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Date April 21, 1983

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For: Mr. William P. Clark
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Rabbi C. Shindler

Date: January 2, 1983 Subject: Regarding Zachary

Baumel being held prisoner by Syria

WH Referral Dated: March 18, 1983 NSC ID # 130503
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- _____ A draft reply is attached.
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Remarks:

Laurie A. Tolbert
Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Rabbi C. Shindler
11 - 21 Neilson Street
Far Rockaway, New York 11691

April 19, 1983

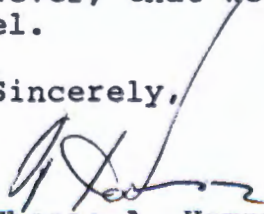
Dear Rabbi Shindler:

This is in response to your letter of January 2 to President Reagan concerning the welfare of Zachary Baumel, an Israeli soldier reportedly missing in action in Lebanon.

Almost from the beginning of the hostilities in Lebanon, the United States has taken an active interest in the issue of prisoners captured during the war. Of necessity, however, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has been the principal organization involved in this problem, a role which it has traditionally played with the support of the international community. Our efforts have been in support of the ICRC, but we have also made direct interventions with appropriate governments on numerous occasions. While I cannot go into the nature of our diplomatic exchanges, I can assure you that we have been and will continue to take an active interest in this problem so long as prisoners captured in Lebanon are being detained or are unaccounted for. We are motivated in our activities both by humanitarian concern and the possibility that the POW/MIA issue, unless resolved, could become a stumbling block to a successful conclusion of the current Lebanese-Israeli negotiations and the prompt withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon.

With regard to Zachary Baumel, we and the ICRC have raised his case numerous times through diplomatic channels. To date, neither we nor the ICRC have confirmation from the Syrian Government or any other party that Zachary Baumel is being held. You may be assured, however, that we will continue our efforts on behalf of Mr. Baumel.

Sincerely,


Thomas A. Homan
Acting Director
Office of Public Affairs
Bureau of Near Eastern and
South Asian Affairs

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

MARCH 18, 1983

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF ANNE HIGGINS

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 130503

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JANUARY 2, 1983

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: RABBI C. SHINDLER
11 - 21 NEILSON STREET
FAR ROCKAWAY NY 11691

SUBJECT: CONCERNED ABOUT U. S. CITIZEN, ZACHARY BAUMEL
WHO IS BEING HELD PRISONER BY SYRIA AND THE
P.L.O. - STATES ARABS ARE VIOLATING THE
GENEVA CONVENTION BY NOT PERMITTING RED CROSS
REPRESENTATIVES VISIT MR. BAUMEL

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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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[Signature]*

130500

January 2, 1983

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

Zachary Baumel, a citizen of the United States who is registered for the draft under Selective Service, is being held prisoner by Syria and the P.L.O. . American citizen Zachary Baumel and the crew of his tank were publicly paraded in Damascus on June 11, 1982.

The Arabs are violating the Geneva Convention by not permitting Red Cross representatives to visit U.S. citizen Zachary Baumel and the other crew members. They refuse to acknowledge that they are holding these prisoners.

An integral part of any Israeli-Arab pact in Lebanon must be the return of American citizen Zachary Baumel and the others captured in Lebanon and displayed in Damascus with their tank on June 11, 1982.

Respectfully,

Patricia & Mrs. C. Shindler

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 5, 1983

Orrin
Dear Senator Hatch:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 28, 1983 elaborating on your concerns regarding U.S.-Syrian relations and the consequences for our Middle East diplomacy. I especially appreciate your suggesting 10 factors which Bud McFarlane might consider in the course of his mission. Before passing the suggestions on to Bud, I suggest that our staffs discuss these points and recommend that Geoffrey Kemp, Howard Teicher or Philip Dur of the NSC Staff be contacted for such a discussion.

