on the timing of the loan guarantees. Those two phrases caused great concern within the Jewish community and have led to unfounded, but nonetheless felt and verbalized, fears that we are challenging the Jewish community's right to express themselves as American citizens. I am attaching Shoshana Cardin's letter to you which addresses that fear which I believe is fairly widespread.

Today, the Israeli paper HaArazt reported on a conversation that you supposedly had with one of your "closest Jewish friends". The newspaper is written in Hebrew and George Klein translated the relevant portions of the article for me as follows: "President Bush said that those 1,000 Jewish individuals . . . need to decide if they are American or Israeli. If they are Israeli, then what are they doing here?". I have attached the Anti-Defamation League's Israeli news summary which tracks George's translation pretty closely. This story was also picked up by the American Jewish press. Within that part of the Jewish community that reads the Jewish press, those quotes raised the anxiety level further.

\* Bobbie  
\* This is a vicious lie. It's a crying shame when this kind of ugly lie is printed - no source, simply "spread the ugliness"

You need to be aware that for the first time ever individuals have reported to me that they are getting calls accusing us of "country club anti-semitism." I hesitated about even telling you about this but Governor Sununu and I agreed that you need to know about the depth of feeling out there within the Jewish community. On a positive note, Abe Foxman issued a press release on behalf of the Anti-Defamation League that denounces the anti-semitic charges as "highly irresponsible and completely unacceptable" and states they should "have no place in this serious debate."

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*E saw this* On another positive note, an outrageous statement by Israeli Cabinet minister Rehavan Zeevi that asserted you were anti-semitic was publicly denounced by major Jewish groups. I have attached the press statements of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the Simon Wiesenthal Center, the American Jewish Congress, the Orthodox Union and The Anti-Defamation League.

Our request for the loan guarantees delay will most likely be criticized at synagogue services for Yom Kippur on Tuesday evening and Wednesday. We should expect this to occur at Jewish congregations throughout the country.

We are receiving requests for a meeting of Jewish leaders with you. Governor Sununu and I believe that a meeting is premature at this point and we should revisit it when you return from your trip. We do agree that a response to Shoshanna Cardin's letter in which you restate your firm belief in the right of all Americans to express their views would be beneficial at this time.

cc: David Demarest



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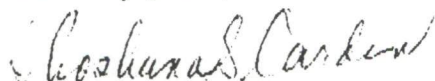
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ISRAEL OFFICE: 30 King David Street, Jerusalem 94101, Israel

## MEMORANDUM

To: A. Foxman, K. Jacobson, J. Ditchak, B. Zuckerbrat, M.  
Rappaport, M. Kass, J. Hordes, M. Medin  
From: ADL Jerusalem - D.W.  
Date: Monday, September 16, 1991  
Subject: Israel News Summary for Today

1. Baker's meeting with Shamir is at 3:30 p.m. today. He's meeting the Palestinians in the American Colony Hotel (eastern Jerusalem) at 7 p.m. Staying until tomorrow p.m.
2. HaAretz: Bush in private conversation demands to know whether the "1,000 lobbyists" are loyal Americans or Israelis. "And if they're Israelis, what're they doing here?" Bush reportedly said. Attached. Aaron Miller in conversation reported to have accused Israel of providing the U.S. with false reports on settlement activity (Yediot).
3. HaAretz: Shoval recommends that Israel not compromise, at least until Israel wins a partial victory by getting the guarantees approved in the Senate Appropriations Committee. But support for Solarsz compromise growing. Some papers say that Bush quietly OKs the Solarsz idea, and Shamir too. Others say that Bush and Shamir still bent on confrontation, without compromise.
4. HaAretz: Egypt & the PLO have brokered an agreement on the composition of a Palestinian delegation which might be acceptable to Israel. Would include Eli Abu Hilal, the deportee from Abu Dis who was allowed to return last week. Abu Dis used to be part of eastern Jerusalem, but isn't today. Abu Hilal may join the Baker meeting today.
5. With Baker, Israel to raise Arafat's involvement in last week's terrorist attempt (in which 1 U.N. soldier was killed). See attached Jerusalem Post story. HaAretz speculates that Arafat is increasing terrorist activity to cover his flank, while offering diplomatic compromises regarding a Palestinian delegation.
6. All papers: New terrorist threat to Soviet Jews at European transit points. Mossad dispatches additional security teams.
7. Attack on IDF patrol near Jenin kills one Israeli soldier. Significant increase in use of firearms by Palestinians in the territories.

