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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
May 2, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR RONALD PETERSON

FROM: *David B. Thompson for*
ROBERT M. KIMMITT

SUBJECT: State Draft Report on S.Con.Res. 94

The NSC concurs in the subject report at Tab A without any changes.

Attachment

Tab A State Draft Report on S.Con.Res. 94

NSC # 8403154



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

April 11, 1984

LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative Liaison Officer-
National Security Council

SUBJECT: State draft report on S.Con.Res. 94, which expresses the sense of Congress that the President of Syria should permit Jewish emigration.

The Office of Management and Budget requests the views of your agency on the above subject before advising on its relationship to the program of the President, in accordance with OMB Circular A-19.

A response to this request for your views is needed no later than THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1984.

Questions should be referred to Tracey Lawler (395-4710) the legislative analyst in this office.

Ronald K. Peterson
RONALD K. PETERSON FOR
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures
cc: Susan Gates



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Administration has no objection to S.Con.Res. 94, which expresses the sense of Congress that the President of Syria should permit Jewish emigration.

The Administration deplors the brutal murder of the members of the Abadi family in Aleppo last December. This was a brutal and cowardly act. Nevertheless, there is no evidence that this murder was directed against the Jewish community in Syria, and we note that Syrian authorities have treated this crime with great seriousness and moved quickly to provide enhanced protection for the Jewish community in Aleppo.

The major difference in treatment between Jews and non-Jews is in the matter of emigration. There is no automatic right of emigration for any Syrian citizen; it is prohibited for those subject to national service and severely restricted for those in key professions such as engineers. But for Jews it has been very difficult to leave for any reason. Syrian government policy has been to restrict emigration in order to prevent Jews from going to Israel, and it is the only ethnic group per se that is restricted on emigration.

The Administration affirms its commitment to the right of emigration as a basic human right. We, as have previous administrations, have expressed this view very clearly to the Syrian government particularly in regard to the circumstances of the Syrian Jewish community.

We would offer the following factual information which the Committee might wish to consider in its preparation of the final draft of this resolution:

The Honorable
Charles H. Percy,
United States Senate.

There are approximately 4,000 people in the Syrian Jewish community, with more than 3,000 of them living in Damascus and approximately 600 in Aleppo. The Damascus and Aleppo communities have their own schools, synagogues, and ritual slaughterers. There appears to be no Jewish unemployment, and there is a higher than average number of Jews in universities and the professions. Their identity cards identify them as Jewish, but this designation is no longer stamped in red across the cards. All Syrian identity cards contain a space for the holders' religious groups, but it is not always filled in for non-Jews.

We have no information that the Syrian government restricts Syrian Jews in their right to hold government jobs. Traditional inheritance rights are retained except in the cases of emigrants.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that from the standpoint of the Administration's program there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely,

W. Tapley Bennett, Jr.
Assistant Secretary
Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

April 30, 1984

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM: HOWARD R. TEICHER *HRT*SUBJECT: Memorandum to OMB Regarding State Draft Report
on S.Con.Res. 94 (Syrian Jewry)

The NSC staff has reviewed the subject draft report and concurs in its submission to Congress without any changes. A memorandum to Ronald Peterson for signature is attached at Tab I. The State draft is at Tab A.

Phil Dur and *Chris Lehman* concur.

Recommendation

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to Peterson
Tab A State Draft Report on S.Con.Res. 94

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The White House

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TO KIMMITT

FROM PETERSON, R

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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 21, 1984

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MISS MARCIA FRIEDMAN

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF SENATE RESOLUTION ASKING
PRESIDENT ASSAD TO RELEASE SYRIAN JEWS TO THE
UNITED STATES

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WASHINGTON

October 23, 1984

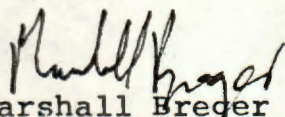
Dear Miss Friedman:

I have been asked to respond to your kind letter of September 18, 1984 on behalf of the President.

The President appreciates your support for his policies which have strengthened the position of our nation in the world and have increased the pride of Americans in America. Indeed, the recent Senate resolution asking Syria to release Syrian Jews to the United States complements this Administration's concern for human rights throughout the world and reflects the willingness of our country today to take concrete steps on behalf of those in need.

