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DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 23, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. NATE HOLDEN

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO RECONSIDER HIS
POSITION AND GRANT THE APPROVAL OF THE
LOAN GUARANTEES TO ISRAEL

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 27, 1991

Dear Mr. Holden:

On behalf of the President, thank you for your recent correspondence regarding housing loan guarantees to Israel. I appreciate your taking the time to write to the Administration on this matter.

As you may well know, on September 12th the President spoke to the nation concerning his request to the Congress that they delay action on Israel's request for \$10 billion in loan guarantees. Quite simply, the President feels strongly that 120 days is not too much to ask with so much in the balance. He believes that we are so close to a historic breakthrough, that we cannot afford to jeopardize our chances for peace in the Middle East.

However, the President does wish to make it clear that his request is not about the United States support for immigration to Israel. President Bush has always been extremely supportive of Jewish immigration to Israel, especially by Soviet and Ethiopian Jews. The request is also not about the relationship between the U.S. and Israel. For more than 40 years, the United States has been Israel's closest friend and the President has made it clear that that will remain the case for as long as he holds office.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to appropriate officials at the State Department for their further review and information. Please be assured that they will give your thoughts the utmost consideration.

With the President's best wishes and my own,

Sincerely,



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September 17, 1991

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Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue North West
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

I am more than disappointed at your decision to withhold promised funds in the form of a loan to Israel whose purpose it would be to settle Ethiopian and Russian Jewish Immigrants.

No other country will take these hapless people into their countries, especially the black people of Ethiopia they have been starved and persecuted in Ethiopia. Only Israel welcomes with open arms the Black Jews of Ethiopia. The loan guarantee was to help cover this great humanitarian effort. Israel has not been requesting out and out money as others have done from us. They are simply asking for a loan.

To deny this loan or to delay it would cast our nation on the side of leaving men, women and children to die of starvation.

When Israel took direct hits from Iraq's missiles as a result of our needed actions, we promised Israel this money if they would not retaliate in kind.

Israel kept her part of the bargain -- now it is our turn to show all of the world that we keep our word.

You are our President, and my constituency in Los Angeles respectfully request that you keep our side of the bargain and grant the approval of the loan guarantee.

Sincerely,

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