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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 12, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ARLEN SPECTER

SUBJECT: URGES EXECUTIVE ACTION BE TAKEN TO CARRY OUT
THE PROVISIONS OF THE FY 90 SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATIONS BILL TO PROVIDE \$400 MILLION
IN LOAN GUARANTEES TO ISRAEL

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COMMENTS: A COPY OF THE COVER NOTE THAT ACCOMPANIED
THIS LETTER AND ID 174027 IS ATTACHED
FY 90 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL WAS
SIGNED ON MAY 25 90

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LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS
MANAGEMENT.

September 13, 1990

Dear Arlen:

Thank you very much for your recent letter to the President regarding Agency for International Development housing guarantees for resettling Soviet Jewish immigrants in Israel.

Your interest in the status of the loan guarantees is appreciated. Please know that I have brought your concerns to the attention of the President's foreign policy advisors so that they, too, are aware of your interest.

Thank you again for writing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Frederick D. McClure
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Arlen Specter
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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bcc: w/ copy of inc to Dept. of State - for appropriate
action

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

ARLEN SPECTER
U. S. SENATOR, PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT —

- Congratulations on a superb job:
- (1) of diplomacy with the UN & USSR
 - (2) as Commander-in-Chief.

My Best
Arlen

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

F McClure
September 11, 1990

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On May 25, 1990, you signed the FY 90 Supplemental Appropriations Bill providing, among other things, for aid to Panama, Nicaragua and Israel.

The provision relating to Israel involved a measure that would allow Israel to obtain \$400 million in AID housing guarantees to help resettle Soviet Jewish immigrants in Israel.

While the payments to Panama and Nicaragua have been made, I am advised that steps have not been taken to carry out the mandate of the legislation providing for the \$400 million in loan guarantees to Israel.

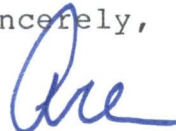
Already, many immigrants are being forced to live in tents and under inadequate housing conditions until the approved loan funds arrive. As a matter of planning it is necessary that these loan guarantees be carried out because approximately 200,000 Soviet Jewish immigrants are expected in Israel within a period of two to three years, and the existing capability and resources in Israel with respect to available housing, schools, jobs and infrastructure, will not suffice to adequately absorb this number of immigrants.

I urge that Executive action be taken forthwith to carry forward the provisions of law with respect to the \$400 million in loan guarantees.

I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to Secretary of State James Baker.

My best.

Sincerely,



Arlen Specter

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