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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 02, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE GLORIA E. MCCLELLAN

SUBJECT: REPORTS ON HER TRIP TO ISRAEL AND RELAYS AN
ENCOUNTER WITH A GENTLEMAN AT THE AMERICAN
EMBASSY THERE AND THE VIEWS HE EXPRESSED
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 9106540

Date April 26, 1991

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: The Honorable Gloria E. McClellan

Date: March 18, 1991

Subject: Reports on her trip to Israel and relays an
encounter with a gentleman at the American
Embassy there and the views he expressed

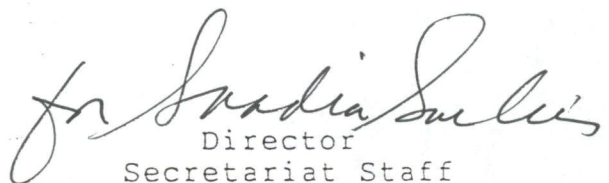
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☐ The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

- ☐ A draft reply is attached.
- ☐ A draft reply will be forwarded.
- ☐ A translation is attached.
- ☒ 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:


Director
Secretariat Staff

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520
April 24, 1991

Dear Mayor McClellan:

I have been asked to respond to your letter to President Bush of March 18 regarding your visit to Israel and your thoughts about a settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. We appreciate your thoughtfulness in bringing your experience and ideas to our attention.

I regret that your experience at the American Embassy in Tel Aviv was unsatisfactory, and we are contacting Ambassador Brown about the manner in which your briefing was delivered. I would note that cameras and tape recorders are routinely prohibited from embassy buildings for security reasons. Normally, even American diplomatic personnel assigned to an embassy must have written permission from the post security officer to bring such items into the embassy.

The United States is firmly committed to ensuring Israel's security. Our longstanding military assistance program is one measure of that commitment. Ultimately, however, we believe that Israel's security is best served by the achievement of a stable peace between Israel and its neighbors, and a comprehensive solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict, including the Palestinian dimension.

President Bush has said it is time to put an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict. We continue to believe the best way to achieve a comprehensive settlement is through a negotiating process among the parties. The President has stated that a comprehensive peace must be grounded in United Nations Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, and the principle of territory for peace. This principle, he said, must be elaborated to provide for Israel's security and recognition, and at the same time for legitimate Palestinian political rights. I would note that a settlement based on resolutions 242 and 338 and the principle of the exchange of territory for peace has been the policy of every American administration since Israel occupied the territory in 1967.

The Honorable
Gloria E. McClellan,
Mayor of the City of Vista.

Secretary Baker has undertaken a series of intensive consultations in the region, including meetings with the heads of several Arab states, the Prime Minister of Israel and other senior Israeli officials, and Palestinians from the occupied territories. We believe that there are now new opportunities to achieve real progress towards peace in the Middle East, and I assure you that the United States is prepared to work with the parties to the conflict to take advantage of this favorable new environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joan H. Colbert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Joan H. Colbert
Coordinator for Intergovernmental Affairs
Bureau of Public Affairs

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REFERRAL

APRIL 15, 1991

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 225610

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MARCH 18, 1991

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: THE HONORABLE GLORIA E. MCCLELLAN
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VISTA
POST OFFICE BOX 1988
VISTA CA 92085

SUBJECT: REPORTS ON HER TRIP TO ISRAEL AND RELAYS AN
ENCOUNTER WITH A GENTLEMAN AT THE AMERICAN
EMBASSY THERE AND THE VIEWS HE EXPRESSED
REGARDING PEACE IN ISRAEL

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 9, 1991

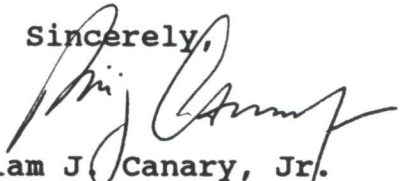
Dear Mayor McClellan:

On behalf of the Administration, thank you for your recent letter regarding the situation in the Middle East, particularly concerning the state of Israel. The President appreciates receiving your thoughts and comments.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the appropriate officials at the State Department for their further review and direct response. You should be hearing from them shortly.

