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DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 24, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE FREDERICK T. OWENS

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO DELAY
ISSUANCE OF THE \$10 BILLION IN LOANS TO
ISRAEL

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 27, 1991

Dear Mayor Owens:

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 with your kind words of support.

As you 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,



Debra Anderson

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Director of Intergovernmental Affairs

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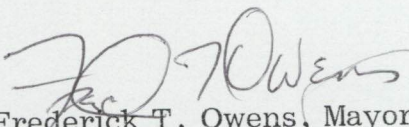
September 17, 1991

President George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush,

I agree that peace in the Middle East is essential for the welfare of everyone. I believe it is necessary for you to utilize whatever leverage will bring about a meaningful peace conference. If this includes delaying the issuance of the \$10 billion in loans to Israel, so be it. The price of peace is high, but nowhere does it compare with the cost of war. Please continue to utilize your office to resolve the problems of the Middle East.

Kindest Regards,


Frederick T. Owens, Mayor
Village of Orland Park

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