Thank you for your comments.

Sincerely,


Marshall Breger
Special Assistant to the
President for Public Liaison

Miss Marcia Friedman
Director
The American Council for Judasim
298 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10001

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September 18, 1984

Dear President Reagan:

It is with great pleasure that we express our appreciation for the Senate resolution asking President Hafez Assad of Syria to release Syrian Jews to the United States.

Our organization has consistently stood against all those who have said that the homeland of Jewry is the State of Israel and that that country is the only dependable refuge for Jews around the world.

We have always believed and said that each Jew is a national of his own country, whichever that might be, and that the United States should offer refuge to persecuted nationals of all countries, Jew and non-Jew.

Your leadership has created a climate of trust and optimism in which such acts as the offering of sanctuary to Syrian Jewry can be undertaken. We believe it will bring pride to our country and inspire it to further acts of healing felt around the world.

Respectfully,

Marcia Friedman
Director

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Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington DC 20500

A national organization dedicated to the preservation of Judaism as a religion of universal values, consonant with the ideals of the democratic society of America; we therefore oppose any effort to impose a "Jewish nationality" upon all Jewry.
We affirm that no individual or group of Jews can speak for all Jews.

Contributions to The American Council for Judaism are deductible for income tax purposes.



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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

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DATE RECEIVED: JULY 22, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE CARL LEVIN

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT THE REPRESSION OF SYRIAN JEWRY

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8522839

Date August 19, 1985

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Senator Carl Levin

Date: July 18, 1985 Subject: Concern about the
Repression of Syrian Jewry.

WH Referral Dated: August 2, 1985 NSC ID# 318312
(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.

Remarks:

Nicholas Platt
Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Senator Levin:

I am responding on behalf of the President to your letter of July 18 expressing concern for the situation of the Jewish Community in Syria.

The situation of the Syrian Jewish community has improved somewhat over the past decade, despite continuing uncertainty over the community's future. In many respects, the community enjoys the increased prosperity of the country, taking good advantage of opportunities for higher education and careers in the professions. Many members of the community have moved out of the traditional inner city quarters to mostly middle class neighborhoods in Damascus and Aleppo, which are not segregated from the housing of other Syrians. Jews participate fully in the private sector economy, and appear to enjoy a relatively high standard of living.

Nevertheless, Jews in Syria are subject to some special restrictions. Jews are not allowed to serve in the military, and no Jews are known to hold senior government positions. Jews practicing a profession are not required to perform five years of public service, as are other Syrian citizens. The religion of all Jews is indicated on their personal identity cards and passports, while this standard blank is not always filled in for non-Jews.

Most importantly, Jews are forbidden to emigrate from Syria. Jews receiving passports and exit visas are normally required to post a monetary bond, sometimes as high as \$7000, and often must leave an immediate family member in Syria to guarantee their return. This formal restriction, however, appears to have been relaxed somewhat over the past few years, and we have seen an increasing trickle of Jews who are able to leave the country for business or medical travel abroad. We have been involved in quiet efforts with the Syrian government to improve this situation, and believe that these have had a positive impact.

The Honorable,
Carl Levin,
United States Senate.

Public remonstrances to the Syrian government have generally met with no success, and have often proven counterproductive. On the other hand, private contacts with the Syrians by Administration officials, interested private individuals and members of Congress such as yourself are sometimes fruitful. This is particularly true when specific cases are involved. We intend to continue to give close attention to the situation of the community, and to maintain our discussions with the Syrian government on this subject.

Sincerely,

/s/

James M. Montgomery
Acting Assistant Secretary
Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E
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AUGUST 2, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ATTN: WILL BALL

ACTION REQUESTED:
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ID: 318312
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JULY 18, 1985
TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN
FROM: THE HONORABLE CARL LEVIN
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON DC 20510

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN ABOUT THE REPRESSION
OF SYRIAN JEWRY AND SUGGESTS THAT THE UNITED
STATES ENCOURAGE AN IMPROVED RESPECT FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS IN THAT COUNTRY.

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

July 30, 1985

Dear Senator Levin:

Thank you for your July 18 letter to the President expressing your concern on behalf of Syrian Jews who are denied their basic human rights.

