

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: JULY 26, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. R. KENNETH OSTERMILLER

SUBJECT: FORWARDS RESOLUTION ON "CONFLICT IN THE
MIDDLE EAST"

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MANAGEMENT.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 27, 1989

Dear Mr. Ostermiller:

On behalf of the President, thank you for the resolution on "Conflict in the Middle East" adopted by the delegates to the 1989 Annual Meeting of the Penn West Conference of the United Church of Christ.

We appreciate the time and thought put into the resolution and have forwarded it to the appropriate agency. The President encourages active political participation by every member of our country and we salute you for your activity.

Good luck and best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sichan Siv", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sichan Siv
Deputy Assistant to the President
For Public Liaison

Mr. R. Kenneth Ostermiller
Penn West Conference
320 S. Maple Ave.
Greensburg, PA 15601

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 7/27/89

TO: *NSC*

FROM: **SICHAN SIV**
Deputy Assistant to the President for
Public Liaison
Room 128, OEOB, Ext. 7140

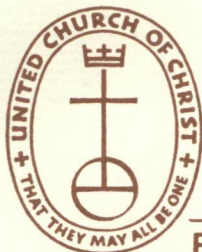
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Comments:

*We responded to this letter
with the following letter. Do what
you feel is necessary.*

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PENN WEST CONFERENCE

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R. KENNETH OSTERMILLER
Assistant Conference Minister

July 7, 1989

J. Siv
President George Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20510

Dear President Bush:

The delegates to the 1989 Annual Meeting of the Penn West Conference of the United Church of Christ adopted the following resolution on "Conflict in the Middle East." The meeting was attended by approximately 250 people representing the 168 United Church of Christ congregations in western Pennsylvania.

"WHEREAS, the tensions and animosities between Israelies and Palestinians concern us as Christians because of our commitment to peace;

"WHEREAS, during the past two years we have become acutely aware of the need for dialogue, reconciliation, and peace between Israelies and Palestinians because violence, human rights abuses, and conflicts have increased;

"WHEREAS, our own government of the United States has opened negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in an effort to create conditions for peace and as a result of significant changes adopted by the PLO;

"We, the representatives of the Penn West Conference to the 1989 Annual Meeting, resolve:

"1) We support Israel's right to secure borders and peace with her neighbors as an expression of the Jewish peoples' right of self determination. The principle embodied in U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 388 provides an agreed-upon formula to achieve security and peace for all states in the area in exchange for withdrawal from territories occupied in the 1967 war.

"2) We support the Palestinian peoples' right of self determination, including the right to choose their own independent leadership, as equally essential to peace. Evidence that Palestinians are willing to exercise their right of a homeland in the West Bank and Gaza Strip along side Israel encourages prospects for peace.

"3) We support the need for an international conference for peace. The complexity of the conflict and important interests of many countries in the Middle East require an international conference, involving all parties in the conflict as well as the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council.

"4) We urge the U.S. Senate to adopt a position in support of a two-state solution for the problem in the Middle East and to encourage and recognize the need for a secure Israel and Palestine.

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the content of the Resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States and the two U.S. Senators from Pennsylvania by the Penn West Conference Office."

The resolution was adopted overwhelmingly at the meeting.

Sincerely,

R. Kenneth Ostermiller

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