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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 10, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE REVEREND FRANK E. BOGNANNO

SUBJECT: URGES CONTINUING TO DO ALL POSSIBLE TO MAKE
PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST A PRIORITY

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8910849

Date May 23, 1989

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

Reference:

To: President Bush From: The Reverend Bognanno
Date: May 2, 1989 Subject: Urges to do all possible
to make peace in the Middle East a priority.
Referral Dated: May 12, 1989 ID# 034925
(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.
XXXXXX 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).

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

May 23, 1989

The Reverend Frank E. Bognanno
Moderator of the Curia
Diocese of Des Moines
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Dear Reverend Bognanno:

I am replying on behalf of the President to your letter of May 2, 1989 expressing your support for the President's Middle East policy.

First let me thank you for your words of encouragement. We agree that progress toward peace must be made. We believe that ultimately only the process of direct negotiations can lead to the determination of the final status of the occupied territories and to a successful resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict. We will continue to work, as have past American Administrations, to start the negotiating process.

Our belief continues to be that peace negotiations should be based on U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, and that any final settlement must recognize the security needs of Israel as well as the legitimate political rights of the Palestinian people. We do not, however, support the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

The Government of Israel recently adopted a proposal for elections in the territories which has promising possibilities. It is a serious proposal. Much work needs to be done, but this proposal is certainly a good start in the right direction.

Thank you again for your expression of support.

Sincerely,

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

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TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 034925

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MAY 2, 1989

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: THE REVEREND FRANK E. BOGNANNO
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Office of Moderator
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May 2, 1989

Mr. President George Bush
President of the United States
White House
Washington, DC 20000

Dear Mr. President:

I write a word of encouragement to you to continue doing all you possibly can to make peace in the Middle East a priority of your administration.

Peace is the mission of all of us. As far as the Middle East is concerned, the United States should emphasize that a negotiated solution based on the principal of the exchange of land for peace and recognition of the rights of Israelis and Palestinians to self-determination and security is the best guarantee for security of all peoples in the Middle East.

Continue your strong position declaring support for the Palestinians' right for self-determination, including the option of an independent state in the West Bank and Gaza pledge to live in peace with Israel. It is going to be important to work actively with the Soviet Union to develop and acceptable framework and process for peace negotiations.

My prayers accompany this letter, since only with the help of God can lasting peace come to that troubled area of the world.

In prayer always,

Reverend Frank E. Bognanno
Moderator of the Curia

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