With warm and personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Bur

William P. Clark

The Honorable
Orrin G. Hatch
Vice-Chairman for Foreign Policy
Senate Steering Committee
Washington, D.C. 20510

NSC # 8306915

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

October 3, 1983

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: HOWARD R. TEICHER *HRT*

SUBJECT: Letter from the Senate Steering Committee
on the Middle East

Attached at Tab B is a letter from Orrin Hatch highlighting the conclusions of a recent trip in the Middle East. In brief, Hatch asserts that Bud's diplomacy is too narrowly focused on Lebanon, gives inadequate attention to regional developments, and criticizes our tough line toward Damascus. He concludes by listing 10 factors which he believes Bud should consider in his meetings with the Syrians. While I don't take issue with some of his observations, his suggestions (the 10 factors) for inducing more flexible dialogue with the Syrians are only likely to encourage Syrian aggressiveness, control over all of Lebanon and further exploitation of the Palestinian cause for Syrian purposes.

Hatch closes his letter by suggesting staff contact. A response for your signature is at Tab I commenting on Hatch's observations and inviting his staff to communicate with Geoff, Phil or me.

Recommendation

That you scan the Hatch letter at Tab B and sign the letter to Hatch at Tab I.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Phil
Phil Dur and Chris *CMZ* Lehman concur.

Attachments

Tab I Judge Clark letter to Senator Hatch
Tab A Senator Hatch letter to Judge Clark

senate steering committee

September 28, 1983

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The Honorable William P. Clark
National Security Adviser
THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington, D.C.

Dear Bill:

As you know from the classified cable sent by our Ambassador in Syria, Ed Zorinsky and I had a long meeting August 27 with Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Khaddam and with the Speaker of the Syrian Parliament Zubi. We explored the same questions in Syria as we did in our meetings with President Mubarak in Cairo and King Hussein in Amman, namely how the Arab-Israeli peace process could be moved ahead. You have the classified cables from our embassies summarizing these meetings, but in light of the deteriorating situation in the past month we would like to amplify and underline some of the points from these discussions because we are concerned that Middle East regional issues be taken more specifically into account in our dialog with Syria about their withdrawal from Lebanon. Frankly, the main concern is that Bud McFarlane may be focusing too narrowly on the area and parties around Beirut rather than the broader strategic picture involving Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Egypt and, most importantly, the need to get the Arab-Israeli peace process moving again. We should not be conceptually bogged down in Beirut at risk of neglecting more important strategic factors.

Foreign Minister Khaddam seemed willing to "deal" in the way he responded to our repeated probes about the conditions under which Syria would withdraw from Lebanon. He emphasized that Syria does not want a fragmented Lebanon which would be a burden in that Syria already took in one million refugees in 1975. He listed four objections to the Israel-Lebanon agreement: prohibition of Lebanon from maintaining effective air defense, placing the Lebanese people's economy and security at the "mercy" of Israel, the requirement that Lebanon give up relations with states "in conflict" with Israel, and the Israeli security zone leaving the Israeli army only 23 kilometers from Damascus. In response to our probing, Khaddam agreed to a UNDOF-type buffer force on the Lebanese/Israeli border which, after some discussion, he agreed could even include NATO forces such as specifically Spain, Greece, Canada, Denmark and France.

It seemed to us that Khaddam went beyond his suggestion to Secretary Shultz in June that a neutral international force

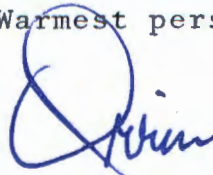
The Honorable William P. Clark
September 28, 1983
Page Two

should supervise Israeli and Syrian withdrawal, except the disarming of all Lebanese, and supervise a referendum. Overall it is hard to recognize the image of an intransigent Soviet puppet in the Syrian representatives with whom we met. Rather, the Syrians went out of their way to indicate their independence from Moscow. You may have heard the Syrian remark: when the Soviets complained about their independent action President Assad told the Soviets when he rushed forces to intimidate King Hussein in 1980, "You don't consult us about Poland; we don't consult you about Jordan." We hope our own actions in recent weeks will not drive the Syrians closer to the Soviets but instead continue the kind of dialog that the Israelis have shown it is possible to have with the pragmatic leadership in Damascus.

