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DATE RECEIVED: JUNE 06, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. ALEXANDER STARK

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN REGARDING THE ARAB CAMPAIGN
TO BLOCK EMIGRATION OF JEWS FROM THE SOVIET
UNION TO ISRAEL

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S/S 9013640

Date June 26, 1990

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Mr. Alexander Stark

Date: June 1, 1990

Subject: Expresses concern regarding the Arab campaign
to block emigration of Jews from the Soviet Union

WH Referral Dated: June 18, 1990
NSCS ID# (if any): 147055

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Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

- _____ A draft reply is attached.
- _____ A draft reply will be forwarded.
- _____ A translation is attached.
- x x An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
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cited below.
- _____ The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.
- _____ Other (see remarks).

REMARKS:

Delores Huch
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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 25, 1990

Mr. Alexander Stark, President
Maryland Chapter
American Jewish Congress
7504 Seven Mile Lane
Baltimore, MD 21208

Dear Mr. Stark:

I am responding to your June 1, 1990 letter to President Bush regarding Soviet Jewish emigration to Israel.

We are pleased that, after many years of urging the Soviet Union to comply with generally accepted standards of human rights, including the right of people to emigrate, the USSR is allowing large numbers of Soviet citizens to emigrate. We strongly support the immigration of Soviet Jews to Israel.

After President Gorbachev first made statements regarding the possible limitation of Soviet Jewish emigration, Secretary Baker raised the issue at Copenhagen with Foreign Minister Shevardnadze. Shevardnadze assured the Secretary that the USSR would not condition its citizens' freedom of movement on the actions Israel might or might not take.

We would regard any restrictions of Soviet emigration policies as a serious matter. The Soviets are aware of our views on this subject.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. R. Brew".

William R. Brew, Director
Office of Israel and
Arab-Israeli Affairs

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH
FROM: MR. ALEXANDER STARK
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7504 SEVEN MILE LANE
BALTIMORE MD 21208

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN REGARDING THE ARAB CAMPAIGN
TO BLOCK EMIGRATION OF JEWS FROM THE SOVIET
UNION TO ISRAEL

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The Hon. George H. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

We have become increasingly alarmed about the potential consequences of the Arab campaign to block emigration of Jews from the Soviet Union to Israel. The failure of the Supreme Soviet to enact long promised legislation that would assure a fair and liberal emigration policy may be a direct result of that campaign. As you know, the Arabs are stepping up their efforts which clearly was one of the purposes of the recent Bagdad Summit.

We trust that this has been a part of your discussions with President Gorbachev and should be followed up with our State Department.

Regretably the recent attack on the beaches of Israel under PLO sponsorship demonstrates a failure by Arab organizations to live up to the promise of peaceful negotiations. It is therefore necessary that there will be a position for the American interests in maintaining the flow of immigration to Israel.

Sincerely,
Alexander Stark
(PN)
Alexander Stark
President
Maryland Chapter
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