Attached: 4 pages of clippings.

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**Contact:** Richard Cohen Associates**For Immediate Release**  
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Executive Director**CHAIRMAN OF PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE ASSAILS  
'SLUR' BY ISRAELI AGAINST PRESIDENT BUSH**

In a statement issued today (Monday, Sept. 16), Shoshana S. Cardin, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said:

"The attack against President Bush by the head of a tiny fringe party in Israel is an unacceptable and reprehensible slur. President Bush has played a crucial -- indeed, vital -- role in winning freedom for hundreds of thousands of Jews from the Soviet Union and tens of thousands of Ethiopian Jews who have been able to emigrate to Israel in large part because of his personal efforts in their behalf.

"We deplore and dissociate ourselves from the slanderous statement reported in this morning's press. It does not reflect the view of the American Jewish community, nor -- I am confident -- that of the people of Israel.

"We endorse the condemnation of that statement as expressed yesterday by Israel's Minister of Defense, Moshe Arens, in reflecting the view of the Israel government."

9/16/91

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## PRESS INFORMATION

September 16, 1991

### WIESENTHAL CENTER DENOUNCES ISRAELI CABINET MINISTER'S REMARK

The Simon Wiesenthal Center denounced Israeli Cabinet Minister Rehavan Zeevi's assertion that President George Bush is an antisemite.

"Antisemites don't go out of their way to rescue Ethiopian Jews and send them to Israel and antisemites don't shed tears when they visit Auschwitz and Babi Yar, said Rabbi Marvin Hier, Dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center. While I strongly disagree with the President's refusal to move ahead with the \$10 billion loan guarantee - even after the 120 days he requested - and while I was dismayed by some of the terminology the President used which can be fodder for antisemites, calling the President of the United States an antisemite is absurd and false," he added.

For more information, contact the Center's Communications department, (213) 553-9036.

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**AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS PRESIDENT CALLS ISRAELI  
CABINET MINISTER'S REMARKS INEXCUSABLE  
Urges His Removal From The Cabinet**

The following statement was issued by Robert K. Lifton,  
president of the American Jewish Congress:

Rehevam Ze'evi's offensive remarks about President Bush are inexcusable. We strongly support the Israeli request for U.S. loan guarantees. However, to ascribe anti-Semitism to President Bush because he disagrees with an aspect of Israel's policy is a terrible injustice to the President and calls for a clear repudiation by Prime Minister Shamir.

Ze'evi represents no significant opinion within the government or the people of Israel. His remarks are doubly repugnant coming from someone who advocates the ugly idea of "transfer," the forceful expulsion of Palestinians from the territories. Ze'evi is surely just about the last person to lecture President Bush, or anyone else for that matter, on how to respond to humanitarian needs.

At the time that Ze'evi was appointed to the Cabinet earlier this year, the American Jewish Congress described the appointment as "reprehensible." Even members of the Likud found it appalling, and Knesset member Benjamin Begin called it "political pollution." In light of this most recent outrageous statement by Ze'evi, Prime Minister Shamir should remove him forthwith from the cabinet.

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**NEWS**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

New York, NY, September 16...Charges that President Bush is an anti-Semite because he requested that Congress delay for 120 days discussion about loan guarantees to Israel are "highly irresponsible, completely unacceptable" and "have no place in this serious debate," the Anti-Defamation League asserted today.

In a statement issued here, Melvin Salberg, ADL's national chairman, and Abraham H. Foxman, the League's national director, said:

"Accusations of anti-Semitism should never be made lightly. We are all deeply concerned with the Administration's current position regarding Israel's request for loan guarantees and we publicly communicated our concerns about the President's unfortunate tone last week. But to describe President Bush as an anti-Semite is without foundation and weakens the meaning of the term."

