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MESSAGE DESCRIPTION REVOLUTION DAY MESSAGE

TO: (Agency) DELIVER TO: Extension Room No.

NSC MICHAEL WHEELER 395-3044 3720E08

FOR: CLEARANCE INFORMATION PER REQUEST COMMENT

REMARKS: Done by 9/7/82.

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IMMEDIATE ADDIS ABABA

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PPDC, PDEV, ET, US

SUBJECT: REVOLUTION DAY MESSAGE

REF: ADDIS 2888

1. YOU MAY PROVIDE MOFA THE FOLLOWING ROVOLUTION DAY MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT: QUOTE ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND TO THE PEOPLE OF ETHIOPIA ON THE OCCASION OF THE EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION. SINCERELY, RONALD REAGAN UNQUOTE

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E. O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: OAU, PREL, US, XA
SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO OAU CHAIRMAN FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN

1. EMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER ASAP FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN TO NEWLY ELECTED OAU CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT MENGISTU HAILE MARIAM.

2. TEXT:

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN:

ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR ELECTION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY IT GIVES ME PLEASURE TO CONGRATULATE YOU AND ALL MEMBER-STATES OF THE OAU ON HAVING RESTORED UNITY AND HOPE TO THAT GREAT ORGANIZATION. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AS A FRIEND OF AFRICA, SHARES THE SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT WHICH

MUST BE YOUR'S AT THIS TIME. THE OAU HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO STABILITY AND PROGRESS IN AFRICA IN THE FIRST TWO DECADES OF INDEPENDENCE, AND NOW THAT THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE PAST YEAR HAVE BEEN OVERCOME CAN LOOK FORWARD TO EVEN GREATER PROGRESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND I WISH YOU WELL AS YOU BEGIN YOUR DUTIES AS CHAIRMAN OF THE OAU, AND WE WISH THE ORGANIZATION SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE AS IT PURSUES ITS NOBLE OBJECTIVES: FREEDOM, EQUALITY, JUSTICE AND DIGNITY FOR ALL AFRICAN PEOPLES.

SINCERELY,

RONALD REAGAN

3. ALL POSTS MAY RELEASE THE TEXT OF THIS MESSAGE FOLLOWING NOTIFICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT THAT IT HAS BEEN RELEASED IN WASHINGTON BY THE WHITE HOUSE. EAGLEBURGER BT

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MEMORANDUM FOR RONALD K. PETERSON
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

SUBJECT: H.R. 107 Re Ethiopian Jews

The NSC has no objection to the proposed State Department report on H.R. 107.

Robert M. Kimmitt
Executive Secretary



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

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August 8, 1983

LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative Liaison Officer-
✓ National Security Council

SUBJECT: State proposed report on H.Con.Res. 107,
expressing the concern of the Congress regarding
the plight of Ethiopian Jews.

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 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1983.

Questions should be referred to Tracey Lawler (395-4710) the legislative analyst in this office, or to Susan Wharton (395-4580).

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

Enclosures

cc: Jim Barie



Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your request for the Department's comments on H. Con. Res. 107 -- expressing the grave concern of the Congress regarding the plight of Ethiopian Jews.

The Department has no objection to the content of the resolution per se, but would offer the following comments in the interest of clarifying the situation addressed by the resolution.

The resolution addresses only the situation of one of Ethiopia's ethnic and religious groups, the Falasha Jews. This group in fact suffers from many of the same problems which affect large numbers of Ethiopians -- poverty, neglect by former and/or present national and local administrations, and suffering from the violence that accompanied the 1974 revolution and its aftermath. Regarding emigration, the Ethiopian government does not recognize the right of emigration for any of its citizens; the Falasha Jews thus are not the only group whose right to emigrate is being denied, as appears to be implied in the present text of the resolution. Among Ethiopian religious groups, other groups equal or larger in numbers to the Falasha have suffered from religious persecution since the 1974 revolution which is considerably more severe than that faced by the Falasha.

By making no reference to other groups in Ethiopia which may have suffered in the past or be suffering now, the resolution could convey the unfortunate impression that the Congress is not interested in the welfare of suffering Ethiopians in general but only in this one particular group. For the Congress to convey this impression could have a negative impact on the image of the United States among the Ethiopian population in general, and might paradoxically even harm the interests of the Falasha by the appearance of preferential external attention.

The Honorable
Clement J. Zablocki,
Chairman,
Committee on Foreign Affairs,
House of Representatives.

The United States has closely followed the human rights situation in Ethiopia for many years, including the situation of the Falasha. We have on a number of occasions made our views on human rights issues known to the Ethiopian government, as have other governments and international organizations. However, our relations with the Ethiopian government have been strained since the revolution, and our influence on human rights or other questions is very limited. We are not aware of any instance in which our representations, either direct or indirect, have resulted in positive action by the Ethiopian government on the problems on which we have expressed concern. Thus, while the United States will continue to express our concerns over the human rights situation in Ethiopia, including the human rights conditions of the Falasha Jews, on all appropriate occasions including in discussions with other governments and other fora, we cannot realistically expect our approaches to have significant impact. In our judgment, the appearance of a concerted U.S. campaign on this subject, particularly one which singled out a particular group, could in fact have a counterproductive effect.

We hope that these comments will be of assistance to the Committee in its consideration of this proposed resolution.

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.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

Powell A. Moore
Assistant Secretary
for Legislative and
Intergovernmental Affairs

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: ODIP, ET, US
SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE

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1. ~~C~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN TO CHAIRMAN MENGISTU AS SOON AS APPROPRIATE PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 13:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, I WISH TO EXTEND OUR BEST WISHES AND CONGRATULATIONS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND TO THE ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE IN CELEBRATION OF THE NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION. UNQUOTE.

