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DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 30, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE REVEREND DR. WILLIAM B. CATE

SUBJECT: FORWARDS RESOLUTION OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL OF
GREATER SEATTLE URGING PRIORITY OF MAKING
PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

ROUTE TO:		ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

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S/S 8910207

Date May 18, 1989

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

Reference:

To: President George Bush From: Reverend William B. Cate

Date: March 1, 1989 Subject: Making Peace in the
Middle East

Referral Dated: May 5, 1989 ID# 021902
(if any)

 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:

for Sandra Sauter
Director
Secretariat Staff

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

May 16, 1989

Dear Reverend Cate:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of March 1, 1989, in which, as President-Director of the Church Council of Greater Seattle, you enclosed a resolution on the peace process recently adopted by the Council's Board of Directors. I hope you will find the following information concerning U.S. policy useful.

The resolution which you enclosed calls upon the United States government "to make peace a priority." Advancing the peace process is a major foreign policy priority of this administration. We remain committed to this goal. Our level of activity in this area over the past months is evidence of the importance we attach to this objective.

This administration holds to the same basic policy principles that have guided our Middle East policy for the past two decades. Your resolution calls for a just peace that would satisfy the identity, legitimacy, and security of both peoples (the Israelis and Palestinians.) We seek a comprehensive peace through negotiations based on UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 providing for the security of all states (including Israel) and the legitimate political rights of the Palestinian people. The immediate task at hand is to shape an atmosphere conducive to meaningful negotiations.

Your resolution calls upon the United States "to bring Israel and the PLO to the negotiating table in an international conference context". As you know, Israel has said that it will not negotiate with the PLO. We believe that it is up to the Israeli government to decide whether or not it will negotiate with the PLO.

Regarding your call for an international conference, we believe that direct negotiations among the parties are essential for peace. A properly structured international conference could help launch or facilitate direct negotiations, but it could not impose solutions or veto agreements reached among the parties. The parties to the conflict must hammer out solutions themselves in order to produce a settlement that can be viable and enduring.

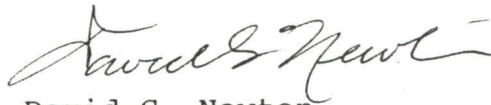
The Reverend Dr. William B. Cate
President - Director

The Church Council of Greater Seattle
4759 15th Avenue, N.E.
Seattle WA

Your resolution also refers to the "vital significance" of Jerusalem. In our view, Jerusalem should remain undivided. Its final status should be resolved through peaceful negotiations, and the outcome of such negotiations should not be prejudged by the actions of any party. We also believe that, in any resolution of Jerusalem's status, there should be free access to the Holy Places.

All parties have a responsibility to contribute to advancing the peace process. I can assure you that the U.S. will continue actively to pursue the search for peace in the Middle East.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David G. Newton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David G. Newton
Director
Office of Jordan, Lebanon, Syria
and Palestinian Affairs

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MAY 5, 1989

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MARCH 1, 1989

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: THE REVEREND DR. WILLIAM B. CATE
PRESIDENT - DIRECTOR
THE CHURCH COUNCIL OF GREATER
SEATTLE
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SUBJECT: FORWARDS RESOLUTION OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL OF
GREATER SEATTLE URGING PRIORITY OF MAKING
PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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**The
CHURCH
COUNCIL
of
GREATER
SEATTLE**

March 1, 1989

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush;

After a year long struggle in extended consultation with the Jewish Community and the Protestant community in Seattle, the Church Council of Greater Seattle has arrived at the enclosed position regarding Peace in the Middle East. We feel this is a middle-of-the-road position that has ameliorated the tension in the religious community of Seattle over this issue. We urge you to give it your most serious attention.

Sincerely,

William B. Cate

(The Rev. Dr.) William B. Cate
President-Director

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The Rev. Dr. William B. Cate
President-Director

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RESOLUTION
on
ARAB-ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PEACE

Passed on February 14, 1989
by the
Church Council of Greater Seattle
Board of Directors

Peace in the Middle East is essential for the future of Israel, the Palestinians, the Arab states, and the whole world. But the promise of peace remains unfulfilled. There is daily suffering and danger of greater violence and other wars if there is no peace. The Arab-Israeli-Palestinian conflict remains deadlocked.

It is time to end the Arab-Israeli Palestinian conflict. It is time for all parties to proceed to negotiations and stop violence. Peace cannot be achieved by force.

WE CALL UPON THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO MAKE PEACE A PRIORITY and to use diplomacy to bring Israel and the PLO to the negotiating table in an international conference context, to allow them to develop a just peace that would satisfy the identity, legitimacy and security of both peoples. Similar negotiations also must take place between Israel and her neighbors.

Jerusalem is of vital significance to Israelis and Palestinians; to Jews, Christians and Muslims. Here too, we believe that negotiations can best assure that Jerusalem will be a city of peace.

We believe that peace between Arab and Jew, Israelis and Palestinians, is possible. It is urgently needed by both sides. Now is the time for peace!