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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 7, 1992

Dear Ms. Holzer:

Thank you for your letter to President Bush regarding U.S. policy toward Israel and the Middle East. The President appreciates having your views on this important issue.

The people of Israel deserve and need peace. There finally is a peace process underway that is worthy of that name. It began in March 1991, when President Bush launched an initiative to bring about peace and reconciliation between Israel and her Arab neighbors. Since their first meeting in Madrid, the parties have met several times to negotiate directly with the objective of a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace based on UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. The President and Secretary of State Baker remain committed to playing an active role in helping these negotiations to succeed while recognizing that the parties themselves must bear the primary responsibility in this regard.

There should be no question as to the continuing commitment of the United States to the peace and security of Israel. As President Bush said, "Our fundamental commitment to Israel is just that -- fundamental." Thus the Administration's disagreement with the Government of Israel on the issue of loan guarantees should not be viewed as placing fundamentals at risk. Having been in the forefront of efforts to ensure free immigration to Israel, whether from the former Soviet Union or Ethiopia, President Bush supports the principle of absorption assistance for Israel.

The Administration has been negotiating with Israeli officials and Members of Congress to design a loan guarantee program that would meet Israel's needs and be consistent with long-standing U.S. policy. The Administration believes that if we are to provide \$10 billion in

new loan guarantees to Israel, the United States must have assurances that these funds will be used consistent with post-1967 U.S. policy that settlements are an obstacle to peace. We believe that holding fast to this principle is especially important given the historic peace process underway.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Cecile B. Kremer', written in a cursive style.

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March 18, 1992

President George Bush
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Dear Mr. Bush,

I write this letter with great sorrow, for in the past months a much cherished notion of what America stands for has been trampled. We have long been known as a nation who favors the downtrodden and aids the needy. Yet when Israel requested a loan guarantee - not the loan itself - for the resettlement of thousands of Russian and Ethiopian Jews who escaped from decades of repression to enter their ancestral land, you discarded completely the needs of these refugees and focused on a political agenda of your own. In doing so, you not only refused, on your country's behalf, to help the unfortunate; you also undermined the very peace process which you purport to champion.

I know you wish to be remembered as the President who successfully carried out the Gulf War. Surely you do not want to be remembered as the President who asked Israel to submit to deadly Scud attacks - and repaid her cooperation by betraying her tired, her poor, her huddled masses.

Sincerely,

Norma Holzer

Norma Holzer
National President

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