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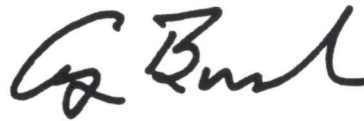
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Chairman

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Executive Director  
September 13, 1991

The Honorable George Bush  
President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

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Phil:

The Governor has Bobbie's  
copy (& one for himself).

Patty

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

9/17/91

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 16, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: GOVERNOR SUNUNU

FROM: BOBBIE KILBERG BK

SUBJ: JEWISH COMMUNITY REACTION TO THURSDAY PRESS  
CONFERENCE ON LOAN GUARANTEES DELAY

Since your press conference on Thursday, my office has heard from most of the leaders of the organized Jewish community. We have also received calls from individual citizens of the Jewish faith who are expressing their personal opinions. By Friday afternoon, these calls had a disturbing tone that Governor Sununu and I think you need to be aware of.

In response to reporters' questions during the press conference, you referred to "1,000 lobbyists on the Hill" and to being "up against some powerful political forces" who were opposing the Administration on the timing of the loan guarantees. Those two phrases caused great concern within the Jewish community and have led to unfounded, but nonetheless felt and verbalized, fears that we are challenging the Jewish community's right to express themselves as American citizens. I am attaching Shoshana Cardin's letter to you which addresses that fear which I believe is fairly widespread.

Today, the Israeli paper HaAratz reported on a conversation that you supposedly had with one of your "closest Jewish friends". The newspaper is written in Hebrew and George Klein translated the relevant portions of the article for me as follows: "President Bush said that those 1,000 Jewish individuals . . . need to decide if they are American or Israeli. If they are Israeli, then what are they doing here?". I have attached the Anti-Defamation League's Israeli news summary which tracks George's translation pretty closely. This story was also picked up by the American Jewish press. Within that part of the Jewish community that reads the Jewish press, those quotes raised the anxiety level further.

\* Bobbie  
\* This is a vicious lie. It's a crying  
shame when this kind of ugly lie  
is printed - no source, simply "spread the ugliness"

Bobbie  
Thanks for this  
update. I hate it  
that you are in such  
an awkward position.  
This, too, shall  
pass - New Year  
happy you & you  
to CB

9-17

it was 70%  
I believe

not  
powerful

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You need to be aware that for the first time ever individuals have reported to me that they are getting calls accusing us of "country club anti-semitism." I hesitated about even telling you about this but Governor Sununu and I agreed that you need to know about the depth of feeling out there within the Jewish community. On a positive note, Abe Foxman issued a press release on behalf of the Anti-Defamation League that denounces the anti-semitic charges as "highly irresponsible and completely unacceptable" and states they should "have no place in this serious debate."

controversial!!  
ugly!!  
nasty!!

good  
Abe's a  
good  
man

*to say this* On another positive note, an outrageous statement by Israeli Cabinet minister Rehavan Zeevi that asserted you were anti-semitic was publicly denounced by major Jewish groups. I have attached the press statements of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the Simon Wiesenthal Center, the American Jewish Congress, the Orthodox Union and The Anti-Defamation League.

Our request for the loan guarantees delay will most likely be criticized at synagogue services for Yom Kippur on Tuesday evening and Wednesday. We should expect this to occur at Jewish congregations throughout the country.

We are receiving requests for a meeting of Jewish leaders with you. Governor Sununu and I believe that a meeting is premature at this point and we should revisit it when you return from your trip. We do agree that a response to Shoshanna Cardin's letter in which you restate your firm belief in the right of all Americans to express their views would be beneficial at this time.

cc: David Demarest

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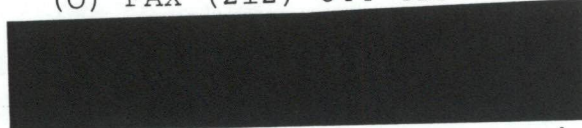
Thank you.



Phillip D. Brady

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5:10 pm per Bobbie  
Kilberg

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precisely as it is.  
(per COS)  
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fax to 212 # 1 +  
301 #

JOHN - we made the edits shown below, per  
my conversation w/Sharon.

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Maureen H.

