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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JOSEPH A. PLONSKI

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT NOT TO GRANT THE \$10
BILLION IN LOANS TO THE ISRAELIS

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S/S 9224105Date November 30, 1992

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush
From: Mr. Joseph A. Plonski
Date: August 24, 1992
Subj: Urges the President not to grant the \$10 billion
in loans to the Israelis

WH Referral Dated: November 20, 1992
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 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.
 X X An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
 X X 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:

Amey Liles
Director *fr*
Secretariat Staff



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 27, 1992

Mr. Joseph A. Plonski
President
New Jersey Chapter
National Confederation of American
Ethnic Groups, Inc.
728 Ridge Street
Newark, New Jersey 07104

Dear Mr. Plonski:

I am responding to your letter of August 24, 1992 to President Bush concerning the U.S. loan guarantee program for Israel.

The Administration's policy towards Israel is based on long-held American principles that have guided previous administrations. These include a warm and close friendship, based on enduring historical and cultural ties and a clear and unshakeable commitment to Israel's security. Moreover, we believe that our economic and military assistance to Israel is vital not only to the economic well being and security of Israel, but to the stability of the region and the advancement of the peace process.

As you know, the President announced on August 11 that he and Prime Minister Rabin had reached agreement on the basic principles to grant up to \$10 billion in loan guarantees to Israel. Immigration of Jews from the former Soviet Union and elsewhere is a humanitarian issue of great importance to the United States. The President noted that he and Prime Minister Rabin had agreed to an approach which will assist these new Israelis without frustrating the search for peace. The Congress subsequently approved and the President has signed legislation establishing this loan guarantee program.

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Miller".

Thomas J. Miller
Director
Office of Israeli and
Arab-Israeli Affairs

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

NOVEMBER 20, 1992

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED AUGUST 24, 1992

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MR. JOSEPH A. PLONSKI
PRESIDENT
NEW JERSEY CHAPTER
NATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF AMERICAN
ETHNIC GROUPS, INC.
728 RIDGE STREET
NEWARK NJ 07104

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT NOT TO GRANT THE \$10
BILLION IN LOANS TO THE ISRAELIS

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Joseph A. Plonski
President

Myron Leskiw
Vice President

Victor K. Sestokas
Secretary

August 24, 1992

Honorable George Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I enclose two pictures for you to contemplate. One is a picture of a home being built in Poland, the other of homes built in the occupied territories.

I think your agreement with Rabin to underwrite, as a co-mortgagor, the construction of the masonry homes in Israel, is a serious blunder.

The Israeli government now is under the leadership of "break-their-bones" Rabin.

I doubt that you believe in equality among people otherwise you would not grant the Israeli's the signature of our government as a mortgagor for anyone.

I doubt that you will benefit from your granting 10 billion in credit to the Israelis. I am in a business that many Jews are. I have yet to hear a kind word about you from them.

I urge that you do NOT endanger our money value.

I have read where the German mark is rising in value while our dollar continues to sink. Think it over carefully. Would the Israeli's do the same for us if the need should ever arise?

Respectfully,


JOSEPH A. PLONSKI

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WASHINGTON

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As Shamir "Creates Facts,"
U.S. Stops Funding and
Russian Jews Stop Coming

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Consortia of American Businesses in Eastern Europe Open for Membership

To help smooth the way for U.S. firms to begin operations in Eastern Europe, the Commerce Department and the Agency for International Development have established the Consortia of American Businesses in Eastern Europe (CABEE) under the American Business Initiative. Under this program, each of the five participating sectoral organizations received a \$500,000 one-time CABEE grant to be matched with at least the same amount in nonfederal resources. The funds will cover start-up costs to establish commercial offices and staff in Eastern Europe to provide a broad range of export trade facilitation services for their member firms.

At the same time, recipients will be a source of assistance for the host countries. Many firms find that establishing a permanent presence in Eastern Europe can be a difficult and expensive process. The CABEEs are open to all firms involved in their industry and related services.

Since accompanying former Secretary of Commerce Mosbacher to Poland in October 1991, several CABEEs have traveled

independently to the region and are now starting to open field offices. The Consortium of American Housing Industries in Eastern Europe (CAHIEE), established by the American Building Products Export/Import Council, is the first CABEE grantee to open offices in Warsaw and Budapest to promote U.S. building products and technology. For information on how to become a member of CAHIEE, contact the program's director, Shari Kaminsky, at 202-289-4558.

The Central European Food Industries Consortium (CEFIC), established by the Food Processing Machinery & Supplies Association, is open to all companies in the food and beverage industries and their suppliers. CEFIC is planning to establish a field office in Warsaw in the spring. For information on membership contact George Melnykovich at 703-684-1080.

The Telecommunications and Electronics Consortium in Eastern Europe (Telecommunications Industry Association), the Eastern European Environmental Business Consortium (Water Environment Federa-

tion), and Sun-Diamond Growers—the three other CABEE grantees—are planning to open their offices in Eastern Europe in the spring of 1992. For information on membership in the Eastern European Environmental Business Consortium, call Conrad Kleveno at 703-684-2424. For information on membership in the Telecommunications and Electronics Consortium, call Allyn Endrlyn at 301-652-0141. For membership information on the Sun-Diamond Growers CABEE, call Terry Alberstein at 510-463-7533.

TDP Now Operating In the Baltic States

The U.S. Trade and Development Program (TDP), an independent U.S. Government agency, promotes economic development by funding feasibility studies and other project planning services for major projects in developing countries. TDP has invited the Baltic governments to apply for grant assistance to fund studies of major public sector projects for which imported goods and services will be a substantial component.

In most cases, TDP sends a "definitional mission" of technical specialists to a country who gather information on projects, work with local authorities to develop a scope of work for an appropriate study, draw up a budget estimate, and make a recommendation concerning TDP support of the study.

The first TDP "definitional mission" to the Baltics will visit Lithuania in February 1992. The mission will study the rehabilitation of a residual oil and gas-fired Lithuanian thermal power station. The

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American Building Products Export/Import Council location in Warsaw, Poland.