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DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 24, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. ROGER PELLEGRINI

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO REEVALUATE HIS
POSITION REGARDING THE LOAN GUARANTEES
TO ISRAEL

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 27, 1991

Dear Mr. Pellegrini:

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.

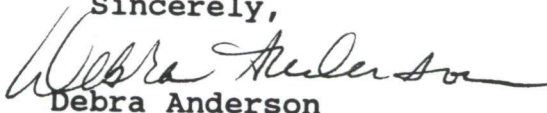
As you may well know, on September 12th the President spoke to the nation concerning his request to the Congress that they delay action on Israel's request for \$10 billion in loan guarantees. Quite simply, the President feels strongly that 120 days is not too much to ask with so much in the balance. 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 18, 1991

The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
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Dear Mr. President:

I have read, with dismay, of the intransigent manner with which your administration is approaching the matter of loan guarantees to Israel.

To tie economic aide to Israel to a formal freeze of her expansion on the West Bank is unconscionable—especially in face of the huge influx of Soviet immigrants now entering the country. Such a move on the part of the United States amounts to tying Israel's hands at a time when her infrastructure is being severely strained. Furthermore, your criticism of Israel's lobbying for this necessary absorption aide at such a pivotal poin in her history is ill-founded. Without exception, any nation in Israel's position would do the same.

On behalf of the 50,000 residents of the Town of Orangetown, I am writing to urge you to re-evaluate your position and **not allow** the strong alliance which our country has historically held with this nation to deteriorate. By taking a stand **now** at a time when her need is great, you will be strengthening our strategic alliance and sending a message to all the world that America will not hedge its bets for the sake of political expediency when it comes to the sovereignty and prosperity of Israel.

Sincerely,

Roger Pellegrini

c: The Honorable Benjamin Gilman, U. S. Congress
The Honorable Sam Colman, N.Y.S. Assembly