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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: RONALD C. KAUFMAN *(RCW)*
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR POLITICAL
AFFAIRS

FROM: RUTH C. GUIMOND *(RG)*
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, OFFICE OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: JEWISH COMMUNITY REPORTER'S QUESTIONNAIRE

Sir, the Bush-Quayle'92 Primary Committee has requested your approval on the answers to the Jewish Community Reporter's questionnaire.

This questionnaire will be read by approximately 3500 prior to the New Hampshire Primary.

Please find attached the reconciled version for your review.

Thank you.

OK for use per Phil.

John A. Barken

2/5/92

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RESPONSE:

No comment. Thanks.
 Paul Korfounta
 02/04/92

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MEMORANDUM FOR RONALD C. KAUFMAN

FROM: STEPHEN G. RADEMAKER *SR*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: The Jewish Community Reporter's Questions

Pursuant to Phil Brady's request, Counsel's office has reviewed the above-referenced matter. We assume that the discussion in the final sentence of the first full paragraph on page 2 regarding the President's proposal "allowing penalty free withdrawals to pay for medical and educational expenses" refers to withdrawals from individual retirement accounts. Apart from this comment, we have no legal objection to the draft responses.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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Questions #1 and #2 must be seen by Richard Haass. There is the potential for misunderstanding and confusion in the reference to #10B in answer #1.
Kathleen Leavins for Kilburg/Demarest

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 2:00PM, TODAY, FEB. 4

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY REPORTER'S QUESTIONS

[ASAP]

SUBJECT:

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REMARKS:

Please provide comments on the attached directly to Ron Kaufman, Rm. 130, x6623, with a copy to this office NO LATER THAN 2:00PM, TODAY, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

February 5, 1992

TO: RON KAUFMAN

The NSC concurs with changes, as noted.

Brent Scowcroft
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**President Bush's Responses to the
The Jewish Community Reporter's Questions**

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to prospects for
peace,

1. What is your position with respect to American financial aid to Israel?

Support for Israel's security is a pillar
of American
foreign
policy.

President Bush's Answer: Israel needs and deserves our financial assistance. That assistance has contributed to stability in the region and promoted American interests. Under my Administration Israel has received in excess of \$10 billion in U.S. aid and guarantees, and in my budget for the coming year I am asking Congress to provide an additional \$3 billion in assistance. In addition, I am committed to trying to reach agreement with the

2. What would you do as President if the present Middle East talks become deadlocked? I am pleased with all that we have accomplished, beginning in Madrid, continuing with bilateral and

President Bush's Answer: One of my proudest achievements as President is the Middle East peace talks now underway. Israel's Arab neighbors are sitting across the table from Israeli leaders and talking peace. Secretary of State James Baker and I worked long and hard to achieve this breakthrough, and we will continue to act as a catalyst and as honest brokers in moving the talks forward. I pray for the day when there will be genuine peace in the Middle East.

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3. New Hampshire is experiencing an economic crisis: unemployment, escalating foreclosures, federal and local banking policies exacerbating the situation, and people in need. What are your short-term and long-term plans for economic recovery?

President Bush's Answer: In my State of the Union Address I set forth a program that will invigorate the economy and create jobs. I said there that I would make changes in the regulations governing financial institutions so that more capital would be available both for individuals and small businesses, and those changes are now in progress. Other steps require Congressional action. To get the economy on track quickly, I have asked Congress to pass by March 20 my

bill of Israel on terms and conditions that would allow us to provide loan guarantees to help facilitate the absorption of new immigrants and promote peace between Israel and its neighbors.

short-term program for stimulating economic growth. That program includes a cut in the capital gains tax and other changes in the tax code to encourage investment and help those buying a home for the first-time. If Congress will move on this program, we can begin to turn the economy around.

We need to be concerned with the long-term as well. To ensure that our economy stays strong, I have asked Congress to encourage more research and development by making the R&D tax credit permanent and to pass my proposals to overhaul the nation's education system. My long-term program also includes comprehensive reform of the nation's health care system, major changes in the banking laws to make banks more efficient, a freeze on domestic spending and cuts in wasteful programs, and policies to help our low-income citizens buy a home and get off welfare. To strengthen the nation's families, I have proposed increasing the personal deduction by \$500 per child and allowing penalty free withdrawals to pay for medical and educational expenses.

My program is comprehensive and fair. It does not resort to big spending or to tax increases. It is now up to the Congress to move on it, and I will campaign for it every day until they do.

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