DRAFT

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POTUS

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(per COS)

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tonight  
fax to both #'s

Terry -

Please file w/ letter signed yesterday  
to Shashana Carlin.

Theresa J.



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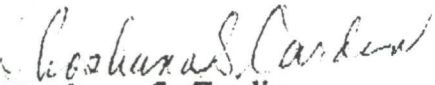
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Chairman

ISRAEL OFFICE: 30 King David Street, Jerusalem 94101, Israel

## MEMORANDUM

To: A. Foxman, K. Jacobson, J. Ditchak, B. Zuckerbrat, M.  
Rappaport, M. Kass, J. Hordes, M. Medin  
From: ADL Jerusalem - D.W.

Date: Monday, September 16, 1991

Subject: Israel News Summary for Today

1. Baker's meeting with Shamir is at 3:30 p.m. today. He's meeting the Palestinians in the American Colony Hotel (eastern Jerusalem) at 7 p.m. Staying until tomorrow p.m.
2. HaAretz: Bush in private conversation demands to know whether the "1,000 lobbyists" are loyal Americans or Israelis. "And if they're Israelis, what're they doing here?" Bush reportedly said. Attached. Aaron Miller in conversation reported to have accused Israel of providing the U.S. with false reports on settlement activity (Yediot).
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5. With Baker, Israel to raise Arafat's involvement in last week's terrorist attempt (in which 1 U.N. soldier was killed). See attached Jerusalem Post story. HaAretz speculates that Arafat is increasing terrorist activity to cover his flank, while offering diplomatic compromises regarding a Palestinian delegation.
6. All papers: New terrorist threat to Soviet Jews at European transit points. Mossad dispatches additional security teams.
7. Attack on IDF patrol near Jenin kills one Israeli soldier. Significant increase in use of firearms by Palestinians in the territories.

Attached: 4 pages of clippings.

DW

HAARETZ  
16 SEPT '91

# בוש: לגבי אלף

באום חוקי פלו במסכת העיתונאים

ביום חמישי שקדם  
על כוונה זו נכנסו למנהלים יחד  
יום בארבעה עשרה במסגרת  
שנתי העובדים של בוש והוא  
הדלגה לעיתונאים אמריקאים. היום  
הוא "האחרונה" שיש להם  
בקשרי העיתונות עם המלגה והיא  
בזמנה, יחד עם פוזנה ו- של  
הנשיא בבוחרתו והנשיא ארנסט  
"מתגלות כוח מלחמה אדיר"  
ביום חמישי שער בכיר במלגה  
אמריקאי, שאמר כי אם לא יושב  
ישראל והממשל הסדר פשרה בשר  
גיה חזק, אזי "העמוד השדרה היה  
סימבולי, הפעיל והפך ידוע  
מאדם חלד ונחש סודני ללכת אל  
העם האמריקאי, ולגבש עמדות חד"

"אמריקאניזם שיטתי" ויחד כי  
יועצו של הנשיא בוש לביטחון  
לאומי, בנט סטריט, לחדד עוד  
לפניה אל העם במדינה זו כדי להבין  
בני סטריט חסידי חתימה מתגל  
לשאלת הערבות בראש סליווין,  
והכוננה לשאלת העניין לומר כי  
בוש "אין כוונה" על טיבם של  
ישראל לרמות את הדין במקרה  
הערבות, דבריו נכחו במראה  
החיים על דגם בחדר, מוסמך  
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הנראה התכוון סטריט לומר  
שחשבה לא אפד את דבריו בעידן  
דחתה, אלא מתוך היותו משוכנע  
שמוצרי באינטרס ראשון במעלה  
של ארצות הוא שבו ואמר כי הנשיא  
בוש "מאמין שפסקת ישראל חתה  
בנייה לציית לנכסיה כהעניין  
ידיה".

בתגובה על דבריו, שוחחו  
אתמול לשר וחברתו, אבי, באילו  
הנשיא בוש הוא שער, אנטישמי  
ודמנו חל, אמר סטריט כי הוא  
פסד שבוש יוכל את ההנשיות של  
שר הניסוח, משה ארנס, כהעניין  
פאת של אבי, וראה בהנשיות  
של ארנס מיום התנועות של חסד  
שלא בולל מן הדברים.

