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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ROBERT A. CORBETT M.P.

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO
DELAY LOAN GUARANTEES FOR ISRAEL

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 9119257

Date October 31, 1991

FOR: Mr. William F. Sittmann
Executive Secretary
National Security Council Staff
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush
From: The Honorable Robert A. Corbett M.P.
Date: October 10, 1991
Subj: Support for the President's decision to delay
loan guarantees for Israel

WH Referral Dated: October 24, 1991
NSCS ID# (if any): 279943

 The attached item was sent directly to the Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

- A draft reply is attached.
 A draft reply will be forwarded.
 A translation is attached.
 X An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
 We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
 The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.
 Other (see remarks).

REMARKS:

for 
Director
Secretariat Staff



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Corbett:

I am responding to your letter of October 10 to President Bush regarding Israel's request for loan guarantees from the United States.

As you know, the President asked for, and the Congress has now agreed to, a 120-day delay in the consideration of Israel's request for the loan guarantees. We welcome the decision by the Congress, which reaffirms the President's judgment that a pause in considering absorption assistance is in the best interests of the historic opportunity for peace that lies before us.

At the same time, the Administration has reaffirmed its support for the principle of absorption aid to Israel and will support loan guarantees for that purpose, provided terms and conditions acceptable to the Administration are worked out when Congress takes the matter up next year. Immigration of Soviet Jews is a humanitarian issue of great importance. The United States has long encouraged the Soviet Union to permit free emigration and has supported Israel's efforts to absorb those immigrants who have left the Soviet Union and other countries.

As you know, we are about to convene a Middle East peace conference that will bring Israel, Arab states, and the Palestinians together to launch the direct negotiations between the parties that we believe are necessary to achieve a peaceful resolution to the Middle East conflict. Our long-standing policy has been that these negotiations should be based on United Nations Security Council resolutions 242 and 338. President Bush has stated that the principle of the exchange of territory for peace must be elaborated to provide for Israel's security and recognition, and at the same time for legitimate Palestinian political rights.

Sincerely,

William R. Brew
Director,
Office of Israel and
Arab-Israeli Affairs

The Honorable
Robert A. Corbett, Member of Parliament,
House of Commons,
Ottawa.

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OCTOBER 24, 1991

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED OCTOBER 10, 1991

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: THE HONORABLE ROBERT A. CORBETT M.P.
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SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO
DELAY LOAN GUARANTEES FOR ISRAEL

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O T T A W A
October 10, 1991

Mr. George Bush
President of the
United States of America
WASHINGTON, D.C.
20006

Dear President Bush:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend you on your recent decision to propose to the Congress of the United States that the government delay any further consideration of loan guarantees to Israel pending the outcome of negotiations to form a Middle East peace agreement.

For far too long, the issue of the occupied territories in Israel has gone virtually unnoticed by the world. While I welcome your recent decision, it is unfortunate that it had to take such a measure to bring this matter to the attention of the world at large.

This issue is one that deserves the utmost attention by world leaders such as yourself. The deprivation inflicted on the Palestinian people by the State of Israel is abhorrent and must be rectified. It is imperative that this matter be resolved as we work towards peace in the Middle East.

Once again, thank you for your courageous stand.

To this end, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Robert A. Corbett, M.P.
Fundy-Royal
Chairman, Canada-Arab World
Parliamentary Association

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