As you know, the President shares your deep concern for the human rights of individuals throughout the world. He appreciates receiving your thoughts on the situation facing Syrian Jews, and has asked me to share your statement of concern with his foreign policy advisers. Please know that your remarks will be taken into consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

M. B. Oglesby, Jr.
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Carl Levin
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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cc: w/copy of inc to Will Ball, Cong Affrs, State - for
DIRECT response

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

July 18, 1985

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

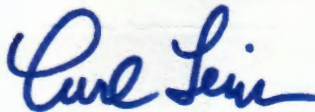
I am writing to express my deep concern about the repression of Syrian Jewry.

The approximately 5000 Syrian Jews are denied the basic human rights that we take for granted, particularly the right to live in the country of their choice. Emigration from Syria for Jews is forbidden. For those few permitted to travel abroad, an expensive bond is usually required and members of the family must remain behind. In effect, the 5000 Syrian Jews are prisoners within that country.

Although over the years there have been occasional shifts in the official attitude toward the Jewish population, Jews continue to face discrimination and harrassment. They are singled out as Jewish on their identity cards. They have little opportunity for higher education or good jobs. They do not have the freedom to practice their religion in peace.

The Jews in Syria deserve to live in the country of their choice, free from fear and persecution. The United States should encourage an improved respect for human rights in Syria. As negotiations in the Middle East continue, I urge you not to forget the thousands of Jews in Syria.

Sincerely,



Carl Levin

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: JANUARY 16, 1986

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MOST REVEREND FRANCIS M. ZAYEK

SUBJECT: URGES SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT AMINE GEMAYEL IN
DECISION NOT TO PRESSURES OF CYRIA

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Most Reverend Francis M. Zayek
Archbishop
National Apostolate of Maronites
8120 - 15th Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Archbishop Zayek:

The President has asked me to reply to your telegram of January 19 concerning the situation of the Christian community in Lebanon.

We continue to follow the situation closely and we share your concern for the innocent people of Lebanon, who have suffered so much during the last eleven years. It remains our firm conviction that there is no military solution to the political problems of that troubled country. We will continue to support a dialogue among the various factions in an effort to reach a genuine consensus on Lebanon's political future. We firmly believe that any solution, if it is to be viable, will require broad support in all communities.

In a very real sense, all Lebanese lose from the continuation of violence. We continue to urge all parties to resume the dialogue essential to the establishment of a political consensus. We deplore the continuing cycle of violence that has so plagued the country.

Rest assured that we will remain steadfast in our support for the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon - as well as for the peace and prosperity of the Lebanese people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roscoe S. Suddarth".

Roscoe S. Suddarth
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Near Eastern and
South Asian Affairs

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REFERRAL

JANUARY 27, 1986

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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MEDIA: MAILGRAM, DATED JANUARY 15, 1986

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MOST REVEREND FRANCIS M. ZAYEK
ARCHBISHOP
8120 15TH AVENUE
BROOKLYN NY 11228

SUBJECT: URGES SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT AMINE GEMAYEL IN
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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

MR PRESIDENT

WE ASK YOU TO SUPPORT PRESIDENT AMINE GEMAYEL IN HIS DECISION NOT TO
SUCCUMB TO PRESSURES OF CYRIA THE PROBLEMS OF LEBANON ARE INTERNAL
AND DO NOT REQUIRE THE INTERVENTION OF A PREDITORY POWER SUCH AS
CYRIA ALL EFFORTS MUST BE MADE TO KEEP LEBANON SOVEREIGN AND FREE
EVERYTHING IS IN YOUR HANDS
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BROOKLYN NY 11228

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THE WHITE HOUSE

18 CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 28, 1986

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: DR. PETER TANOUS

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN AND OPPOSES ANY MILITARY ACTION AGAINST SYRIA AND URGES A RETURN TO DIPLOMATIC APPROACH TO FINDING A SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8613978

Date May 12, 1986

For: VADM John M. Poindexter
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Dr. Peter Tanous

Date: April 25, 1986 Subject: Deep concern and opposi-
tion to military action against Syria; urges return to dip. approach.