(דף 11 עמוד 11)

היום עם ראש הממשלה יציע מוכר  
הפרידה (ליום) בייקר, ש-ישראל  
הסכים להחיות הערבות והפגע  
מאחרת העיסוק עם הנשיא בוש.  
לפי אחת העיתות, ישנה בייקר את  
הפקיד "חוקי האב", וישנה כי  
המדינה הצעת נכונות ישראלית לה-  
פגע בהתנהלות פרובוקטיביות  
בהחלף הממשלה והנכונות עמדי  
תיה בנמצא ויחזק חלשונים, יד  
ליד בני הנשיא שלא להתנגד  
להצעת מולאה, עגריד ישראל  
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ההפגנות.

בדי לשון את המדינה לקראת  
ביטול שלל בייקר לירושלים את  
עוזר לעניי תאריך ג'ון כלסון,  
ונשיא שנהל מן ביטחון המדינה  
הנשיא המכה ארצות לפעול  
באיום עם ישראל לביטול החלטה  
העל, הפגנות אל הניכוח  
לגנות, בעצרת התפתח בשבוע  
הבא.

אורי ניר מנחה ראשי הפרשה  
הפרו-ישראלית בוארבעה עשרה  
במקרים בשיטת רופה לחסם כי  
ראש הממשלה לבין מוכר הניכוח  
ליום פרישת חום - המכה שבו  
לום את הממשלה בעיניה כי ישראל  
לארצות בני שאלת הערבות  
עולהאח הקליטה "התנועה הכלי"  
ליום היא של ציפיה עדיין יגיש  
לשמד קולם אשר יאפשר לו לרדת  
בנכוח מהעל, אבי עקיל  
פרו-ישראלי בוארבעה עשרה.

החשש בייקר זה גברה בימים זה  
אחרונים, לאור שפדדים בממשל  
בוש הבהירו כי אם לא יסיר ישראל  
קץ לעיסוק תיראת למצוא דרך  
לרמייה ודין בנקשה הערבות,  
כמבוקש, יחזיק ונשיא פגוד את  
אמצעי המאבק שלו בעניין זה העני  
הבא, שבו באיים לרד בוש, הוא  
פגיה ידועה לאנשי האמריקאים כי  
אמריקה נאם סליווין כלסון  
שנכחית הלב, שבו יאמר דברים ברה

## בוש: לגבי אלף יהודים בארה"ב הנשיא הוא לא-כלום

תקף בתריפות את ראשי יהדות ארה"ב

טאת עקבה אורד

נשיא ארצות, ג'ורג' בוש, תקף ביום חמישי עבר בנשיא את  
ראשי יהדות ארצות בשל מסע השתדלנות המדינה, שיה מנהלים לגיש  
אשר הערבות לישראל עונה בשיתוף עם ארץ במקדש ויהודים  
אמר מיום יום ארץ ויהודים, שניש ארצות הוא לא-כלום לגביהם, וה  
ביצים להחליט אם הם אמריקאים או ישראלים, אם הם ישראלים -  
מה הם עשים בזה.

בפגות האחרונה התפתח בירושלים ובוארבעה עשרה במסגרת  
שנתי של חבר הערבות היהודי, סיווח כלסון, שלפני יסלן שני  
בני הסוגרם החלטה להעניק לישראל את הערבות בנשיא ינארי.  
מולאה, דבורה סנדיקס המכרז לבית חלב, בני חל לחתום  
הבדים משתי המלגה במסגרת לגיש דה של סנדיקס בנכונות  
דבר שימנע וכו של הנשיא גורמים מדיניים בירושלים אנו כי הבית  
הלבן רבו לו שחשבה לא יפעל לביטול יוטה, ולדבריהם גם ראש הב  
משלה, יצחק שמיר, אינו רוצה אותה.