Based on our meetings with King Hussein, President Mubarak, other Arab leaders and other Senate staff reports, Bud McFarlane should take into account these ten factors in the dialog with Damascus: (1) the hostile relations with Baghdad that place Syria in Lebanon "between Iraq and a hard place," (2) Syrian desire for return of the Golan Heights which was left out of the September 1 plan, (3) Syrian desire to be the main spokesman of the Palestinian people by controlling Arafat and the PLO, (4) restoring the internal Lebanese balance of the National Pact of 1943, (5) dominating King Hussein with military superiority combined with efforts to weaken his ties with Iraq, (6) avoiding war with Israel without stronger guarantees from the Soviets than the 1980 Treaty with Moscow provides, (7) assuring that the vital water sources of the Orntes River which originate inside Lebanon and contribute so much to Syrian agricultural wealth be protected, (8) avoiding being driven further into the arms of the Soviets than at present, (9) being consulted on regional issues by the United States, even without participation in the Camp David process, and (10) blocking further Arab-Israeli peace process movement unless Syrian needs are taken into account by the United States.

Our staffs should be in contact about the prospects for a higher level and more flexible dialog with the Syrians than is presently occurring.

Warmest personal regards,



Orrin G. Hatch
Vice-Chairman for Foreign Policy

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The White House
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ORGANIZATION: U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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CITY: WASHINGTON STATE: DC ZIP: 20515
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SUBJECT: REQUESTS THAT ACTION BE TAKEN REGARDING THE
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IN SYRIA

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
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S/S 8402437

Date FEB 17 1984

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

Reference:

To: The President From: Stephen J. Solarz

Date: January 10, 1984 Subject: Situation of the Syrian
Jewish Community

WH Referral Dated: January 24, 1984 NSC ID# 8400694
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Department of State.

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 Other.

Remarks:


Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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FEBRUARY 15 1984

Dear Mr. Solarz:


I am responding on behalf of President Reagan to your letter of January 10, 1984 regarding the situation of the Syrian Jewish community. I note that Assistant Secretary Murphy has recently written to you on this subject.

The President and the Administration share your outrage at the brutal and tragic murder of members of the Abadi family in Aleppo. This is an act that cannot but cause universal revulsion. We have conveyed our concern to the Syrian Government. We understand that Syrian authorities continue to investigate the case and are doing everything they can to apprehend the perpetrators. We have also been informed that the authorities have taken appropriate steps to provide security for those families which have received threats and for the Jewish community in Aleppo in general.

The United States Government has long insisted that emigration should be recognized as a universal human right. As you are aware, we have communicated this concern to the Syrian government with specific reference to the Jewish community in Syria.

Please be assured that the Administration and the Department of State are treating this issue with great concern and priority.

Sincerely,


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

The Honorable
Stephen J. Solarz,
House of Representatives.

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DATE: 24 JAN 84

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPT OF STATE

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TO: PRESIDENT

SOURCE: SOLARZ, STEPHEN J

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FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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January 19, 1984

Dear Mr. Solarz:

Thank you for your January 10 letter to the President indicating your serious concern over the deaths of three Syrian Jews in Aleppo and urging the President to communicate this concern to President Assad.

Please know that your recommendations have been brought to the President's direct attention and your letter is being transmitted to the appropriate foreign policy advisers for thorough review and response. We appreciate your interest in writing and sharing with us your concerns.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

W. Dennis Thomas
Deputy Assistant to the President

The Honorable Stephen J. Solarz
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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cc: w/copy of inc to NSC Secretariat - for
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STEPHEN J. SOLARZ
13TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

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January 10, 1984

Hon. Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The successful negotiations for the release of Lieutenant Robert Goodman and the subsequent hopes for improved U.S.-Syrian relations must not be allowed to overshadow our concerns about the continuing plight of the Jewish community in Syria.

