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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 18, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE BILL GOODLING

SUBJECT: FORWARDS COPY OF LETTER TO THE EDITOR, THE
GETTYSBURG TIMES BY CHARLES W. WOLF,
GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA REGARDING THE
MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

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May 2, 1989

Dear Bill:

On the President's behalf, I would like to thank you for your recent letter and the editorial you enclosed which Mr. Charles W. Wolf wrote regarding the situation in the Middle East.

We appreciate having the benefit of Mr. Wolf's thoughts regarding peace in that region and have taken the liberty of sharing his comments with the President's advisers in this area. I am sure that they, too, will welcome the opportunity to learn Mr. Wolf's perspective on the situation.

Thank you again for your interest in writing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Frederick D. McClure
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Bill Goodling
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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cc: w/copy of inc to Janet Mullins, cong affrs, State - FYI



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

BILL GOODLING
19TH DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA

April 12, 1989

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8911026

Date June 1, 1989

For: Mr. Philip Hughes
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Bush From: Rep. Bill Goodling
Date: April 12, 1989 Subject: Requesting opinion on
constituent's draft editorial (not enclosed)
Referral Dated: May 16, 1989 ID# 027474
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_____ 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.
XXX We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.
_____ The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.
_____ Other (see remarks).

Remarks: Per Smith/Kelley telcon of May 31, no response is
necessary. Copy of draft editorial from Rep. Goodling's
constituent was not included in package.

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TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Comments:

It is plain political stupidity

Editor; The Gettysburg Times:

The recent happenings between Israel and the inhabitants of the West Bank and of the Gaza Strip recall the statements made by General Eisenhower during the five day war between Israel and some of the Arab states in 1967. The General stated that there would never be peace in the Middle East until the Palestinian issue was settled and the Palestinian issue would not be settled until the Palestinians had a homeland.

On October 14, 1982, I delivered an informal address at the Eisenhower Statue on the College Campus on six topics which were of especial interest to the General in his conversations in his late years. One of these topics which I covered in some detail was a summary of his comments on "Israel and the Arabs."

About four years ago Hofstra University had a seminar on the Eisenhower Presidency during which a Distinguished Professor of History at the University of Virginia stated that in his opinion Eisenhower would not have recognized the state of Israel as President Truman did in 1948 unless the matter of a Palestinian homeland was settled. There are many reasons to think that the professor's statement was correct.

I am also reminded that in the early days of the Nixon administration, former Governor William W. Scranton was sent on a fact finding mission to the Middle East and one of the recommendations was that the United States face the Israeli-Palestinian problems with a more even handed approach. Governor Scranton's report was not acceptable in many quarters and that was the last mission that he performed in connection with trying to make any progress with the Middle East problem.

The real problem today is that Israel and its government leaders have taken the position, and have publically stated that, "that what you win is yours", referring to the military victory in 1967 whereby Israel won the area of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. This principle totally overlooks the fact that in World War II, we had defeated Germany and Japan and, nevertheless, did not take or claim one inch of Germany's land or of the land of Japan. Instead, we set up the Marshall Plan in Europe and spent billions on helping to rebuild Germany and get the country on its feet and we did something similar under General MacArthur in Japan after the war. Obviously, Israel has learned absolutely nothing from what this country did after World War II.

The West Bank has a Jewish population of about 55,000 and a Palestinian population of 775,000 inhabitants. It is no wonder that in Israel in trying to occupy the West Bank, and claim it, and settle it, that it is having the problems with the Palestinians that we are all aware of over the past several months.

The Gaza Strip situation is even more startling, with 2000 Jews and 559,000 Palestinians. There is no other area on the world map where people live in more abject poverty and with less human rights than the Palestinian and Arab settlement in the Gaza Strip. We hear a lot about human rights in South Africa and in Russia but the theory about human rights in the Gaza Strip seems to be that they are not violated, since there are no human rights there to begin with. Many Israelis do not regard the Arabs as humans.

The geographical area of the West Bank is on the average about twenty-five or thirty miles wide and about fifty miles long. One approach would be to take the position that so far as Israel's claims to it are concerned, the land has been bought and paid for by the United States many times over. Our country gave Israel almost \$4 billion last year and has on the average over the past twenty years given to Israel about \$2.5 billion per year or a total of at least \$50 billion. This is in addition to the billions of dollars that is given by American citizens to the state of Israel under unbelievably favorable and exceptional tax treatment, which has been continued from a Congressional Act approved by President Truman back in 1948 and was to last only three to five years. This would have bought and paid for the land of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip many times over. Therefore, we should simply tell Israel that there are no economic or political reasons for its trying to hold onto these two land areas and that they should relinquish the same promptly and peaceably in view of our payments to Israel over the years and particularly over the last twenty years. We bought Alaska from Russia and we bought Louisiana from the French and it would make sense to buy the West Bank and Gaza Strip from the Israelis.

One of the reasons Israel always gives for failing to negotiate a Palestinian settlement is that the Palestinian Liberation Organization (the PLO) has been guilty of terrorism. Israel completely overlooks the fact that its own recent head of government, Menachem Begin, was the biggest terrorist in the Middle East in the whole Zionist Movement.

The recent proposal by Secretary of State Shultz has been flatly rejected by Prime Minister Shamir of Israel and it ought to be obvious to the whole world by this time that if the problems in the Middle East are to be settled only upon the full agreement and without objection by Israel, they will never be settled. Of course, the rejection of Mr. Shultz's proposals is in line with Israel's rejection of U N Resolution 242 since it was first adopted. This Resolution in effects asks Israel to withdraw from the West Bank and Gaza and not to make settlements in these areas. Four successive Washington Administrations have urged Israel to adhere to 242 but to no avail. The Western World's permitting to let this situation continue and fester for the last forty years is the sad commentary on not only the United Nations but the countries of the Western World, and is a discredit to Western Civilization.

Israel proclaims itself as a great and good friend of the United thus justifying our treatment of Israel, however, one must keep in mind that Israel has also been doing some very serious and effective spying against the United States.

There are many prominent Jewish leaders and Jewish organizations in the United States who recognize the sentiments of this letter and are coming to the conclusion that we are approaching the time when the Palestinian issue must, indeed, be settled, for the peaceable and honorable survival of Israel in the Middle East.

Its constant refusal to deal or negotiate with the Palestinians in trying to resolve the problems of the Middle East can only be summarized in two words - political stupidity.

Charles W. Wolf
Gettysburg