הצעת המסדה מאפשרת לנשיא לבקש בבוא ודום כהכוננה לומר  
מחיש את החלטתו, אם תסיר ישראל - לרשט - עניין על שדות  
חשלות, או העלה על הקרקע ותבהלתה וישרת, הפעל ארצות, הנשי  
חנת גימים והאחריות מתבטלת על כי ישראל תהיה לירידה  
בשוננים כי היא מקפידה את השקעתה בשטחים פריט השקעות של  
1990, ותהייבות כח השקול את חושש כי ישראל בהחלטה את החלטה  
חלוחית בעזרת כשר הערבות.

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**CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS  
OF MAJOR AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS****Shoshana S. Cardin**  
Chairman**Malcolm I. Hoenlein**  
Executive Director**CHAIRMAN OF PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE ASSAILS  
'SLUR' BY ISRAELI AGAINST PRESIDENT BUSH**

In a statement issued today (Monday, Sept. 16), Shoshana S. Cardin, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said:

"The attack against President Bush by the head of a tiny fringe party in Israel is an unacceptable and reprehensible slur. President Bush has played a crucial -- indeed, vital -- role in winning freedom for hundreds of thousands of Jews from the Soviet Union and tens of thousands of Ethiopian Jews who have been able to emigrate to Israel in large part because of his personal efforts in their behalf.

"We deplore and dissociate ourselves from the slanderous statement reported in this morning's press. It does not reflect the view of the American Jewish community, nor -- I am confident -- that of the people of Israel.

"We endorse the condemnation of that statement as expressed yesterday by Israel's Minister of Defense, Moshe Arens, in reflecting the view of the Israel government."

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## PRESS INFORMATION

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### WIESENTHAL CENTER DENOUNCES ISRAELI CABINET MINISTER'S REMARK

The Simon Wiesenthal Center denounced Israeli Cabinet Minister Rehavan Zeevi's assertion that President George Bush is an antisemite.

"Antisemites don't go out of their way to rescue Ethiopian Jews and send them to Israel and antisemites don't shed tears when they visit Auschwitz and Babi Yar, said Rabbi Marvin Hier, Dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center. While I strongly disagree with the President's refusal to move ahead with the \$10 billion loan guarantee - even after the 120 days he requested - and while I was dismayed by some of the terminology the President used which can be fodder for antisemites, calling the President of the United States an antisemite is absurd and false," he added.

For more information, contact the Center's Communications department, (213) 553-9036.

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AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS PRESIDENT CALLS ISRAELI  
CABINET MINISTER'S REMARKS INEXCUSABLE  
Urges His Removal From The Cabinet

The following statement was issued by Robert K. Lifton,  
president of the American Jewish Congress:

Rehevam Ze'evi's offensive remarks about President Bush are inexcusable. We strongly support the Israeli request for U.S. loan guarantees. However, to ascribe anti-Semitism to President Bush because he disagrees with an aspect of Israel's policy is a terrible injustice to the President and calls for a clear repudiation by Prime Minister Shamir.

Ze'evi represents no significant opinion within the government or the people of Israel. His remarks are doubly repugnant coming from someone who advocates the ugly idea of "transfer," the forceful expulsion of Palestinians from the territories. Ze'evi is surely just about the last person to lecture President Bush, or anyone else for that matter, on how to respond to humanitarian needs.

At the time that Ze'evi was appointed to the Cabinet earlier this year, the American Jewish Congress described the appointment as "reprehensible." Even members of the Likud found it appalling, and Knesset member Benjamin Begin called it "political pollution." In light of this most recent outrageous statement by Ze'evi, Prime Minister Shamir should remove him forthwith from the cabinet.

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New York, NY, September 16...Charges that President Bush is an anti-Semite because he requested that Congress delay for 120 days discussion about loan guarantees to Israel are "highly irresponsible, completely unacceptable" and "have no place in this serious debate," the Anti-Defamation League asserted today.

In a statement issued here, Melvin Salberg, ADL's national chairman, and Abraham H. Foxman, the League's national director, said:

"Accusations of anti-Semitism should never be made lightly. We are all deeply concerned with the Administration's current position regarding Israel's request for loan guarantees and we publicly communicated our concerns about the President's unfortunate tone last week. But to describe President Bush as an anti-Semite is without foundation and weakens the meaning of the term."

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