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY RECIPIENT. YY

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By L. JONES NARA, Date 12/18/03

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PREL, ET, IS
SUBJECT: ISRAELI - ETHIOPIA RELATIONS

1. ~~B~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. ISRAELI MFA DIRECTOR OF DIASPORA AFFAIRS, AMBASSADOR MOISHE GILBOA, MET WITH DAS JAMES BISHOP (AF) FOR AN HOUR OCTOBER 27. GILBOA DESCRIBED THE CURRENT STATE OF ISRAELI-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS AND CITED A NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENTS TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS THESIS THAT MENGISTU IS REACHING OUT TO WESTERN COUNTRIES BY ESTABLISHING NEW TIES WITH ISRAEL. AMONG THESE WERE PMGSE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES SERVICE TO ISRAEL, AS WELL AS ISRAELI TOURISM IN ETHIOPIA. GILBOA ALSO CITED THE PERMISSION EXTENDED TO AN ETHIOPIAN SCHOLAR TO DO RESEARCH IN JERUSALEM (WHERE HE IS BUSY MAKING POLITICAL CONTACTS), AUTHORIZATION FOR ISRAELIS TO VISIT FALASHA VILLAGES, AND SOME FLEXIBILITY ON THE ISSUE OF ISRAELI PVO ACTIVITIES IN ETHIOPIA.

3. ON FALASHAS - HIS PRINCIPAL INTEREST - GILBOA SAID THAT 400 WERE BROUGHT TO ISRAEL THIS PAST MONTH, WHICH BRINGS THIS YEAR'S TOTAL TO 1,700. BY THE END OF THE YEAR, THE FIGURE MAY DOUBLE THE OUTFLOW TO DATE. ACCORDING TO ISRAELI STATISTICS, 4000 PERSONS OR 20 PERCENT OF THE ETHIOPIAN FALASHA POPULATION HAVE REACHED ISRAEL. MENGISTU IS OBVIOUSLY AWARE OF THIS THROUGH REPORTING BY ETHIOPIAN PRIESTS OR OTHER ETHIOPIANS RESIDENT IN ISRAEL AND THE EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY IN ISRAELI PRESS. -THE INCREASED RATE OF EMIGRATION, GILBOA SAID, HAS ALMOST EMPTIED THE PIPELINE THROUGH SUDAN. ISRAEL, THEREFORE, IS APPARENTLY CONSIDERING WHETHER OR NOT TO APPROACH MENGISTU ON THE POSSIBILITY OF DIRECT EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL.

4. ALTHOUGH GILBOA AVOIDED EXPLICIT REQUESTS, THE PRINCIPAL THEME OF HIS PRESENTATION WAS THAT WE SHOULD BE MORE SYMPATHETIC TO MENGISTU BECAUSE HIS OPENING TO THE ISRAELIS AND HIS MORE MODERATE BEHAVIOR TOWARDS OTHERS, E. G. LIBERIA'S DOE

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PRESAGES GREATER INTEREST IN WESTERN CONNECTIONS. BISHOP OUTLINED THE EFFORTS WE HAVE MADE OVER THE PAST YEAR TO ENGAGE THE ETHIOPIAN LEADERSHIP IN A DIALOGUE AND THE PAUCITY-OF; RESULTS TO DATE. HE DID EMPHASIZE OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN IMPROVED RELATIONS WHILE STRESSING THAT THIS COULD BE SATISFIED ONLY IF EACH SIDE WERE PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION WITH SPECIFIC ACTIONS.

ALTHOUGH HIS MOTIVE WAS NOT CLEAR, GILBOA ALSO WANTED TO KNOW IF THE USG WOULD ENCOURAGE AMERICAN JEWS TO VISIT THE FALASHA. BISHOP REPLIED THAT IT DID NOT SEEM APPROPRIATE FOR THE USG TO BE ADVISING AMERICAN JEWS WHAT THEY SHOULD DO ABOUT SO PERSONAL AN ISSUE.

5. AMBASSADOR GILBOA MET ON OCTOBER 28 WITH AMBASSADOR H. EUGENE DOUGLAS. THE DISCUSSION AGAIN CENTERED ON THE FALASHA ISSUE. GILBOA AND DOUGLAS AGREED THAT THE PMGSE WAS EVIDENTLY USING THE FALASHAS AS A DEVICE TO FOSTER POSITIVE PUBLIC RELATIONS AND GREATER ECONOMIC SUPPORT FROM THE WEST. THE SUBJECT OF LEGALIZING DIRECT FALASHA TRAVEL TO ISRAEL WAS DISCUSSED, ALTHOUGH BOTH GILBOA AND DOUGLAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT NO SUCH SYSTEM CURRENTLY EXISTS.

6. COMMENT. THE RECENT EVENTS GILBOA CITED MAY INDEED HAVE PERSUADED THE ISRAELIS THAT MENGISTU IS INTERESTED IN A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM, PERHAPS AS A TACTIC FOR ELICITING A MORE SYMPATHETIC AUDIENCE IN THE UNITED STATES. THE ISRAELIS, HOWEVER, SET GREAT STORE IN IMPROVED BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH ETHIOPIA, FOR REASONS EXTENDING WELL BEYOND THE PROTEC-

TION OF THE FALASHAS. THEY WILL NOT EASILY AGREE THAT WE HAVE DONE ALL THAT WE REASONABLY COULD TO IMPROVE OUR RELATIONS WITH ADDIS ABABA; HOWEVER, FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE THIS WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE UNLESS THE ETHIOPIANS PROVE WILLING TO LIMIT THEIR DESTABILIZATION EFFORTS AGAINST SOMALIA AND SUDAN. SHULTZ
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