At the very time that the release of Lieutenant Goodman was being negotiated, three Syrian Jews -- a young mother and her two children -- were brutally murdered in Aleppo. Shortly thereafter, two Jewish families in Aleppo received phone calls threatening them with a similar fate.

This is not the first time that this small community has been the victim of violent attack. In 1974, for example, four Jewish women were raped and murdered in an attack that may have been sanctioned by the Syrian Government.

While all the facts surrounding the latest horrible crime are not yet known, this heinous act has underscored the ever present danger confronting the 4,500 Jews remaining in Syria. Clearly, as long as Syrian Jews are denied permission to emigrate, in violation of their internationally recognized right to do so, their lives and well-being will continue to remain at risk.

Because I believe that only the highest level contacts will persuade the Syrian Government to change its current policies towards the Syrian Jewish community, I urge you to personally communicate to President Assad as soon as possible not only your shock over the Aleppo murders, but your hope that he will undertake the following actions:

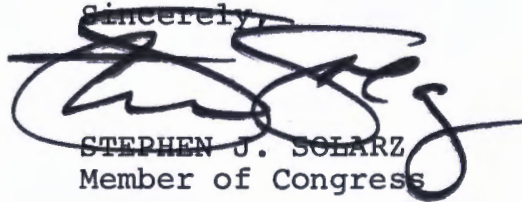
1. Make every effort to bring to justice those responsible for this hideous crime;

2. Provide adequate protection to the Syrian Jewish community to ensure that no additional attacks are carried out; and
3. Permit those members of the Syrian Jewish community who wish to emigrate to do so.

In the face of this latest outrage, I hope you'll agree with me that the U.S. Government must take every opportunity to make clear to the Syrian Government that its treatment of the Jewish community will be one of the key factors taken into account in formulating U.S. policy towards Syria.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen J. Solarz", written over the typed name and title.

STEPHEN J. SOLARZ
Member of Congress

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FROM SOLARZ, STEPHEN J

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. FRANCIS J. VALLE

SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING THE PLIGHT OF SYRIAN JEWRY

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 28, 1984

Dear Mr. Valle:

Thank you for your letter to President Reagan of February 2 regarding the murder of members of the Abadi family in Aleppo, Syria, and the situation of the Syrian Jewish community.

The President shares your outrage at the brutal and tragic murder of members of the Abadi family in Aleppo. This is an act that cannot but cause universal revulsion. We have conveyed our deep concern to the Syrian Government. At the same time, we understand that Syrian authorities continue to investigate the case and are doing everything they can to apprehend the perpetrators. We have also been informed that the authorities have taken appropriate steps to provide security for those families which have received threats and for the Jewish community in Aleppo in general.

The United States government has long insisted that emigration should be recognized as a universal human right. We have communicated this concern to the Syrian government many times, including at the highest levels, with specific reference to the Jewish community in Syria. We will continue these efforts.

Please be assured that the President and the Administration are treating this issue with great concern and priority.

Sincerely,



Linas Kojelis
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison

Mr. Francis J. Valle
State President
State Lodge of Maryland
410 West Fayette Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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February 23, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM: ROBERT M. KIMMITT *BK*

SUBJECT: Letter to President From Md. State Lodge
Re Plight of Syrian Jewry

We concur in the attached draft response to Mr. Valle, President of the Maryland State Lodge, concerning the plight of Syrian Jewry.

Attachment:
as stated w/incoming
correspondence

Dear Mr. Valle:

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Sincerely,

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**National Security Council
The White House**

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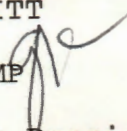

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

February 22, 1984

FOR: BOB KIMMITT
FROM: GEOFF KEMP 
SUBJECT: Letter to President
From Md. State Lodge 

A Kimmitt to Kelley memo is attached for your signature concerning the plight of Syrian Jewry.