Referral Dated: May 5, 1986 ID# 391467
(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.

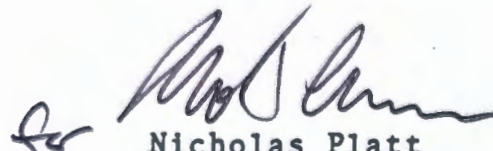
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 We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.

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

 Other.

Remarks:


Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520

Dr. Peter Tanous
National Association of Arab Americans
2033 M Street, Suite 900
Washington D.C.

12 MAY 1986

Dear Dr. Tanous:

I am replying on behalf of President Reagan to your letter of April 25 regarding the search for peace in the Middle East.

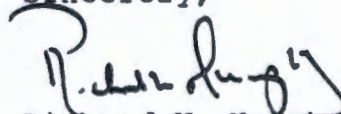
As President Reagan recently said before the Tokyo Summit, our actions in Libya were in no way directed at Arabs. They were aimed at state-sponsored terrorism. The President said: "And let no one mistake this for a conflict between the Western democracies and the Arab world. Those who condone making war by cowardly attacks on unarmed third parties, including women and children, are but a tiny minority. Arab nations themselves have been forced to endure savage terrorist attacks from this minority. We hope and pray the Arab world will join with us to eliminate this scourge on civilization."

The United States position on international terrorism is clear, when U.S. forces are attacked and innocent Americans killed, the American government will respond to protect its own interests and those of the international community. A nation's inherent right to self-defense is embodied in Article 51 of the UN Charter. With this said, let me assure you that we do not take the decision to use force lightly. With respect to Libya, we employed retaliatory action only after diplomatic and economic measures produced no change in Colonel Qadhafi's support for terrorism and even then, reluctantly, and as a last resort.

I agree with you that there must be no let up in efforts to achieve peace in the Middle East. I can assure you that the United States is prepared to assist the parties to resolve their differences. Currently, the U.S. encourages measures which enhance the quality of life of the Palestinian inhabitants of the West Bank and Gaza. The U.S. continues to increase aid funding to the West Bank and Gaza and will spend \$14 million in FY 1986. We will also continue to consult closely with the parties in the region; whenever our assistance is required by the parties in the region, we will not hesitate to provide it.

We can only hope that these efforts and the sincere efforts of others contributes to finding the long sought-after peace in the Middle East.

Sincerely,



Richard W. Murphy

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

REFERRAL

MAY 5, 1986

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 391467
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 25, 1986
TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN
FROM: DR. PETER TANOUS
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ARAB
AMERICANS
SUITE 900
2033 M STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON DC 20036

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN AND OPPOSES ANY
MILITARY ACTION AGAINST SYRIA AND URGES A
RETURN TO DIPLOMATIC APPROACH TO FINDING A
SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

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(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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L. Kojelis

April 25, 1986

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the National Association of Arab Americans, I am writing to express our deep concern that the special relationship between the United States and the Arab world is being undermined by public speculation about future U.S. responses to hypothetical terrorist attacks. Specifically, Mr. President, I refer to recent remarks attributed to you in the press that in the event of "irrefutable evidence" linking Syria to terrorist acts in the future, the United States might use retaliatory military force.

While NAAA firmly believes in the responsibility of our government to protect U.S. citizens at home and abroad from acts of terrorism, we are concerned that the level of rhetoric associated with speculation about possible future use of American military force will be counterproductive and will serve only to strengthen anti-American sentiments in the Middle East.

We are deeply fearful that an actual military attack on Syria, moreover, could lead not only to the threat of superpower confrontation but also to the alienation of the United States from Arab and Muslim countries throughout the world and our isolation in the international community as a whole.

We are convinced, Mr. President, that it is time to return to a diplomatic approach to finding a solution to the problems in the Middle East. The right of self-determination of the Palestinian people is the key to peace, and only when the denial of this right, which is underlying cause of unrest, is properly addressed will the source of anti-American terrorism be removed. We respectfully urge you and your Administration to work unceasingly for negotiations between the Palestinians and the Israelis and to avoid public speculation about U.S. military actions in response to hypothetical terrorist acts.

NAAA stands ready to assist your Administration in any possible way on this issue.

