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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 08, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. ALAN E. SOHN

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT
PEACE PROPOSALS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8910595

Date May 26, 1989

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

Reference:

To: President Bush From: Mr. Alan E. Sohn
Date: April 19, 1989 Subject: Writes in Support of Efforts
to Implement Peace Proposals in the Middle East.
Referral Dated: May 10, 1989 ID# 034296
(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.
 X 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 (see remarks).

Remarks:

for Sandra Suleis
Director
Secretariat Staff

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

May 26, 1989

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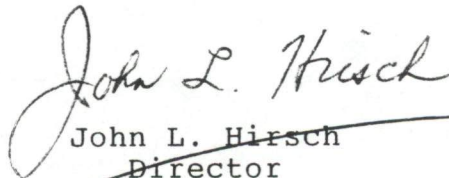
Dear Mr. Sohn:

I have been asked to answer your April 19 letter to the Secretary. We appreciate very much your welcoming our support for Israel's peace proposal. It is good to know that in its peace efforts the Bush Administration has the backing of the Zionist Organization of Chicago.

As you know, we welcomed the ideas which Prime Minister Shamir brought during his visit last April. On May 14, the Israeli Cabinet approved a more detailed version of the Prime Minister's proposal. The Israeli proposal is, in our view, an important and positive start down the road toward constructing workable negotiations. The Israeli Government has given us something to work with and taken a stand on some important issues. We believe that this action deserves a constructive Palestinian and broader Arab response.

Much work needs to be done to elicit Palestinian and Arab thinking on key elements of the process, to flesh out some details of the Israeli proposal, and to bridge areas where viewpoints differ. We believe that both sides should remain flexible as the process of developing the proposal goes forward, and we are confident that this will have positive results.

Sincerely,



John L. Hirsch
Director
Office of Israel
and Arab-Israeli Affairs

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MAY 10, 1989

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 034296

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 19, 1989

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MR. ALAN E. SOHN
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PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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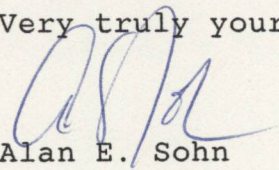
April 19, 1989

President George Bush
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear President Bush:

Your support of the Israeli Government's Peace Proposals and Israel's expressions of positions as a bases to advance the peace process in the Middle East are most welcome and greatly appreciated. You certainly have our support in your efforts to implement these proposals and to convince our Western Allies that the prescription for peace offered by the PLO is a pill Israel cannot swallow for it will not lead to peace and tranquility for Israel but to Israel's destruction.

Very truly yours,



Alan E. Sohn

Vice President Zionist
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