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B'NAI B'RITH INTERNATIONAL

KENT E. SCHINER, PRESIDENT

December 12, 1991

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We at B'nai B'rith International, the largest Jewish membership organization in America and worldwide, join you in delighting in the recent release of the remaining American hostages from Lebanon.

We were deeply moved by the television images of Alann Steen, Joseph Cicippio and Terry Anderson, reunited in freedom last week in Wiesbaden. Having suffered together in captivity in Beirut, they cried together in freedom. May they know nothing but peace in the future.

The time is ripe to secure the release of *all* hostages. B'nai B'rith International urges you to bring pressure to bear on the Islamic Republic of Iran on this matter. Wishing to rejoin the community of civilized nations, Iran arranged through Lebanese intermediaries for the release of our hostages. But it must do more.

I refer specifically to the case of Israeli Captain Ron Arad. An Air Force navigator captured in Lebanon in 1986, Arad, according to information we have obtained, is now being held by the Iran Revolutionary Guards in Lebanon.

Israeli, having played so crucial a role in interceding to obtain our hostages' release, looks to the United States to help bring Arad home. Iran must be told in no uncertain terms that it cannot expect to resume warm relations with the United States while its allied guerilla group holds this man hostage. In short, Iran cannot "have its cake and eat it, too."

Your administration has worked behind the scenes to bring our hostages home. We particularly applaud General Scowcroft's important role. United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar and his envoy Giandomenico Picco, too, worked tirelessly to conclude this sorry affair.

With Mr. Perez de Cuellar's term drawing to a close, pressure

intensifies to bring about Arad's release. Should the sand run out of Mr. Perez de Cuellar's hourglass before Arad is freed, I am afraid all progress on his case will have *regressed*. I understand that Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani hinted recently to Mr. Perez de Cuellar that Arad, 31, remains alive. I must, therefore, question Arad's continued captivity, as well as Iran's unwillingness to provide details on his status.

Captain Arad's wife, Tami, will arrive in America next week. Should you think it helpful, I would be pleased to arrange for her to meet you. I believe that, at this point, raising the profile of the Arad case may create the final push needed to resolve the *entire* hostage morass.

I look forward to speaking with you on this matter at your earliest convenience.

With best wishes to you, Mrs. Bush and your entire family for a joyous holiday season and a happy new year,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kent E. Schiner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kent" being more prominent.

Kent E. Schiner