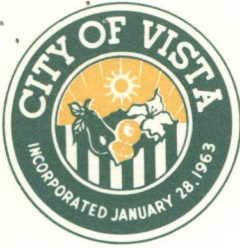
I appreciate your taking the time to write. With the President's best wishes and my own,

Sincerely,



William J. Canary, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable Gloria E. McClellan
Mayor
City of Vista
600 Eucalyptus Avenue
Post Office Box 1988
Vista, California 92085



City of Vista

March 18, 1991

Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 92188

Dear President Bush:

My husband, Mayor Pro Tem Bernard Rappaport and I returned from Israel two days ago. We spent three days in that country.

We didn't have much time to visit the religious historical sites but we saw some of them. We were able to see and realize the importance of the West Bank, as it relates to the security of the State of Israel. Since I have never been there, I was eager to learn, not only the culture but, about the municipalities and their mayors. We met with the Mayors of three cities; Ariel, which is on the West Bank, is a thriving planned community, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. We had a number of meetings with other dignitaries, such as the American Ambassador, and the Minister of Foreign Wars. We saw much, including the complexities of a multi-culture community that has continued to live with all the strengths and weaknesses of their past. We were on the go about 20 hours a day and tried to be educated and understand as much as we could.

When we met with the American Embassy, our tape recorders and cameras were taken away from us. The young man who represented the United States didn't bother to introduce himself. He sat down and told us about all the money the United States was giving Israel. He said Israel would not be happy with the American decision concerning the West Bank and that they based their findings on the fact that Israel, he felt, was split down the middle on the "property exchange for peace," which was his terminology. He said there were Generals who favored it, and frankly, he left us with no doubt that this was the decision of America in this situation. We were shocked at his delivery, to

say the least. He was well trained and abrupt and his speech was quite canned. Our objection was, and there were other mayors from the Western region in the group, that felt consideration had to be given to the West Bank and the people there. If the West Bank is forfeited and returned to the Palestinians, it puts the State of Israel in a very dangerous situation. The fact that you can see the Ben Gurion Airport from the West Bank, shows it would not be difficult to launch any type of war head and totally destroy the country.

As an American, I want to say how proud I was of the United States and their efforts in Kuwait. My husband, Mac, is a retired 26-year Marine, so I do have some understanding of military might. We visited the Western Wall the day that we left, which was the day before Secretary of State Jim Baker arrived. It was that day that four Israeli women were murdered, exactly where I was, to show Mr Baker a thing or two - a needless loss of life. Since then the terrorism has continued. I realize the situation of the United Nation's Resolution 242. However, immediately following its adoption by the Palestinians and Israelis, it allowed the Israelis to pass over a small piece of Palistinian land within Jerusalem to get to an Israeli hospital on the other side. A bus load of doctors and nurses were sent to the hospital. The bus was pulled off the road in the Palestinian area and 40 doctors and nurses were murdered and never reached the hospital. In that spot there is a memorial with all their names. President Bush, I feel you have done an outstanding job thus far in your Presidency of the United States, but please do not make the mistake of giving a terrorist-oriented nation the advantage to not only control, but to destroy one of the most historical and beautiful areas of this world, with the history of our Lord evident everywhere.

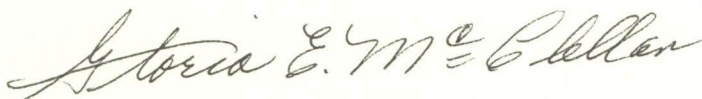
The Israeli people have a solution which I would hope that you would consider. It is to use the democratic process. At this time there isn't any democratic process in the Middle East. We could be the first to bring this about. The Palestinians would elect a representative that would represent their point of view. The requirement would be that they never were involved in terrorist activities and that they reside in Israel. All the Arab countries, and there are 29, would sit down at a table with the Israelis' representation and put their grievances on the table and be allowed to resolve their problems without United States intervention.

They have a four-point program and that is the election, the absence of terrorist representatives and follow through. It is important that they resolve their own problems and that we stand by and allow them to do this. As I have mentioned earlier a number of things could be accomplished. That would be the beginning of the democratic process in the Middle East and the realization that Palestinians and Israelis can live side by side without violence. While certainly America has its place in the world of peace, it should be incumbent upon the Palestinians and the Israelis to take the responsibility to work the problems out.

I hope you will give this letter grave consideration. I know you are a busy man and you may have people read your correspondence but perhaps you will be able to see this correspondence, which I think is important and has become important to the other Mayors who are visiting Israel at this time of history.

God bless you and stay strong.

Yours respectfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gloria E. McClellan".

GLORIA E. MCCLELLAN
MAYOR

GEM:rl

c: Congressman Ron Packard