Sincerely,

Peter S. Tanous
Peter Tanous, Ph.D
Executive Vice President

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

CO 153

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 23, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: REVEREND ELIE KHOURY

SUBJECT: SUGGESTS RETALIATION AGAINST THE SYRIAN
GOVERNMENT FOR ALLEGED EVIDENCE OF TERRORIST
SUPPORT

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S/S 8617157

Date July 3, 1986

For: VADM John M. Poindexter
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: The President From: Rev. Elie Khoury

Date: 5/22/86 Subject: Terrorism; Syria

Referral Dated: June 2, 1986 ID# 403718
(if any)

 The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State

Action Taken:

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Remarks:


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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

July 2, 1986

Reverend Elie Khoury
World Immigration Representative
Kingdom and World Mission of
Our Lord Jesus Christ
6113-6115 Fountain Avenue
Hollywood, CA 90028

Dear Mr. Khoury:

On behalf of President Reagan, I am replying to your recent telegram concerning Syrian support for terrorism.

As long as terrorists move freely within Syria and within Syrian controlled territory in Lebanon, our serious concern remains for Syria's support for international terrorism. We believe, for example, that Syria should not provide any support for Abu Nidal and his organization. Syria remains on our list of nations that support terrorism and is well aware of our concerns.

Concerning the terrorist incidents that you alluded to in your telegram, the investigations into those incidents are still underway. It would be premature to draw any conclusions until these investigations are completed. For the time being, we do not want to prejudge the results.

We appreciated having the benefit of your views on these matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Reap, Jr.".

Joseph W. Reap, Jr.
Public Affairs Officer
Office of the Ambassador at Large
for Counter-Terrorism

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL

JUNE 2, 1986

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 403718

MEDIA: TELEGRAM, DATED MAY 22, 1986

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: REVEREND ELIE KHOURY
WORLD IMMIGRATION REPRESENTATIVE
KINGDOM AND WORLD MISSION OF OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST
6113-6115 FOUNTAIN AVENUE
HOLLYWOOD CA 90028

SUBJECT: SUGGESTS RETALIATION AGAINST THE SYRIAN
GOVERNMENT FOR ALLEGED EVIDENCE OF TERRORIST
SUPPORT

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FMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

OUR BELOVED PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN,

THE EVIDENCE WE HAVE IN OUR HANDS AGAINST THE SYRIAN TERRORIST
GOVERNMENT IS ENOUGH TO RETALIATE AGAINST THEM MILITARILY AND END THE
MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS. OUR MARINES LIVES AND THE AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO
DIED IN EUROPE ARE SHOUTING UNTO GOD TO PUNISH THE KILLER. THE LORD
IS WITH YOU AS WELL AS HIS PEACE PLAN TO FREE THE HOSTAGES IN BEIRUT
IS ALWAYS IN YOUR HANDS. WE LOVE YOU. WE PRAY FOR YOU DAILY. KEEP
GOING MR PRESIDENT UNTIL WE REACH A TRUE PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND AND

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AROUND THE WORLD. YOURS IN CHRIST,

REVEREND ELIE KHOURY KINGDOM AND WORLD MISSION OF OUR LORD JESUS

CHRIST WORLD IMMIGRATION REPRESENTATIVE

6113-6115 FOUNTAIN AVE

HOLLYWOOD CA 90028

1057 EST

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

ID# 442095

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: OCTOBER 27, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. SEYMOUR D. REICH

SUBJECT: CONDEMNATION OF SYRIAN SPONSORED TERRORISM

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 2, 1986

Dear Mr. Reich,

This is to express our appreciation for your October 24 mailgram to the President. Please excuse the delay in responding; your communication apparently was routed to the wrong person and it took a while before it got on the right track.

Much has happened since you wrote, but do be assured that this Administration's opposition to terrorism remains as strong as ever.

