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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: HIS BERNARD CARDINAL LAW

SUBJECT: REQUESTS AN INVESTIGATION ON BEHALF OF THE
LATIN PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM PROTESTING THE
ALLEGED PLANS ON THE PART OF THE ISRAELI
GOVERNMENT TO EXPROPRIATE CHURCH PROPERTY

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Your Eminence:

I am replying on behalf of the President to your letter of May 28 in which you asked him to investigate Israeli measures that affect land on the outskirts of Jerusalem belonging to the Rosary Sisters.

Our Consulate General in Jerusalem has looked into the case and reports that while no land has been expropriated, the Israel Civil Administration in the Occupied Territories has rezoned the land as a green area (where no structures can be built) or as a public-use area (where only roads, parks or public schools can be built). We understand that this rezoning does preclude the use of this property for private purposes. We also understand that the Rosary Sisters have raised an objection to this rezoning and requested a hearing from the Israeli government.

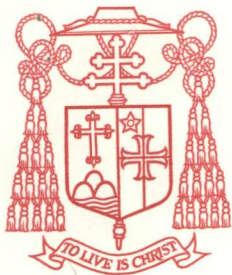
I have taken the liberty of asking my staff to relay to Ambassador Shoval your concern in this matter. You may want to consider raising the issue directly with him as well.

Sincerely,

Brent Scowcroft

The Most Reverend
Bernard Cardinal Law
Archbishop of Boston
Chairman, Committee on Migration
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May 28, 1992

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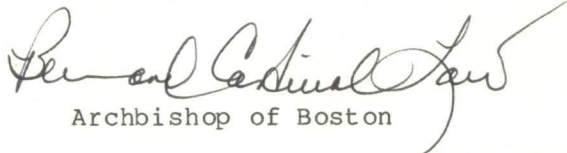
Dear Mr. President:

I have received an urgent request from the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem. He is protesting alleged plans on the part of the Israeli government to expropriate Church property. A copy of the Patriarch's letter is appended.

If there is any way you might have this matter investigated it would be greatly appreciated.

With warm personal regards and the assurance of my prayers, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Boston

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Enclosure

PATRIARCHATUS LATINUS - JERUSALEM

P.O.B. 14102

TO: His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Law
Archbishop of Boston

DT: 25 May 1992

FAX: 001/617/782-8358

FR: Patriarch Michel Sabbah
Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem

FAX: 011/972/2/282-323...ext.44

RE: LAND and PROPERTY ISSUES

Your Eminence;

May I bring to your urgent attention the Government's plans for some parcels of land which are Church property and are threatened to be expropriated by the Israeli authorities. Your advocacy could assist us.

PARCELS: Land known as BAAB ELHAUA, Block Number 4,
Parcels Number 100, 101, 102, 139, 241, 277, 278, 289
located in the Beit Hanina area

OWNER: Rocary Sisters Convent
Legally registered proprietor and occupier

USES: Religious Institution

SCHEME: Presented by THE PLANNING and BUILDING COMMITTEE of the
Central Planning Office/Judea and Samaria Administration
Outline Scheme for the Town of Elram, Number 1589 for the
year 1991, constituting change to RJS Outline Scheme

OBJECTIONS:

- 1) All plots being considered are the private property of the Sisters.
- 2) Alternate plots of land exist nearby for Government uses.

STATUS: Sisters have presented their legitimate objections to the Central Planning Office by their attorneys in a statement dated 30 March 1992. They have requested a hearing in this matter and cancellation of the Government plan.

THANK YOU -- for your faithful concern and attention to this issue.

+ *Michel Sabbah, Patriarch*
Michel Sabbah, Patriarch

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