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DATE RECEIVED: OCTOBER 04, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE BETH GRIFFITH

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR DELAY OF ISRAELI
LOAN GUARANTEES

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 21, 1991

Dear Ms. Griffin:

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.

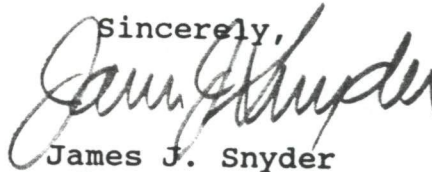
As you well know, on September 12th the President spoke to the nation concerning his request to the Congress that they delay action on Israel's request for \$10 billion in loan guarantees. Quite simply, the President feels strongly that 120 days is not too much to ask with so much in the balance. He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

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September 18, 1991

J. Snyder

Dear President Bush,

I wholeheartedly support your tying
of the Israeli loan guarantees to a
freeze in settlements in the occupied
territories. Please stand firm!

Sincerely,

Beth Griffin

(Councilwoman - City of Rye)