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02a. Memo	C. Davis Welch to Brent Scowcroft Re: Your Meeting with Adnan Abu Odeh, Political Advisor to King Hussein, Tuesday, March 26, 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. (2 pp.)	3/25/91	(b)(1)	S
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03a. Cable	Re: Letter from President to Crown Prince Abdullah (2 pp.)	4/5/91	(b)(1)	C
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04a. Letter	President Bush to President Hafiz al-Asad (1 pp.)	4/16/91	(b)(1)	
04b. Letter	President Bush to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir (1 pp.)	4/16/91	(b)(1)	
04c. Letter	President Bush to President Mohammad Hosni Mubarak (1 pp.)	4/16/91	(b)(1)	
04d. Letter	President Bush to King Fahd bin Abdulaziz al-Saud (1 pp.)	4/16/91	(b)(1)	

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05. Cable	American Embassy Amman to Secretary of State Washington DC Re: Letter from King Hussein to President Bush (3 pp.)	4/22/91	(b)(1)	S
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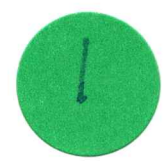
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March 20, 1991

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INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

THROUGH: RICHARD N. HAASS 

FROM: C. DAVID WELCH 

SUBJECT: "Obey Report" on Israeli Government Support for Settlement Activity

In compliance with Congress' request (David Obey specifically), the State Department sent the Hill on March 19 an unclassified report on Israeli government support for settlement activity. A highlighted copy is at Tab I. Notable points in the report are summarized below.

-- Status of Settlements: Over 200,000 settlers now live in about 200 settlements in the Occupied Territories, including East Jerusalem. About one-half of the land on the West Bank, and one-third of Gaza, has been reserved by Israel for Israeli use, though settlements take up only a fraction. There are 120,000 Jews in East Jerusalem, increasing at a rate of 10% p/annum since 1988. There are 90,000 in the West Bank, also increasing at 10% p/annum. The Golan and Gaza are more sparsely settled, 12,000 and 3,000 respectively, with the Golan settlements growing at a 10% p/annum clip since 1988 and only at a modest rate of increase in Gaza.

-- Soviet Jewish Immigrants: 3,000 of the 1990 Soviet immigrants went to the West Bank, while 5,830 went to East Jerusalem. While this represents only 1.2% of the total immigration flow, it represents approximately 20% of the population growth in 1990 in the West Bank settlement population -- put differently, one of every five new settlers in the West Bank is a Soviet Jewish immigrant. All told, about 4% of the 1990 Soviet immigrants are living in the Occupied Territories, including in East Jerusalem.

-- Government Support: The report admits difficulty in gathering data and in measuring settlement activity. The report notes the Levy-Baker assurance (for the \$400 million HIG's) that Israel would use its "best efforts to provide annually as complete information as possible on (Israel's)

financial support for settlement activity," but subsequently states without elaboration that the Israeli government said "it does not prepare its budget in such a manner as to make the development of comprehensive figures possible." The report describes three indicators of settlement support and growth -- budgets; housing starts; and population -- and states that while there is no clear trend in housing starts, budgets and population have increased steadily.

- Budgets: In Israeli FY 1990, identifiable allocations equal \$82.5 million, but this is a minimum figure. The report suggests that additional funding for settlements exists within certain ministerial budgets, but cannot be identified from available Israeli documentation. Many subsidy costs fall into this category. In addition, the Israeli government makes certain indirect expenditures for subsidies and incentives, available to all Israelis who live in settlements and those in Israel proper who live in "development towns." No attempt is made in the report to estimate the size or scale of this additional funding.
- New vs. Expanded: The report concludes that despite a policy of strict limits on the number of **new** settlements, overall settlement activity has continued apace, with construction of new housing remaining steady. Existing settlements are the focus of expansion, in some cases by extending existing boundaries, by building on "administratively linked" but not contiguous sites, or by construction on previously abandoned sites.

