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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. ABDEEN JABARA

SUBJECT: PROTESTS VETO OF THE RECENT UNITED NATIONS
SECURITY RESOLUTION DEPLORING ISRAELI
PRACTICES AGAINST PALESTINIAN CIVILIANS OF
THE WEST BANK AND GAZA

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8915928

Date July 18, 1989

FOR: Mr. Philip Hughes
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: PRESIDENT BUSH From: MR. ABDEEN JABARA

Date: JUNE 14, 1989 Subject: PROTESTS VETO OF THE

RECENT UNITED NATIONS SECURITY RESOLUTIONS DEPLOING ETC.

Referral Dated: JULY 7, 1989 ID# 050290

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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.

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An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
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:

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Director
Secretariat Staff

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

July 17, 1989

Mr. Abdeen Jabara, Chairman
Council of Presidents of National
Arab-American Organizations
P.O. Box 18993
Washington, D.C. 20036-8993

Dear Mr. Jabara:

I have been asked to answer your June 14 letter to the President in which you protested our recent veto of a United Nations Security Council Resolution critical of Israeli practices in the occupied territories.

On June 9, the UN Security Council considered a draft resolution which "strongly deplored" Israeli policies and practices. The United States did not support the draft because it was unbalanced, making sweeping condemnations of Israeli policies and practices without reference to serious acts of violence by the other side. The resolution failed to deplore violence from all quarters and omitted any call for mutual restraint and respect.

That said, we agree that the Geneva Convention of 1949 is applicable to the occupied territories. We have repeatedly urged Israel to abide by its responsibilities as the occupying power under that convention. We have publicly condemned the actions of settlers taking the law into their own hands. We have also consistently stated our opposition to deportation of Palestinians from the territories, a practice which we believe is inconsistent with the Geneva Convention. In that regard, in early July the Security Council did adopt a resolution which expressed deep regret at Israel's deportation of eight Palestinians.

I hope this is helpful in responding to your concerns.

Sincerely,

Daniel C. Kurtzer
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Bureau of Near Eastern
and South Asian Affairs

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JUNE 14, 1989

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MR. ABDEEN JABARA
CHAIRMAN
COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS OF NATIONAL
ARAB - AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS
POST OFFICE BOX 18993
WASHINGTON DC 20036

SUBJECT: PROTESTS VETO OF THE RECENT UNITED NATIONS
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Council of Presidents of National Arab-American Organizations

MEMBERS:

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Anti-Discrimination
Committee

June 14, 1989

American Druze Society

President George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

American Federation
of Ramallah, Palestine

Association of
Arab-American
University Graduates

El-Bireh, Palestine Society
of the U.S.A.

Dear President Bush:

National Association
of Arab Americans

The Council of Presidents of National Arab American
Organizations vigorously protests the veto by our
government of the recent United Nations Security
Resolution deploring Israeli practices against the
unarmed Palestinian civilian population of the West Bank
and Gaza. Such actions are unjust and hold our country
up to greater international isolation, censure and
discrediting.

United Holy Land Fund

OBSERVERS:

Arab American Institute

Arab Women's Council

Committee for a
Democratic Palestine

We urge a reversal of this policy of automatic diplomatic
protection for Israeli violations of internationally
accepted norms of behavior.

Palestine Aid Society
of the U.S.A.

Palestine Arab Fund

Sincerely,

Palestine Youth Organization
(ROOTS)

Abdeen Jabara, Chairman