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ISRAELI LOAN GUARANTEES

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 13, 1991

Dear Representative Ireland:

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

As you know, representatives of Israel, Arab states, and the Palestinians recently attended an historic peace conference in Madrid. For the first time, the parties began to negotiate directly on the basis of United Nations Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, with the objective of a comprehensive, lasting, and just peace. The Administration worked tirelessly to make the conference possible. Moreover, the President made it clear that he and Secretary of State James Baker will work to ensure that the United States continues to play an active role as an honest broker in helping the peace process to succeed. The primary responsibility for peace, however, rests with the parties themselves; the United States cannot and will not impose its preferences on any party.

The Administration recognizes that it will take time to negotiate real peace and that there may be difficulties and possibly interruptions along the way. However, peace will bring real benefits to everyone. Meanwhile, the United States is continuing to urge the parties to take measures that will bolster mutual confidence and trust -- steps that will signal a sincere commitment to reconciliation -- and to avoid actions that might disrupt the process or prejudice its outcome.

Regarding loan guarantees, you are aware that 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 believes strongly that it is in the interest of everyone to have this question and the inevitable debate it would stimulate delayed. What is at issue is not 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 our judgment that nothing ought to be done at present that might detract from advancing the peace process that began in Madrid.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mary McClure". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long, sweeping underline.

Mary McClure
Special Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable Timothy F. Ireland
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Florida House of Representatives

Timothy F. Ireland
Representative, 74th District

October 11, 1991

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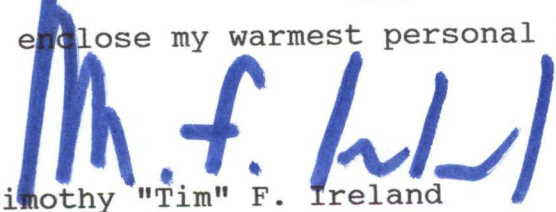
The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear President Bush:

I write you today regarding the \$10 billion loan guarantees to this country's most reliable ally, the State of Israel. As you know, the humanitarian aid that Israel seeks will be used to provide housing for Soviet and Ethiopian Jewish immigrants who settle in Israel. With all due respect to your recent decision to delay the aid for 120 days, I think it is critical for our country to show its unwavering support for the people of Israel and not hold up this urgently needed loan guarantee.

Mr. President, the State of Israel has been one of only a few allies that the United States can always count on, no matter what. I know that you are committed to helping in the settlement of the Jewish immigrants of Ethiopia and of the Soviet Union. The need for these loan guarantees is an immediate one. I implore you to reconsider your decision in delaying this aid.

I enclose my warmest personal regards,


Timothy "Tim" F. Ireland
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