Sincerely,



Max Green
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison

Mr. Seymour D. Reich, President
→ B'nai B'rith International
1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20036

50 SEYMOUR D REICH, PRES, B'NAI B'IR
1640 RHODE ISLAND AVE NORTHWEST
WASHINGTON DC 20036 24AM

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Max Green

PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

STATES WHICH SPONSOR TERRORISM MUST BE MADE TO FEEL THE REBUKE OF
ISOLATION. BRITAIN IS TO BE COMMENDED FOR BREAKING RELATIONS WITH
SYRIA AFTER EVIDENCE IN A TRIAL DIRECTLY LINKED A SYRIAN OFFICIAL TO
AN ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP AN ISRAELI PASSENGER PLANE.

THE U.S. IS TO COMMENDED FOR ACTING IN CONCERT WITH BRITAIN BY
WITHDRAWING OUR AMBASSADOR.

~~CONDEMNATION OF SYRIAN SPONSORED TERRORISM IS LONG OVERDUE.~~
SEYMOUR D REICH, PRES, B'NAI B'IRITH INTERNATIONAL
1640 RHODE ISLAND AVE NORTHWEST
WASHINGTON DC 20036

16:38 EST

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: OCTOBER 30, 1986

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. BURTON S. LEVINSON

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS THE STAND TAKEN AGAINST SYRIA

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

DEAR MR PRESIDENT

THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI B'RITH IS PLEASED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS RE-CALLED ITS AMBASSADOR TO SYRIA IN PROTEST AGAINST SYRIA'S ATTEMPT TO SABOTAGE AN EL AL JET WITH OVER 200 U.S. CITIZENS ABOARD.

IN THE WAKE OF THE IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE OF SYRIAN GUILT AS WELL AS THE DECISIVE ACTIONS TAKEN BY GREAT BRITAIN, THE LONE NATION TO ACTIVELY SUPPORT THE U.S. IN ITS RAID AGAINST LYBIA, WE BELIEVE THAT THE U.S. SHOULD TAKE FURTHER STEPS. WE URGE THAT OUR GOVERNMENT SEVER RELATIONS WITH SYRIA AND IMPOSE APPROPRIATE SANCTIONS AGAINST HER.

YOUR ADMINISTRATION HAS ADMIRABLY LEAD THE FIGHT AGAINST INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. NOW IS THE OPPORTUNITY, THROUGH THESE STEPS, TO DEMONSTRATE THAT ALLIED COORDINATION TO COUNTER STATE-SPONSORED TERRORISM IS FEASIBLE, THAT NATIONS SUPPORTING TERRORISM CANNOT ACT WITH IMPUNITY SINCERELY

BURTON S LEVINSON NATIONAL CHAIRMAN ANTI DEFAMATION LEAGUE BNAI BRITH  
823 UNITED NATIONS PLAZA  
NEW YORK NY 10017

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: NOVEMBER 19, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE CLAIRE SHULMAN

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS THE WITHDRAWAL OF OUR AMBASSADOR  
FROM SYRIA AND SUGGESTS CLOSING THE P.L.O.  
OFFICE IN THE UNITED STATES

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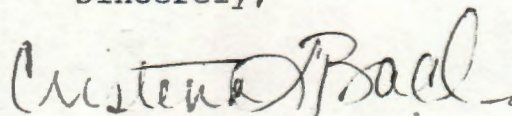
Dear Ms. Shulman:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the withdrawal of our ambassador from Syria and the P.L.O..

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the appropriate officials at the Department of State for their benefit and consideration.

I sincerely appreciate your sharing your views with the Administration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cristena L. Bach". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Cristena L. Bach  
Special Assistant to the President  
for Intergovernmental Affairs

Ms. Claire Shulman  
President  
Borough of Queens  
Borough Hall  
Kew Gardens, New York 11424



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CITY OF NEW YORK  
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BOROUGH HALL  
KEW GARDENS, N.Y. 11424

CLAIRE SHULMAN  
PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 13, 1986

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I fully support your decision to withdraw our Ambassador from Syria because of that nation's sponsorship of terrorism.

The time has now come to strike another blow against terrorism by closing the Palestine Liberation Organization offices in the United States.

The P.L.O. is a terrorist organization which has waged war against innocent civilians. It is a major obstacle to peace in the Middle East. Your closing the P.L.O. offices in the United States would send a clear cut message that we, as a nation, are determined to stamp out terrorism.

Thank you for your attention and concern.

Sincerely yours,

Claire Shulman  
President  
Borough of Queens

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