Attachment

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Date 2/17/84

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

Reference:

To: PRESIDENT REAGAN From: Mr. Francis J. Valle
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of Syrian Jewry

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FEBRUARY 14, 1984

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 196414

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED FEBRUARY 2, 1984

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. FRANCIS J. VALLE
STATE PRESIDENT
STATE LODGE OF MARYLAND
ORDER SONS OF ITALY
410 WEST FAYETTE STREET
BALTIMORE MD 21201

SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING THE PLIGHT OF SYRIAN JEWRY

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

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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410 W. FAYETTE STREET



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February 2, 1984

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

Re: The Plight of Syrian Jewry

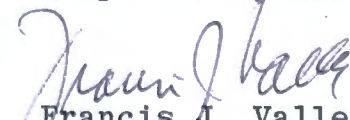
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Respectfully submitted,


Francis J. Valle
State President

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Enclosure



The American Jewish Committee

Philadelphia Chapter • 1411 Walnut St., Suite 1004 • Philadelphia, Pa. 19102 • (215) 564-2460

January 20, 1984

The Honorable Frank J. Montemuro
2084 Old Federal Court House
9th and Chestnut Streets
Phila., PA 19107

1/23/84

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Upon receipt of this letter, would you call me immediately to indicate if we may sign your name to the attached appeal and how you wish to be identified.

Cordially,



Murray Friedman
Regional Director

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: FEBRUARY 27, 1984

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. NICHOLAS A. CIPRIANI

SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING THE PLIGHT OF SYRIAN JEWS,
URGES AN INVESTIGATION OF THE ABADI INCIDENT

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY (STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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REFER QUESTIONS AND ROUTING UPDATES TO CENTRAL REFERENCE
(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

February 29, 1984

Dear Mr. Cipriani:

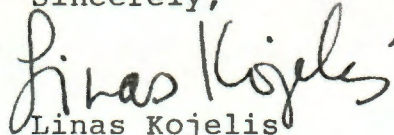
Thank you for your letter to President Reagan of February 2 regarding the murder of members of the Abadi family in Aleppo, Syria, and the situation of the Syrian Jewish community.

The President shares your outrage at the brutal and tragic murder of members of the Abadi family in Aleppo. This is an act that cannot but cause universal revulsion. We have conveyed our deep concern to the Syrian Government. At the same time, we understand that Syrian authorities continue to investigate the case and are doing everything they can to apprehend the perpetrators. We have also been informed that the authorities have taken appropriate steps to provide security for those families which have received threats and for the Jewish community in Aleppo in general.

The United States government has long insisted that emigration should be recognized as a universal human right. We have communicated this concern to the Syrian government many times, including at the highest levels, with specific reference to the Jewish community in Syria. We will continue these efforts.

Please be assured that the President and the Administration are treating this issue with great concern and priority.

Sincerely,



Linas Kojelis
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison

Mr. Nicholas A. Cipriani
State President
Order Sons of Italy in America
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
1520 Locust Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102

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*Nicholas A. Cipriani
State President*

February 23, 1984

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We deplore and condemn the brutal murder and mutilation of a pregnant Jewish mother and her two small children in Aleppo, Syria, which occurred recently. They were the family of Victor Abadi, a prominent jeweler merchant in Aleppo.

There are 5,000 Jews living in Syria, and their situation is precarious. They are the only ethnic group in Syria totally forbidden to emigrate. The tragedy of the Abadi family could have been averted had the Syrians permitted family reunion abroad.

We urge you to use your good office to bring about an investigation of the Abadi incident and to bring to justice the murderers of the Abadi family. Further, we ask you and the members of congress to do everything in your power to convince President Hafez Assad of Syria to permit those Syrian Jews, who wish to emigrate, to leave freely to join their families abroad. This is a basic human right.

We thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Nicholas A. Cipriani
State President

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

March 7, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR DONALD P. GREGG

FROM: ROBERT M. KIMMITT ^{RM}

SUBJECT: Plight of Syrian Jews

We concur in the attached State draft reply to Francis J. Valle, President, State Lodge of Maryland, in response to his letter to Vice President Bush, concerning the plight of Syrian Jews.