Attachment

Tab I Israeli Settlement in the Occupied Territories

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Roman Popadiuk

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PERSONS: ABU ODEH, ADNAN

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SUBJECT: TALKERS FOR SCOWCROFT MTG W/ ABU ODEH / POLITICAL ADVISOR TO KING
HUSSEIN ON 26 MAR RE US - JORDANIAN RELATIONS

ACTION: NOTED BY SCOWCROFT

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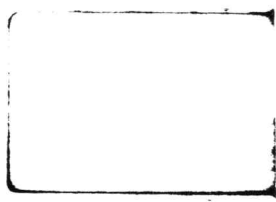
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PERSONS:

SUBJECT: PRES RESPONSE TO LTR FM CROWN PRINCE ABDULLAH RE ROLE OF SAUDI NATL
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ACTION: PRES APPROVED CABLE

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SUBJECT: LTR FM PRES TO KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN RE SEC BAKER PEACE MISSION

ACTION: PRES SGD LTR

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04c. Letter	President Bush to President Mohammad Hosni Mubarak (1 pp.)	4/16/91	(b)(1)	

Collection:

Record Group: Bush Presidential Records
Office: Scowcroft, Brent, Collection
Series: Middle East Peace Process Files
Subseries: Chronological Files
WHORM Cat.:
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04d. Letter	President Bush to King Fahd bin Abdulaziz al-Saud (1 pp.)	4/16/91	(b)(1)	

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Office: Scowcroft, Brent, Collection
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
April 16, 1991

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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *BS for*
SUBJECT: Letters to King Fahd, King Hussein,
President Mubarak, President Asad, and
Prime Minister Shamir

Purpose

To convey your personal sense of urgency for Jim Baker's peace process mission.

Background

Jim Baker is heading back to the Middle East, where he will meet with Fahd, Hussein, Mubarak, Asad, and Shamir. He suggested that letters from you to each leader, stressing the urgency of making progress in the peace process, would be useful to convey your personal support for his mission. We agree.

Recommendation

That you sign the letters at Tab A to King Fahd, King Hussein, President Mubarak, President Asad, and Prime Minister Shamir.

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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April 16, 1991

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MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

THROUGH: RICHARD N. HAASS *mw*

FROM: C. DAVID WELCH *mw*

SUBJECT: Letters to King Fahd, King Hussein, President Mubarak, President Asad, and Prime Minister Shamir

Attached at Tab I is a memo to the President, forwarding brief letters to Fahd, Hussein, Mubarak, Asad, and Shamir for Jim Baker to deliver during his trip.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached memo to the President.

Attachments

Tab I	Memorandum to President
Tab A	Letter to King Fahd
Tab B	Letter to King Hussein
Tab C	Letter to President Mubarak
Tab D	Letter to President Asad
Tab E	Letter to Prime Minister Shamir

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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM KING HUSSEIN TO PRESIDENT BUSH

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2. THE KING SUMMONED ME APRIL 22 AND PROVIDED ME WITH THE FOLLOWING LETTER ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT BUSH.

BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

I AM MOST THANKFUL FOR YOUR WARM WISHES TO ME AND THE PEOPLE OF JORDAN ON THE OCCASION OF THE HOLY FEAST OF ID AL FITR.

THE FIRST VISIT EVER TO JORDAN BY SECRETARY BAKER AFFORDED ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME HIM AS AN OLD FRIEND AND OUR TALKS WERE EXTENSIVE, FRANK AND CONSTRUCTIVE. THIS IS INDEED A CRUCIAL MOMENT FOR THIS REGION AND I SHARE YOUR CONVICTION THAT WE HAVE A REAL AND HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A BREAKTHROUGH TOWARD ENDURING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

MR. PRESIDENT, IN RESPONDING TO A QUESTION POSED BY SECRETARY BAKER AT THE CONCLUSION OF OUR TALKS AS TO "WHAT IS NEEDED FOR US TO RESUME A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND OURSELVES?", I RECALLED VIVIDLY IN MY MIND ITS BEGINNINGS BACK IN THE FIFTIES, FOUNDED ON THE FIRM FOUNDATIONS OF MUTUAL RESPECT, TRUST AND

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PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN MY LATE GREAT FRIEND PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER AND MYSELF. IN SEEKING THE ATTAINMENT OF MUTUAL OBJECTIVES AND UPHOLDING AND DEFENDING WITH PRIDE MUTUAL IDEALS AND PRINCIPLES. OVER TIME THIS RELATIONSHIP PERMEATED AND EMBRACED ALL THE ELEMENTS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN, ITS PEOPLE ITS ARMED FORCES, ITS PUBLIC SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE FORCES AND THEIR OPPOSITE NUMBERS IN THE UNITED STATES. MY RESPONSE TO SECRETARY BAKER WAS THAT IF THAT IS OUR TRUE AND MUTUAL OBJECTIVE THEN WE HAVE ONE VITAL PREREQUISITE WHICH IS FOR US BOTH, ONCE AND FOR ALL, HONESTLY AND FRANKLY AND WITHOUT EXCEPTION, TO RECOGNISE, IDENTIFY, ADDRESS AND REMOVE FROM OUR RELATIONSHIP ALL THE GREY AREAS THAT HAVE CLOUDED AMERICAN/JORDANIAN RELATIONS OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS, REACHING A PEAK OF INTENSITY DURING THE GULF CRISIS AND WAR.

