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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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JL 003-03

DATE RECEIVED: FEBRUARY 24, 1992

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE NEWT GINGRICH

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TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 9204847

Date April 2, 1992

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

REFERENCE:

To: President George Bush

From: The Honorable Newt Gingrich

Date: February 20, 1992

Subject: Mr. Gingrich requests that the Administration make the
release of Captain Arad, an Israeli Airman being held hostage
in Lebanon, a priority.

WH Referral Dated: March 25, 1992

NSCS ID# (if any): 310240

 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 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



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Gingrich:

The President has asked me to reply to your letter of February 20 regarding Israeli Airman Ron Arad.

On February 18, Ambassador Peter Burleigh, Coordinator for Counter-Terrorism, met with Mrs. Arad and assured her that the United States does not consider the hostage chapter closed. We have called repeatedly for the release of all those held outside the legal process in the region as well as an accounting of all those missing, including Ron Arad. We fully support the efforts of the United Nations Secretary General to secure the release of the remaining captives.

Be assured that, as we pursue all of our foreign policy goals in the Middle East, the fate of Ron Arad and the other captives is not forgotten.

Sincerely,

GP

Janet G. Mullins
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

The Honorable
Newt Gingrich,
House of Representatives.

February 25, 1992

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Thank you again for your interest in writing.

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MARCH 5, 1992

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED FEBRUARY 20, 1992

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WASHINGTON DC 20515

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House of Representatives

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