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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 26, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE HOWARD B. BROOKINS

SUBJECT: FORWARDS RESOLUTION REGARDING HEALTH, SAFETY
AND WELBEING OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN THE
HEBREW ISRAELITE COMMUNITY IN DIMONA, ISRAEL

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

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S/S 9012251

Date June 7, 1990

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: The Honorable Howard B. Brookins

Date: April 19, 1990

Subject: Forwards resolution regarding health¹ safety and well being
of African-Americans in the Hebrew Israelite community

WH Referral Dated: May 31, 1990
NSCS ID# (if any): 135741

 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.

XX 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:

for Gordon Sauter
Director
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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 5, 1990

Dear Senator Brookins:

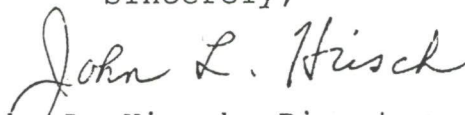
I am responding to your April 19, 1990 letter to President Bush regarding the status of the Hebrew Israelite Community, which the White House forwarded to us. Thank you for forwarding a copy of the Illinois Senate Resolution regarding the community.

We have had a long-standing interest in the health and welfare of the Hebrew Israelite Community. In addition to providing consular services to those community members who are still American citizens, we endeavor to assist all the members to resolve their residency and employment difficulties with the Government of Israel.

We are hopeful that a partial resolution of the community's status is close at hand. We will continue to work closely with the community leadership and with the Government of Israel to try to find creative solutions to the problems facing the community.

Thank you for your interest in this issue.

Sincerely,


John L. Hirsch, Director
Office of Israel and
Arab-Israeli Affairs

The Honorable,
Howard B. Brookins,
M103A Capitol Building,
Springfield, Illinois.

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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MAY 31, 1990

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 135741

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 19, 1990

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: THE HONORABLE HOWARD B. BROOKINS
STATE SENATOR
500 WEST 95TH STREET
CHICAGO IL 60628

SUBJECT: FORWARDS RESOLUTION REGARDING HEALTH, SAFETY
AND WELL BEING OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN THE
HEBREW ISRAELITE COMMUNITY IN DIMONA, ISRAEL

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 15, 1990

Dear Senator Brookins:

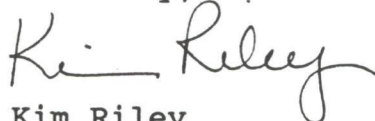
On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the Senate Resolution that you have introduced in the Illinois State Senate.

I have taken the liberty of sharing your views with the appropriate officials at the Department of State for their consideration and review. Your input is highly valued, and we appreciate your taking the time to write.

If I may be of further assistance on this or any other matter, please feel free to contact me.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kim Riley".

Kim Riley
Deputy to the Special Assistant
to the President for
Intergovernmental Affairs

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m. m. c. oliver
m. April 19, 1990

The Honorable George Bush
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20050

Dear President Bush:

During the month of March, 1990, I toured the Hebrew Israelite Community settlement in Dimona, along with the Anti-Defamation League of Chicago and the Illinois Black Leadership Mission.

Many of the African-Americans that have chosen to live in the Holy Land still have relatives here in the United States, but are unable to attain entry and exit visas to visit them or to complete job-related travel.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Senate Resolution that I have introduced in the Illinois State Senate, Springfield, Illinois. I am hoping that you can assist our delegation in addressing the humanitarian concerns stated in this Resolution.

I look forward to your assistance and reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Howard B. Brookins", is written over a horizontal line.

Howard B. Brookins
Senator
18th District

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enclosure

SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of this body find it unconscionable that a solution has not been found to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of African-Americans in the Hebrew Israelite Community in Dimona, Israel; and

WHEREAS, In the more than two decades that these African-Americans have chosen to live in the Holy Land, they have never engaged in activity harmful to the State or the people of Israel; and

WHEREAS, In addition, African-Americans living in Dimona, Israel, are experiencing difficulty attaining entry and exit visas to visit family and friends in the United States and to complete job-related travel; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the State of Israel to:

1. Remove the labor ban against the African-Americans in the Hebrew Israelite Community in Dimona, Israel so they might again work to sustain themselves;

2. Remove the political barriers that prevent their regular access to national health care facilities;

3. Declare an immediate end to their arrest and deportation;

4. Permit regular visits of family members and friends from this country;

5. Effect the immediate release of Dennis Stringfellow, who is presently incarcerated in Ramle prison on no criminal charges, while his wife and eight children (age one to 13) are forced to struggle without him; and

6. Grant entry and exit visas to allow community members to visit family members in the United States; and be it further

1	RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this preamble and	55
2	resolution be presented to the President of Israel Chaim	56
3	Herzog.	