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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 25, 1991

Dear Rabbi Eisner:

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your letter about U.S. policy toward Israel and the Middle East.

Since the end of the war in the Persian Gulf, the United States has worked hard to take advantage of the potentially historic opportunity to move the Arab/Israeli peace process forward. In recent months, the Administration has fashioned a process that, for the first time, would launch direct negotiations among Israel, Palestinians, and all of Israel's Arab neighbors. President Bush is, of course, pleased that the parties have agreed to participate in a peace conference on October 30th in Madrid.

As you know, President Bush asked Congress to defer consideration of Israel's request for \$10 billion in additional loan guarantees that are intended to help Israel absorb its many new immigrants. The President believed strongly that it is in the interests of everyone to have this question and the inevitable debate it would stimulate delayed. What is at issue is not the United States support for Israel and its security, which remains strong, nor our support for immigration to Israel, which our Government helped to bring about and hopes to facilitate in the future. Rather, what is shaping the Administration's position on loan guarantees is our commitment to peace and the judgment that nothing ought to be done at present that might detract from progress for the Madrid Middle East peace conference.

The President appreciates having your views on this important matter, and he sends his best wishes to you.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable George Bush
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Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor and privilege of representing a constituency of over 40,000, in my capacity as President of the Council of Jewish Organizations of Staten Island. We network with many different organizations as well, for the ultimate goal and concern of all the people of Staten Island.

We were greatly chagrined to note your stand against the loan guarantees to Israel for housing for the Russian emigrants that is vital for their survival. You yourself worked diligently to remove the Soviet barriers to their emigration. How can you now turn your back on these same people, now that they can and are leaving the Soviet Union in large numbers. From a humanitarian point of view alone, it requires you to see to it that the job is completed, by assisting Israel to settle them. It is also very disturbing that you choose a form of "blackmail" to try to force a policy on Israel that they dare not accept. To make any decisions about anything before sitting down face to face with its Arab neighbors, is tantamount to making decisions even before the conference.

As President of the greatest nation in the world, it requires you to be objective and above any type of coercion against Israel, in matters so serious and vital to its defense and welfare.

We trust you will rethink your methodology and approach in this matter.

All good wishes for your success in undertakings that reflect the spirit of the Founding Fathers, freedom and democracy for all peoples.

Very Sincerely yours,

Saul Eisner

Rabbi Saul Eisner
President

