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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 1, 1992

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Let me be clear. I strongly support free immigration to Israel and the principle of absorption assistance. Furthermore, we have translated that support into specific proposals that would provide Israel additional economic resources and at the same time safeguard the priceless, but fragile, opportunity for peace that now exists. I remain hopeful that Israel and the United States can agree to terms that would enable us to provide loan guarantees and do nothing that would make peace more distant.

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Date: 3/24/92

FOR: RICHARD HAAS

FROM: PHILLIP BRADY
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary

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For your approval.

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Brandon J.B.

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March 24, 1992

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There are many responsibilities that come with this job. One that comes to mind was suggested by Jesus on a small mountain overlooking the Sea of Galilee two thousand years ago. As you ask God's blessing for your President, let it be as His peacemaker.

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*See draft
re-attached.*

Manner -

I worked on change. I just don't
feel comfortable changing the language
more than I had already done.

Thanks J.S.

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DATE: 3/20/92

TO: LEIGH ANN METZGER

FROM: PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President and
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Action Metzger for brief POTUS response.

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see it?

JS.

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seen P.



March 11, 1992

President George Bush
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

What a treat to get the nice note from you. It goes without saying (though I'll say it) that I'm in your corner 100%, and pray for you and Barbara and your family and your leadership position every day of my life.

It was hard to put into words my feelings about your decisions concerning Israel in that limited situation, and I'll try not to take much of your time now - but I feel I need to add a postscript or elaboration, in the hope you can read just these few paragraphs.

Millions of us believe that Israel is headed for a swift and terrible and climactic showdown in the years immediately ahead. God has an immutable plan for Israel and the Middle East, indeed the world, and the wheel turns exceeding fine. It has nothing to do with Israel's rightness or wrongness - these people have always been, in God's own words, "stubborn and stiffnecked" - but He loves them, and calls them "the apple of His eye". They can be infuriating and even cruel and certainly cunning and duplicitous, but God is dealing with them as a stern and loving father deals with a willful, impetuous child.

And He warns us, through the ages, "I will bless those who bless thee - and I will curse those who curse thee."

Mr. President, Harry Truman had to make a knotty and extremely difficult decision about Israel's statehood in 1948, as you well know. There were many arguments against America's siding with them, as well as some in favor. What right did these ragtag, presumptuous and violent people have to run the Palestinians out of their homeland and declare an independent State of Israel? And to expect the United States, and its President, to recognise them immediately as a sovereign nation?



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While he was trying to make this tough decision, his old haberdasher partner from Kansas City came to see him at the White House. Harry Truman took his Jewish friend and partner into an office, where they met and talked alone. Whatever his friend said convinced the President to make his decision, in favor of Israel's statehood.

Here's my point - though some would fail to see the connection, Harry Truman's America prospered, employed the first atomic bombs to dramatically and responsibly end a tragic war, and historians repeatedly judge Harry Truman one of America's greatest Presidents. He lived a long, happy and successful life, and has a very secure and exalted place in the history of the American presidency.

We both know there are many other factors, but this is the context of my remark to you, "there is a definite spiritual undercurrent in the decisions you have to make about America and Israel, and the ten billion dollar loan guarantee." If we make that guarantee, we are blessing Israel - if we refuse, or renege, or place restrictions on the guarantee they feel they can't accept, for national security reasons, we may be in the position of "cursing".

And I was trying to say, without sounding strange or like a lobbyist or hobbyist, millions of us feel that America's destiny and the destiny of the Bush administration may be seriously affected by your decision.

Politically, economically, strategically, there may be many arguments against simply granting the loan guarantee without any necessary strings attached. But I know you and your advisors are trying desperately to figure out what went wrong - how could public approval have slipped so drastically one year after our Persian Gulf triumph, and all the other significant achievements you've made during your first four years? Why won't the economy respond? What in the world does it take to get things back on track?

God's got His plan, and He knows where the pressure points are. The Book of Proverbs says, "God guides the thoughts of the king, like the river in its banks". (Prov.21:1). And He certainly knows how to nudge us toward the decisions He wants us to make, especially kings and Presidents.

This decision has less to do with politics and economics, at least on a human and rationalistic level,

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than it does with being in step with God's plan. He often calls on us, even leaders, to make decisions that defy logic - but demand faith. When we do, we often come up looking like geniuses!

It will be a miracle if you read this letter. But if you do, I will be praying that God will give you a "still small voice", a "knowing" about what to do - and that you'll have the courage and faith to do it. You - and we - will be blessed whenever you opt for that course. God bless you, Mr. President!

Your friend,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pat', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Pat Boone

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GEORGE BUSH

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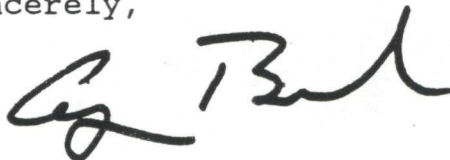
February 28, 1992

Dear Pat:

Thanks ever so much for being at Tuesday night's dinner. I am very interested in what you told me about the Middle East. I am a strong believer in a free democratic independent Israel and I just hope they will be reasonable on the question of settlements.

Barbara joins me in sending our warmest best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. Bush", written in a cursive style.

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