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DATE RECEIVED: JULY 01, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ELIOT L. ENGEL

SUBJECT: REQUESTS MATTER OF SOUTH KOREA 'S RELATIONS
WITH ISRAEL BE DISCUSSED DURING VISIT TO
WASHINGTON JUL 1-3 91

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 3, 1991

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Sincerely,


Brent Scowcroft

The Honorable Eliot L. Engel
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Jose E. Serrano
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

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August 3, 1991

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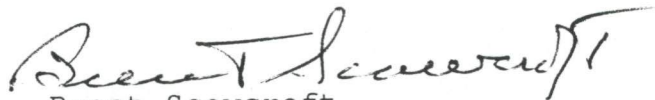
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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

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August 3, 1991

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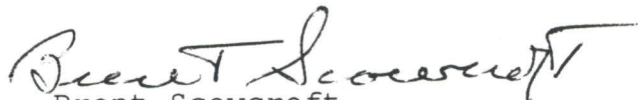
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The Honorable Gerry E. Studds
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

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August 3, 1991

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The Honorable Mel Levine
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable James H. Scheuer
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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WASHINGTON

August 3, 1991

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The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
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August 3, 1991

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House of Representatives
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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The Honorable Constance A. Morella
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The Honorable Norman F. Lent
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

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The Honorable Peter H. Kostmayer
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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The Honorable Bill Green
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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JUL 16, 1991 PM

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 250702

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JUNE 28, 1991

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: THE HONORABLE ELIOT L. ENGEL
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON DC 20515

SUBJECT: REQUESTS MATTER OF SOUTH KOREA 'S RELATIONS
WITH ISRAEL BE DISCUSSED DURING VISIT TO
WASHINGTON JUL 1-3 91

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
(OR DRAFT) TO:

AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

5615

July 30, 1991

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

THROUGH: DOUGLAS PAAL *DP*
FROM: *for* TORHEL PATTERSON *DP*
SUBJECT: Reply to Congressman Engel's Letter on Korean-
Israeli Relations with Israel

Natl Sec Advisor
has seen

SIGNED

Attached at Tab A is a reply to the letter from sixteen Congressmen and women who wrote to the President asking that Korean-Israeli relations be discussed during the July 2 visit of President Roh. State's draft reply is at Tab B.

Concurrences by: Richard Haass, Mike Andricos.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters to the Congressmen and women at Tab A.

Attachment(s)

Tab A Letters for Signature
Tab B State's Draft Letter
Tab C Incoming Congressional Letter

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

PROPOSED LETTER

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White House Staff

The Honorable
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Date July 25, 1991

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush
From: Eliot L. Engel & various House Colleagues
Date: June 28, 1991
Subj: South Korea's Relations with Israel

WH Referral Dated: July 16, 1991
NSCS ID# (if any): 250702

_____ 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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19TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

June 28, 1991

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BRONX, NY 10475
(212) 320-2314

E. McClure
The President
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It has come to our attention that a high level delegation of South Korean officials, including President Roh Tae Woo, Foreign Minister Lee Sang Ock, and Minister of Trade and Industry Lee Bong Suh, will be meeting with you during their visit to Washington from July 1-3, 1991.

During this sensitive period in international affairs, when possibilities for positive change and promises for the promotion of peace exist, we wish to bring to your attention a matter regarding Korean-Israeli relations which is of concern to us and which we hope you will raise with the delegation.

Korea's development into an important economic power includes commensurate political influence in critical and sensitive areas such as the Middle East. While Korea has developed strong economic and political ties in the Arab world, her relations with Israel are poor. Korea has refused to allow Israel to reopen her embassy in Seoul, which was closed in 1978 for budgetary reasons, and Korea remains a major complier with the pernicious Arab economic boycott of Israel.

Korea has been approached on these matters many times, but has repeatedly deferred resolving them. Currently, Korea's response is to wait until after her application for admission to the United Nations is considered before acting on these matters. To that effect, the Korean Chamber of Commerce has issued a directive that its members cease trading with Israel until the United Nations issue is resolved. This action constitutes a further flagrant submission to the Arab boycott.

We find Korea's refusal to reopen Israel's Embassy unacceptable and Korea's compliance with the discriminatory and reprehensible Arab boycott unconscionable. If Korea wishes to be accepted as a major power it must demonstrate its ability to withstand pressure by nations demanding actions which constitute clear violations of international

law. Capitulation and vacillation are clearly not hallmarks of a state which wants to take its place among the influential nations of the world.

We would be grateful if you would raise these matters during the visit of the Korean delegation.