YOU SEE, SIR, THIS IS THE ONLY KEY THAT CAN UNLOCK THE DOOR BETWEEN US BEFORE BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES CAN REBUILD AND REVITALISE OUR RELATIONS TO WHAT I BELIEVED THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN AS THE YOUNG IDEALIST OF THE FIFTIES WHO VALUED AS HE DOES NOW, AND ABOVE ALL HIS INTEGRITY AND HONOUR, AND WHO HAS, AS YOUR OLD FRIEND BELIEVES A SACRED DUTY TO BE HONEST WITH YOU AT THE PINNACLE OF POWER IN THE MOST POWERFUL NATION OF OUR TIMES.

I WOULD NOT EXPECT YOU TO ACCEPT LESS FROM ME THAN TOTAL HONESTY, AT LEAST AS REGARDS MY ACCUMULATED EXPERIENCE, FOR WHATEVER IT IS WORTH, IN THE AFFAIRS OF THIS REGION IN WHICH I CAME TO LIFE AND IN WHICH I HAVE LIVED, DEDICATED TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE, JUSTICE AND DUTY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

I AM EXCITED OVER THE OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTRIBUTE TO REAL PEACE IN THIS REGION.

I HOPE SECRETARY BAKER WILL APPRISE YOU, SIR, OF OUR TALKS IN AQABA, AND I THANK YOU ONCE MORE FOR YOUR

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MESSAGE AND FOR HIS VISIT WHERE WE GO FROM HERE IS UP
TO YOU.

WITH MY WARM WISHES.

YOURS SINCERELY.

HUSSEIN I

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3. COMMENT: JUST WHAT THE KING HAS IN MIND BY THE
PHRASE "REMOVING GRAY AREAS" IS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR.
THE CROWN PRINCE, WHO HAD SOME HAND IN THE DRAFTING,
TELLS ME THE IDEA IS TO RECAST OUR MILITARY,
INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY RELATIONSHIPS, WHICH THE KING
BELIEVES HAVE GRADUALLY ERODED, ON THE BASIS OF NEW,
OPEN AND MUTUALLY-AGREED PRINCIPLES. THERE IS NO SIGN,
HOWEVER, THAT THE KING HAS ANY SPECIFIC IDEAS IN MIND.
HARRISON

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EMBASSY OF ISRAEL
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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April 23, 1991

Dear Mr. President:

I have been asked by Prime Minister to transmit to you the following message:

"Dear Mr. President,

I appreciate your warm and encouraging message of April 16, 1991.

At the outset, I would like to address a word of appreciation for Secretary Baker's untiring efforts. We are very cognizant that the U.S. Government is investing a great deal of effort, so as to move the peace process forward. Since the achievement of peace has always been our greatest ambition, we have every desire to do everything possible to ensure the success of Secretary Baker's mission. I am sure that you know how difficult and problematic some of the issues involved are, as they touch upon basic concerns of our State. Therefore we look forward to hearing Secretary Baker's impressions after his talks in Arab countries, which may enable us to see the full picture and shape our decisions.

In this regard we are encouraged by the first reports of a change of tone and attitude toward Israel in some Arab capitals, following the Gulf war. We awaited some tangible expression of this change, anything that could signify an end to the total boycott of Israel and a readiness to end the state of war with it. We are still hoping that Secretary Baker will bring us some positive news on this important aspect of the problem.

Meanwhile, we are following with great understanding the way you are handling the moral and political dilemmas arising from the aftermath of the war. Together with you, we hope that the U.S. will successfully lead an effort to achieve a lasting settlement that would end the Kurdish tragedy and deprive the present Iraqi regime of its potential for aggression.

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We look forward to the return of Secretary of State
Baker and to continuing our important dialogue.

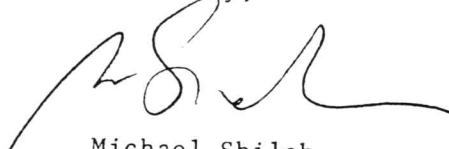
With much appreciation and best wishes,

Sincerely,

(sd)

Yitzhak Shamir"

Sincerely,



Michael Shiloh
Minister
Charge d'Affaires ad interim

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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