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JUST LAST WEEK, SECRETARY BAKER UNDERTOOK HIS FIFTH MISSION TO THE MIDDLE EAST SINCE THE GULF WAR. HIS PURPOSE: TO BRING ABOUT A PEACE CONFERENCE DESIGNED TO LAUNCH DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ITS ARAB NEIGHBORS. BUILDING ON THE POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM SYRIA, WE HAVE GAINED THE AGREEMENT OF EGYPT, JORDAN, LEBANON AND THE 6-STATE GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL TO ATTEND A PEACE CONFERENCE, FACE TO FACE WITH ISRAEL. / WE ALSO HAVE THE PUBLIC COMMITMENT OF SEVERAL ARAB STATES -- INCLUDING EGYPT, JORDAN AND SAUDI ARABIA -- TO SUSPEND THE ECONOMIC BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL, IF ISRAEL SUSPENDS SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. IN THE MIDDLE EAST AS IN LEBANON, OUR OBJECTIVE REMAINS A PEACE THAT IS FAIR TO ALL PARTIES - - A PEACE THAT PROMOTES THE SECURITY OF OUR FRIENDS AND TRUE STABILITY IN THE REGION. //

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From R. Haass
7/24/91 1:30 pm

Dan: pls insert to speech (page 4, para 2, add new para after phrase "...face to face with Israel" and before what would become another new para beginning "We also have the public commitment..."

As a result, we know that the Israelis are studying our proposal seriously. We ~~are~~ ^{are} hopeful that they will respond favorably to ~~what is~~ ^{this} a historic opportunity for peace and security. I know the Palestinians are closely examining their choices; here too I would ask only that they do everything possible to take advantage of this unprecedented situation to attain their legitimate rights-- and at the same time further the cause of peace.

Dan: with the above the text is up to date and cleared with State.

Let me know if any problems. thanks. Richard H

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: TONY SNOW *TS*

FROM: DAN MCGROARTY *DMG*

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RESPONSE:
MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

July 23, 1991

The NSC staff concurs with changes as indicated.


Brent Scowcroft

PHILLIP D. BRADY
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FROM: **JOHN S. GARDNER**
Special Assistant to the President
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Thanks, JG

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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Antiochian Orthodox
Christian Church

We have reviewed the attached draft remarks and have no comments from a policy standpoint. We approve the draft in its current form.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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RESPONSE: *No comment. Chris Mottin x3060*

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PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
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McGroarty/Simon
July 19, 1991
11:30 am
[ANTIOCH]

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

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Antiochian Orthodox
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cc: Phillip D. Brady

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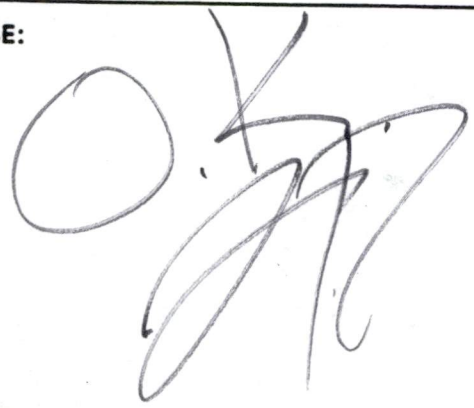
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