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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: RABBI MARC D. ANGEL

SUBJECT: ASKS THE PRESIDENT TO MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT
CLARIFYING AMERICAN POLICY TOWARDS JEWISH
SETTLEMENTS IN THE WEST BANK

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

June 19, 1991

Dear Rabbi Angel:

Thank you for to your letter of April 17 regarding United States policy towards Israeli settlement activities in the territory occupied by Israel since 1967. I am responding on behalf of the President.

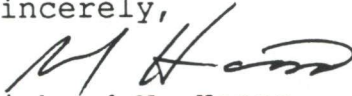
The American position on settlements and settlement activity is clear. The United States has maintained since 1967 that settlements and settlement activity are an obstacle to peace.

As you know, the United States and the international community believe that a comprehensive settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict should be achieved through direct negotiations among the parties, based upon United Nations Security Council resolutions 242 and 338. These resolutions embody the principle of the exchange of land for peace.

Settlements and continuing settlement activity constitute unilateral actions to change the demographic composition of the occupied territories. The activity also prejudices the outcome of the negotiations. By so doing, the settlements create an additional contentious issue for the negotiators to resolve. Such complications are especially unfortunate given the current situation. As President Bush noted in speaking at the Simon Wiesenthal Center on June 16, direct negotiations between Israel and her neighbors are no longer a distant dream. The process now underway can promote peace and bring about genuine reconciliation between Israel and her neighbors. It would be tragic if such an opportunity were lost.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,


Richard N. Haass
Special Assistant to the
President and Senior Director
for Near East and South
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President George Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush,

You and your administration have made public statements declaring that Jewish settlements in the West Bank are "an obstacle to peace." However, you have not clarified exactly why this should be the case.

Prior to 1967, those territories were under Jordanian control. They remained almost totally desolate. Anyone who wanted to live there, could have lived there -- with the exception of Jews.

After 1967, when Israel took control of this territory, the policy was changed. Now, everyone can live there who wishes to do so -- whether Moslim, Christian or Jew. If Jews choose to live in this territory, why is that an obstacle to peace? Even supposing that a peace agreement would entail Israel giving back all of the West Bank to Jordan, or giving it to Palestinians -- does that mean Jews would not then be allowed to live there? Aren't Arabs allowed to live in Israel? Why would it be in any way reasonable to expect or to insist that Jews should not have the right to live on the West Bank, or anywhere else they wish to live?

Certainly, the Arab countries at war with Israel are never happy to see Jews settling in the West Bank -- for that matter, they would be glad if there were no Jews in Israel either. As far as they are concerned, the very existence of Israel is "an obstacle to peace." Your public statements tend to reenforce their opinion -- namely, that for some reason Jews are simply not entitled to live wherever they like if Arabs oppose their settlement. But this argument is a double-edged sword, since if you believe it is fair to deprive Jews from living in areas claimed by Arabs, then you should equally be in favor of rejecting Arab settlement in any land claimed by Jews. This, of course, does not appear to be a reasonable or desirable policy.

For the sake of fairness, would you please make a public

~~statement clarifying American policy towards Jewish settle-~~
~~ments in the West Bank.~~ The statement might say that
the ultimate control of these lands will be settled through
diplomatic negotiations, but that in any case, Jews and
Arabs will always have the right to live in them in freedom.

Thanks very much for your consideration. With all good
wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Marc D. Angel".

Rabbi Marc D. Angel

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Date May 25, 1991

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Rabbi Marc D. Angel

Date: April 17, 1991

Subject: Asks the President to make a public statement
clarifying American policy towards Jewish

WH Referral Dated: May 10, 1991
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