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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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PR012

DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 19, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MS. MARY HASSELL

SUBJECT: FORWARDS RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE SIXTH
PROVINCE OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, USA,
REQUESTING TO BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON THE
GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL, THE PLO, AND OTHER

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(ROOM 75, OEOB) EXT-2590
KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING
LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS
MANAGEMENT.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 11, 1989

Dear Ms. Hassell:

Thank you for your letter of August 7, 1989 in which you forwarded the resolution approved at the 56th Annual Meeting of the Synod of the Sixth Province.

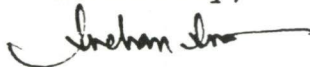
We share your concern about the violence and the loss of life in the West Bank and the Gaza, whether Israeli or Arab. We have urged both sides to exercise restraint, both for the sake of human life and to restore a calmer atmosphere conducive to fostering dialogue and negotiations to resolve the underlying political problem.

The Israeli elections proposal is an important first step toward a comprehensive, just and lasting peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors. We are presently working hard to produce a positive Arab and Palestinian response to the initiative. The place to start is with a dialogue between Israel and the Palestinians to engage Israel on the elections concept, flesh out its details and seek to bridge differences where they exist.

The principles guiding this administration in the Middle East peace process have remained unchanged. We are striving for a comprehensive peace through negotiations based on UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. We believe that there should be security for all states in the region, and that Palestinians should achieve their legitimate rights, including political rights. We have been, and will continue to be, engaged in a serious effort to help ensure that the peace process moves toward a successful outcome.

We have no information on Bishop Eliya Khoury, whom you mention in your letter. We have asked the Department of State to look into the matter.

Sincerely,



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Deputy Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Ms. Mary Hassell
Secretary
Province VI
1765 Juno
St. Paul, Minnesota 55116

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S: 8919665

Date: September 2, 1989

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Bush

From: Ms. Mary Hassell

Date: August 7, 1989

Subject: Forwards Resolution approved by the
sixth province of the episcopal church.

White House Referral Dated: August 25, 1989

NSCS ID Number (if any): 065215

_____ The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

X X 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
cited below.

_____ The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.

_____ Other (see remarks).

REMARKS:

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[Signature]
Director
Secretariat Staff

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Department of State
Draft Reply

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T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

AUGUST 25, 1989

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER

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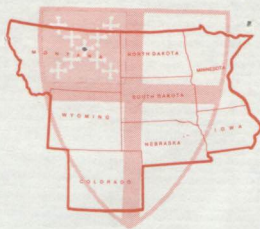
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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH
FROM: MS. MARY HASSELL
SECRETARY
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PROVINCE OF MOUNTAINS, LAKES
AND PLAINS
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ST. PAUL MN 55116

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LEVEL OF TERROR AND VIOLENCE IN ISRAEL AND
THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES OF THE WEST BANK
AND GAZA STRIP

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
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



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PROVINCE VI

~~Province of Mountains, Lakes and Plains~~

PROVINCE OF MOUNTAINS, LAKES AND PLAINS

1765 Juno
St. Paul, MN 55116
August 7, 1989

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The President, George H. W. Bush
THE WHITE HOUSE
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

The Sixth Province of the Episcopal Church, USA, is comprised of eight states - Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming. At the 56th Annual Meeting of the Synod of this Sixth Province held in Fargo, North Dakota recently, the deputies from the eight states approved the following resolution:

We, the deputies of the Sixth Province of the Episcopal Church, the Province of Mountains, Lakes and Plains, meeting in Synod in Fargo, North Dakota, on 1 June 1989, wish to state the following:

- I. We support the ministry of the Palestinian Christian Church both to its own and to the wider community in which it exists. We affirm the sacrifice that the Palestinian Christian Church is making in witness to Christ in this place, and we support its mission in Israel and in Palestine. We are committed to the continuance of its presence and its ministry in both lands, and in particular we reaffirm and recommit ourselves to the Diocese of Jerusalem and the strong leadership of Bishop Kafity.
- II. We hear the voice of the Palestinian people calling for a homeland, the right to self determination politically, economically, culturally, spiritually. We see the oppression of the present time and find the situation deplorable - a violation of basic human rights, and an abrogation of the justice, peace and freedom necessary for fundamental quality in human life.
- III. We support the Palestine National Council position (15 November 1988) that acknowledges Israel's claim to a homeland also, and we support their desire to learn to live in peace and reconciliation with the state and citizens of Israel, not as subject peoples but as equals - free, self-determined, committed to co-existence as nations side by side, Israel and Palestine.

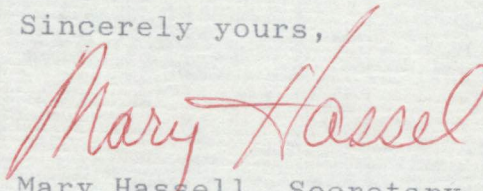
IV. We deplore the current events in Israel and the occupied territories which erode the rights and dignity of all the inhabitants of the area.

We request that the Honorable James Baker, Secretary of State, carefully review this administration's current Middle East policies, with a view to bringing pressures to bear on the government of Israel, the PLO, and other Palestinian representatives to reduce the level of terror and violence in Israel and the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

We also request that the current restrictions directed against Bishop Eliya Khoury be lifted so that he may visit the United States and confer with church leaders in this country.

It is our hope and prayer that you will give our concerns regarding this most important area of U.S. Foreign policy high priority attention and influence. Please know also that you are kept in our prayers as you work and struggle, especially in the areas of world peace.

Sincerely yours,



Mary Hassell, Secretary
Province VI

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