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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MS. CARMELA KALMANSON

SUBJECT: EXPRESS FULL SUPPORT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION'S
OPPOSITION TO THE ADMISSION OF THE
PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION AS A FULL
MEMBER TO ANY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

ACTION

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COMMENTS: ** THE WOMEN'S ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF
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EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8911353

Date May 22, 1989

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

Reference:

To: PRESIDENT BUSH From: Carmela Kalmanson

Date: May 4, 1989 Subject: PLO Membership
in WHO

Referral Dated: May 18, 1989 ID# 034046
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Department of State

Action Taken:

- _____ A draft reply is attached.
- _____ A draft reply will be forwarded.
- _____ A translation is attached.
- ☒ An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- _____ We believe no response is necessary for the reason
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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

May 19, 1989

Dear Ms. Kalmanson:

The White House has referred to me your letter to the President of May 4 concerning attempts by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to obtain membership for the self-proclaimed "state of Palestine" in the World Health Organization (WHO).

As you know, the Administration is strongly opposed to attempts by the PLO to seek membership for "Palestine" in the WHO or any other UN agency. In our view, "Palestine" does not satisfy the generally accepted criteria under international law for statehood, and therefore does not qualify for membership in the UN or its affiliated organizations. Efforts such as these politicize the UN specialized agencies and complicate efforts to advance peace in the Middle East.

Accordingly, as Secretary Baker has indicated, withholding of U.S. funds would be an inevitable response to action by a UN agency to admit "Palestine" as a member. The Congress has made clear that it holds this position.

We welcome the decision of the WHO to defer consideration of the PLO's application for membership. The United States worked actively to achieve this result, which we believe is in the best interests of all concerned. It reaffirms the integrity of the WHO and will permit the organization to proceed with its vital health programs.

I can assure you that we will continue to monitor this situation closely in the WHO and other UN agencies and that we will firmly and actively oppose requests for any change in the observer status of the PLO.

*Thank for your support. We worked
hard on this!*

Sincerely,

N. Shaw Smith
Acting Assistant Secretary
Bureau of International
Organization Affairs

Ms. Carmela Kalmanson,
National President,
Hadassah,
50 West 58th Street,
New York, New York.

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MAY 4, 1989

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MS. CARMELA KALMANSON
NATIONAL PRESIDENT
HADASSAH, THE WOMEN 'S ZIONIST
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA, INC.
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SUBJECT: EXPRESS FULL SUPPORT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION'S
OPPOSITION TO THE ADMISSION OF THE
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THE WOMEN'S ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA, INC.

May 4, 1989

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

Dear Mr. President,

We fully support your Administration's vigorous opposition to the admission of the Palestine Liberation Organization as a full member to any international organization.

We welcome, therefore, Secretary of State James Baker's recommendation that the United States should withhold financial contributions from any UN agencies that grant full membership to the PLO.

We are confident that you will continue to pursue all appropriate means to prevent the admission of the PLO to the World Health Organization to which it has recently applied for full membership, and that your Administration will implement the sanctions proposed by the Secretary of State, if necessary.

The PLO's admission to the W.H.O. would not only harm the Middle East peace process, but would also do further damage to the UN system and repoliticize and subvert an agency that has recently begun to refocus its attention on the worthy specialized tasks for which it was created.

Very respectfully yours,

Carmela Kalmanson

Carmela Kalmanson
National President

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