Attachment:
as stated w/incoming

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National Security Council
The White House

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cc: VP Meese Baker Deaver Other _____

COMMENTS

Should be seen by: _____
(Date/Time)

MAR 03 '84

Dear Mr. Valle:

Thank you for your letter of February 2 regarding the tragic and brutal murder of members of the Abadi family in Aleppo, Syria, and the situation of the Syrian Jewish community.

Events such as this murder and mutilation of a young mother and her two small children are an outrage and an affront to us all, regardless of where it occurs. We have informed the Syrian government of our abhorrence of this act and our concern that all means be taken to apprehend the perpetrators. We understand that the Syrian government is treating this crime very seriously, and that it continues its investigation. We also have been assured that the Syrian authorities have provided appropriate police protection to two other Jewish families in Aleppo who subsequently received threatening phone calls, and have enhanced security for the Jewish community there in general.

The United States has consistently supported the right of emigration as an inherent human right. We have specifically discussed this on many occasions and at many levels with the Syrian government regarding the Jewish community, and will continue to do so.

Mr. Francis J. Valle,
State President,
Order of Sons of Italy in America,
410 W. Fayette Street,
Baltimore, Maryland

Please accept my personal assurances that this Administration is deeply concerned about both the Aleppo murder and the broader question of the right of emigration for the Syrian Jewish community.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

George Bush

Drafted: NEA/ARN:BEhrnman *BA*
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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

1757

March 6, 1984

SIGNED

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM: GEOFFREY KEMP *GK*

SUBJECT: Letter to the VP Concerning Plight of Syrian Jews

Attached for your initials is a memo to Don Gregg transmitting a State drafted response concerning the plight of Syrian Jews.

APPROVE

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DISAPPROVE

Attachments:
as stated

RECEIVED 02 MAR 84 09

TO VICE PRESIDENT

FROM VALLE, FRANCIS J

DOCDATE 02 FEB 84

KEYWORDS SYRIA

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SUBJECT LTR TO VP FM STATE LODGE MD RE PLIGHT SYRIAN JEWS

ACTION: MEMO KIMMITT TO DON GREGG DUE: 08 MAR 84 STATUS S FILES

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FOR CONCURRENCE

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KEMP

RAYMOND

COMMENTS IDENTICAL LTR WAS SENT TO THE PRESIDENT ALSO, SEE YOUR 1427. THANKS L.

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<i>Kimmitt</i>	<i>X 3/6</i> MAR 07 1984	<i>For Signature</i> <i>Kimmitt spd</i>	<i>3/6</i>	<i>GK ✓</i>

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

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S/S 8404359

Date March 1, 1984

For: Mr. Donald P. Gregg
Office of the Vice President
The White House

Reference:

To: Vice President Bush From: Francis J. Valle

Date: February 2, 1984 Subject: Murder in Syria

WH Referral Dated: February 8, 1984 NSC ID# (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.
- 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:

Charles Hill
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Executive Secretary

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

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REFERRAL

To: DIRECTOR, SECRETARIAT STAFF
(S/S-S)
Department of State, Room 7241
Washington, D. C. 20520

Date: 8 February 1984

ACTION REQUESTED

- Draft reply for:
- Vice President's signature.
- Undersigned's signature.
- Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- Direct reply.
- Furnish information copy.
- Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
- Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- For your information.
- For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.
If more than 48 hours' delay is encountered,
please telephone the undersigned immediately.

395-4223 Natalie Wozniak

Basic correspondence should be returned when
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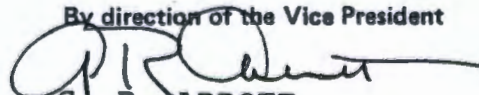
REMARKS:

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Letter: _____ Telegram; Other: _____

To: The Vice President
From: Francis J. Valle, Sons of Italy
Date: 2 February 1984
Subject: Murder in Syria

By direction of the Vice President



G. R. ABBOTT
Staff Assistant

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