Sincerely,



Rep. Eliot L. Engel



Rep. Gary L. Ackerman



Rep. Jose E. Serrano



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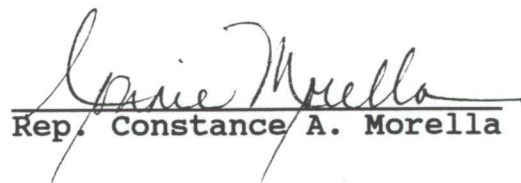
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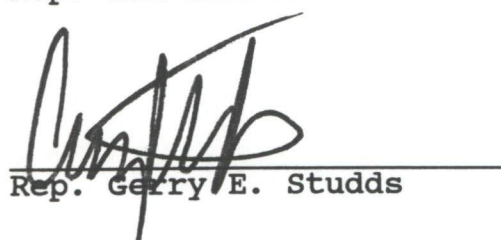
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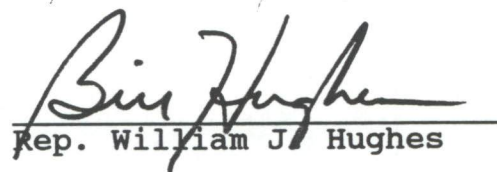
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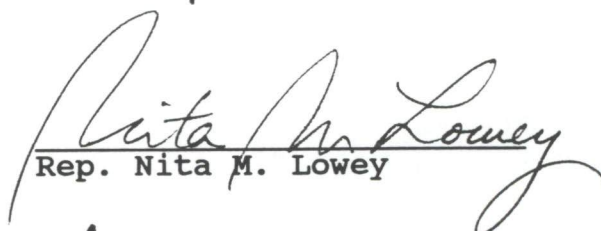
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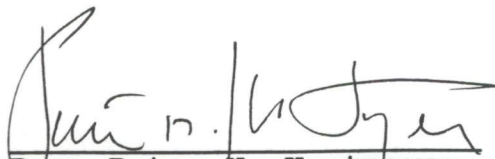
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Rep. Peter H. Kostmayer


Rep. Bill Green

July 8, 1991

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President, cosigned by 15 of your colleagues, regarding his meeting with South Korean President Roh Tae Woo.

We appreciate being advised of your suggestion that President Bush raise the issue of Korean-Israeli relations in his discussions with the South Korean leader. I was pleased to have shared your comments with several of the President's advisors in this matter for their consideration.

Thank you again for your interest in writing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Frederick D. McClure
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Bill Green
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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July 8, 1991

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FROM: ENGEL, ELIOT

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PERSONS:

SUBJECT: SOUTH KOREAS RELATIONS W/ ISRAEL

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ACTION: MEMO WFS ~~TO~~ SHIRLEY GREEN

DUE DATE: 30 JUL 91

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STAFF OFFICER: PATTERSON

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PERSONS:

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DATE RECEIVED: JULY 01, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ELIOT L. ENGEL

SUBJECT: REQUESTS MATTER OF SOUTH KOREA 'S RELATIONS
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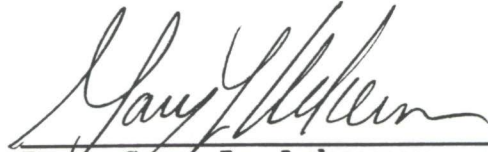
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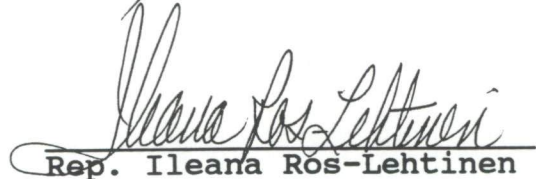
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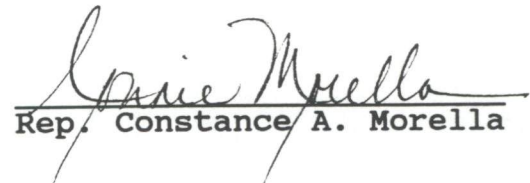
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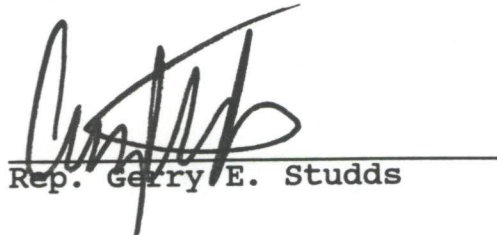
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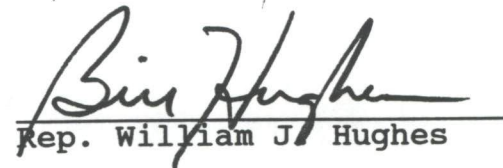
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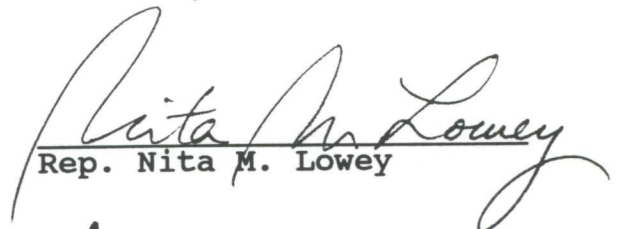
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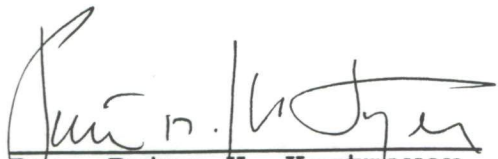
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SUBJECT: LTR TO PRES FM REP ENGEL ET AL RE STATUS OF KOREAN - ISRAELI
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