

Withdrawal/Redaction Sheet

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01a. Letter	Case Number: 276803 POTUS to Mr. George W. Ball Re: I want to thank you for that warmly supportive letter.. [Redaction of personal address.] (1 pp.)	10/03/1991	(b)(6)	

Collection:

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Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

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THE PRESIDENT

October 3, 1991

Dear Mr. Ball:

I want to thank you for that warmly supportive letter of September 20. I firmly believe that the decision I took is in the best interests of Middle East peace.

Again, thanks so much for writing.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. H. W. Bush".

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FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. George W. Ball

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please*

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Thank again for writing.
Most Sincerely,

From the desk of
George Bush

*in - out
CC, Brent*

*Brent
strictly FYI*

*Copy given to
General
Scowcroft*

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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GEORGE W. BALL

September 20, 1991

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The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

You are the first American President since President Eisenhower who has taken a forthright position toward Israel. Meanwhile, America has been pushed around by a small country that has manipulated the Congress by insidious lobbying and by misusing campaign contributions both as a carrot and a stick. For the first time in many years you have recaptured our country's Middle East policy, assuring that it is made in Washington rather than Jerusalem.

Unhappily, because America has so often retreated on matters of principle with regard to this issue, the Israelis have come to regard America's massive aid as an entitlement. They totally disregard the fact that we have, in only the last 17 years, provided Israel over \$50 billion (all in the form of grants since 1984). In view of America's own budgetary worries, Israel's attitude of constantly demanding more aid while contemptuously disregarding our national interests or even our advice is becoming more and more intolerable to thoughtful Americans.

I have been writing a book on this subject to be published in the spring. In the course of my research, I have become aware that there is a growing opinion among responsible Israeli economists that Israel could comfortably survive without any outside aid. All it would need to do would be to cast off the remnants of its socialist institutions, privatize the 180 companies the government now owns, reduce its enormously inflated bureaucracy, and modernize its economy to increase its efficiency. Today, the average value of production of each Israeli worker is less than half that of a comparable worker in the European Common Market.

I know you will receive thousands of letters on this issue, but I felt compelled to write you to express my support, since I am sure that much of your correspondence will shrilly take an opposite view. You and I have not agreed on every issue in the past but on this one you are indubitably right, and I profoundly admire your stand. I wish I could express that support in some useful way.

Please do not bother to answer this. You have far more urgent tasks.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George Bush", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

GWB/k